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DATES TO REMEMBER

March
Thurs 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Fri 4 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Tues 8 National Ride2School Day
Parent Information Session 3 – 9am
Wed 9 Ed Board Meeting 6.15pm
Thurs 10 Open Day – Tours 9am, 10am
First Reconciliation 7.30pm SJM
Fri 11 Lapathon
Mon 14 Labour Day – School Closed
Tues 15 Bike Ed Program – Yr 5
Wed 16 Bike Ed Program – Yr 5
Prep Parent Welcome Dinner
Thurs 17 St Patrick’s Day Mass @ Cathedral
Bike Ed Program – Yr 5
First Reconciliation 7.30pm SJM
Fri 18 Bike Ed Program – Yr 5
FOOD DAY
Sat 19 CEM Visual Arts Exhibition
Earth Hour 6pm
First Eucharist Commitment 6pm SJM
Sun 20 Palm Sunday
First Eucharist Commitment 9.45am SJM
Mon 21 Twilight Sports – Bill Sewart Athletics Track 4.30pm
Thurs 24 Last day of Term -3.20pm finish

Parking Observations
- It is very difficult for parents to get out of their car and come
down to the school within the 2 or 5-minute time restrictions
for parking. Once again, I reiterate, please follow traffic rules
and courtesies.
- Be patient, look around and watch carefully for our students
and all members of our community.
- If there is no park, do not wait and hold up traffic in the
middle of the road – go around the block.
- Council will enforce rules! That means bookings and fines!
- Safety is our priority!
Dear Parents,

This is a very busy newsletter with a lot of important information from our specialist teachers and P & F. Please take the time to read carefully.

Our Cinema Under the Stars evening last Friday can only be described as a massive success. With the weather particularly kind to us, in a carnival like atmosphere, many of our families gathered to enjoy a brilliant family night. The paper plane competitions were an obvious highlight and were enjoyed by all! Congratulations to our winners; P-3, Charlotte Hock, Year 4-6, Mischa Guy and parent, Pat Sully. Some amazing planes!!! The food, drink and ice cream stalls added to the evening and helped us to relax into the wonderful community event. The oval was the perfect place to watch the Paper Plane movie! A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who assisted. To our main organisers Tash Dumais and Maria Abadilla – sensational work. Terrific to hear the Movie operator say it was one of the best organised events he had been involved in. Yes, our P&F do an absolutely brilliant job so from all of us, ‘Thank you very much!!!’ If you would like to be involved in the P&F in any capacity chat to a P&F member, come along to the next meeting or to one of our Monday morning teas, or put your hand up to help out at an event!!

St James Fete Liaison Coordinator
Talking about putting your hand up - Fantastic News – one of our new parents, Jennifer Harvey (Joseph Prep N) has put up her hand to take on the Fete Liaison Coordination. Jennifer will help get the rosters going, touch base with stall holders from the St James’ end and place information into our newsletters. I know that you will all welcome Jennifer and give her the support that will be required come fete time!!

**Closure Days**
A final reminder that there will be no school for students **TOMORROW THURSDAY 3rd MARCH and FRIDAY 4th MARCH**. The two school staffs and the Parish Team will be travelling offsite for Professional Learning around being a Faith Leader in our Parish and Schools. Rev Dr Elio Capra will lead the facilitation of our two days. Thank you for your support.

Parish News
We look forward to next Thursday 10th March – and the following Thursday evening, when many of our young people will gather with their families to celebrate Reconciliation (ie Sacrament of Penance) for the first time. Letters have been sent home to families with details.

Baby News
**Congratulations to Tony, Jasmine and Angelina (2C) Bui** on the safe arrival of their son and new little brother, Max. May he bring you bundles of joy!

School News
**Open Days 2016 for 2017 Prospective families for Prep**
Our Open Day this morning was really well attended. It is vital that we have siblings enrolled as soon as possible. This assists us with our planning for 2017! Please parents, spread the good news about St James with your neighbours and friends.

Our next Open Day is **Thursday March 10th - Tours at 9am and 10am.**

Emergency Management
The staff have been involved in Emergency Management Training with our service provider, Dynamiq. This takes place every year. Each term we practice with our students and staff an evacuation or a lock-down drill. Should we be required to go off school site we would go to Eastmont Kinder or Heatherdale Reserve between Heatherdale Road and Puches Street. Should we need to contact you we would send a message via our skoolbag app. We strongly encourage you to have installed the app on your mobile. We will be having a practice next Wednesday 9th March.
TWILIGHT SPORTS
A reminder to all parents (and most important for those new to our school), Twilight Sports is on **Monday 21st March** at the Bill Stewart Athletics Track (Mel 62 C 8) beginning at 4.30pm and finishing around 7.15pm. **This is a compulsory school event.** Parents may need to make arrangements with their own work to ensure they can attend. More information in next weeks’ newsletter.

**HEAD LICE**
There have been reported cases of head lice in the school. Please be vigilant and check your child’s hair on a regular basis. Students must be treated before returning to school.

**Education Board**
Our first Education Board meeting for the year will be held next **Wednesday 9th March** beginning at 6:15pm. At this meeting we will be electing our chair and secretary. We will be discussing the purpose of an Education Advisory Board and our meeting dates. Ideally we will meet 6 times across the year. We will be discussing our School Survey Data from 2015 in particular what our parents said and the implications of that data. Reports from the Parish, P&C and Principal will also be tabled. Should you wish to contact a Board member to have an education matter raised please do so in person or by email.

We welcome **Paul Chalkley, Dennis Lukan** and staff member **Leonie Nathan** to the Education Advisory Board. We thank the following outgoing members for their time and talent and commitment to the common good of our parish school. **Courtney Pinwill, Paul Gorry, Beth Barclay** and **Jacqui Porritt**.

The following community members comprise the Education Board:

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**2016 Division Swimming Carnival**

**Congratulations** to our swimmers who competed in the Whitehorse Division Swimming carnival on Monday February 29th at Aquanation. It was so great to see so many of our original swim team compete at this event and again they all swam with great pride and determination.

Special mention to **Sarah Zhang** for progressing to the EMR championships in both the 50m Freestyle and Butterfly events and to **Tom White** for progressing in his 50m butterfly. We wish both these students the very best as they head to Aquanation again on Monday March 7th.
Education in Faith... From Carmel Foster (REC)

Great to see you at the Parish Family Mass last Sunday!

Dominic's story - Papua New Guinea

Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence.

Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic's village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic's community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

"When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated," says Dominic. "I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia."

"Now everyone, women and young people, have a voice and peace is maintained that way."

(Read more by going onto the Caritas website... www.caritas.org.au/)

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What's coming up: You're always welcome to come along to...

- Staff Professional Development: 'What does it mean to be a Faith Leader today?' - Fr Elio Capra – Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th March (School Closure Days)
- Thursday 10th March @ 9:15 am: Parish Mass – Year 2 are attending
- Celebration of First Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) Thursday 10th and 17th March @ 7:30-SJM
- Friday 11th March @ 2:30: Prayer Service – Year 5O Hosting
- Thursday 17th March @ 9:15 am: Parish Mass – Year 1 are attending
- Friday 18th March @ 2:30: Prayer Service – Year 4N Hosting
- First Eucharist candidates – Commitment and Mass Booklet presentation 19/20 March 6:00pm, or 9:45am
L’italiano – Signora Harry

Prep - Buongiorno Pinocchio

The Prep students are settling well into the Italian program. They are especially enjoying learning Italian with their mascot Pinocchio. They are being introduced to the sound, rhythm and pronunciation of the Italian language through the character and story of Pinocchio and they are working towards using basic Italian greetings, saying their name in Italian and singing simple songs and rhymes.

Junior - What is ‘Carnevale’?

The students are participating in shared learning experiences with visual support by being immersed in activities to gain insights into what ‘Carnevale’ is in Italy. They are involved in mask making and writing simple short facts about themselves to show an understanding of familiar and new vocabulary and basic Italian phrases.

Middle - How is ‘Carnevale’ celebrated?

The students are participating in interactions and learning activities to engage in understanding how the Italian festival of ‘Carnevale’ is celebrated both in the present day and in the past. They are participating in short simple performances and making responses by critically reflecting on their understandings about ‘Carnevale’, in writing, based on De Bono’s thinking Hats.

Senior -Who is behind the mask?

The festival of ‘Carnevale’ in Italy has many twists and turns, focussing on hiding one’s identity and getting away with harmless pranks. The students have been investigating the historical significance of ‘Carnevale’ in Italy, reflecting on the relationship between language, culture and identity. They are looking forward to dressing up in ‘Carnevale’ type costumes and taking part in a photo shoot. To accompany their photo they will compose an extensive profile of themselves, as the person behind the mask. The follow up activity is for peers to read each other’s profiles and guess who is hiding behind the mask. This activity demonstrates how the students are acquiring new language and using new and familiar grammatical structures, to exchange accurate information.
Visual Art – Monica De Leo

Students from grades 3-6 have resumed art lessons for semester one and two and have renewed their excitement and passion for Visual Arts. As 2016 is an art show year we have ‘hit the deck running’ and are working on pieces for the art show that will highlight our many talents.

Grade 3 students had a focus on Op Art (optical illusions in art) and tried their hand at their own Op Art piece called Moving Targets. They discovered some of the many tricks involved in making Op Art. These clever students are now exploring the world of Shaun Tan and his story ‘The Lost Thing’. Each child has created their own character and is illustrating it, in keeping with the style of Shaun’s artwork.

Grade 4 students have been working hard on a wonderful Picasso layered face using heavy cardboard and paint. They have also had a lot of fun learning about Op Art (optical illusions in art) and made their own piece entitled ‘Starburst Letters’.

Grade 5 students have taken part in an artist study on famous French post-impressionist artist Paul Cezanne. They are currently working on a piece focusing on his expertise in the area of still life. They have revisited an old favourite, that is zentangle drawing (black and white repetitive patterns) and are combining the two techniques.

Grade 6 students spent the first couple of weeks working collaboratively on a banner to be displayed proudly in the Grade 6 area. They used foam printing blocks to stamp their own pattern on the banner which states ‘You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose’ courtesy of the famous and inspirational Dr Suess.

Each week we are expanding our Visual Art vocabulary with over 148 art words to be explored in lessons - we won’t manage to get through them all, but will have a fun time trying! We also have a focus on revising and using the elements and principles of art terminology whenever we are discussing our art.

Looking forward to a fantastic semester of Art with your children!
Multi-Media – Wendy Ephgrave

WOW! Preps have made a great start to the year and have been busy finding their way around our school network. They already know where to find their folders and how to open Word documents. They can even drag and drop images into tables!

It’s Google, Google, Google for Year 1-6:

Year 1 & 2 have been exploring shared documents and learning how to create their own new documents. Many tools are familiar from Office Word, but there are plenty of differences too.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been personalising their Google accounts and finding their way around G-Mail and G-drive. They are quickly learning the benefits and disadvantages of having their work available for others to see. Year 5 & 6 students are also starting work on Google calendars.

Cybersafety focus:
Junior grades: Keep your passwords private
Senior grades: It is essential to be respectful and responsible when working online.

Physical Education – Cassie Brisbane

Welcome back to all students and families for 2016!

Term 1 will be a busy term for Phys Ed as the whole school will be preparing for our Annual Twilight Sports on Monday March 21st at Bill Sewart Athletics Track. Our Years 5 & 6s getting ready for the Summer Sports Round Robin. Swimming is a big part of Term 1 with several of our students participating in various Swimming Carnivals.

Students in Prep – 2 will be developing the Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) of throwing, catching, running, skipping, kicking and rolling. These FMS are integral for your child’s gross motor development and enhancing these skills will allow them to actively participate and enjoy sporting games of their choice.

Year 3 and 4 students will further their FMS skills and participate in more structured games where following rules and working cooperatively is the focus. This term we will be exploring the games of Cricket, Rounders and Newcombe Ball. Students will work out teams, modify rules to ensure everyone in the group has a role and is actively participating.

In Term 1, students in Years 5 & 6 will participate in the Summer Sports Round Robin on Tuesday March 8th at Bally Shannessy Park in East Burwood. We welcome Year 5s to Interschool Sports for the first time. They will thoroughly enjoy this experience and many I’m sure have been looking forward to this! Students in Year 5 & 6 will enhance their skills and knowledge of Kanga Cricket, Rounders and Newcombe Ball in preparation for this event.
Performing Art – Siobán Collett

The Junior students began the semester getting to know each other through drama games, incorporating concentration and co-operation. They also became familiar with Performing Arts Procedures, such as waiting for the music to begin before entering, moving freely to the music, but being seated at the end of the music, ready to tell the class about something they heard in the music. You may hear you child talking about a bubble. Before we enter the classroom we put ourselves in an imaginary bubble so that when we dance, we remember not to bump into anyone. It helps keep us safe and aware of others.

This term, students in Prep are using Drama and Movement to bring Nursery Rhymes to life. They will use puppets, simple costumes and props to act ‘Der Glumph’ and ‘Five Little Ducks’. Musically, they will sing each nursery rhyme and use African djembes (drums) and guiros (scrapers) to play a simple rhythm.

Students in Year One have been acting like animals! Our first song was ‘The Animals Went in Two By Two’. We used fabric as a prop to create the ark and water, and each student dramatised an animal entering the ark while we sang the song. We focused on the beat of the music and played it with rhythm sticks. Our next song will be ‘Row Row Row Your Boat’. We begin acting this song as rowers in small boats and will hopefully progress to a Dragon Boat which will take 16 rowers. The beat is very important when rowing large boats, so we play it on tambours (hand drums) and add water effects with rainsticks and maracas.

Students in Year Two used all sorts of props to act out ‘The Wheels on the Bus’. They were quite surprised when I introduced mini umbrellas for the wheels but they loved the costumes for the passengers. In Year Two the students are familiar with all our percussion instruments so they will choose which instrument should be used to play each part of the bus. We will then use this song to create vocal sound effects, which we will turn into a soundscape.
FARM NEWS:
FAMILY ON FARM DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Welch Family (Lily Prep B)

FRIDAY EGGS WILL BE DELIVERED TO:
Cooper Baptista in Prep B

ICT NEWS:

CYBERSAFETY HINT: If you allow your child to have a social media account, how well do you know what is happening? How many friends do your children have on these social media accounts? Any more than 20-50, sounds alarm bells. Children should never accept “friends” who they do not know well and have not met personally. Parents should know all friends that are accepted on these accounts.

Mark your calendars: WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH.

St James is providing parents with an up to date information evening on Cyber safety (provided by Classroom Connections) More information to follow at the start of Term 2.

All families should ensure that at least one parent can attend.

Still having trouble accessing the student landing page?

Students must be signed into their Google account, using their school email address and school password. You cannot access this landing page through any other google account.

E.g. Susan Roberts.....
Username: susrob@givermont catholic.edu.au
Password: student’s individual password

Student landing page address:
https://sites.google.com/site/stjamesvermontst/
Achievements

Congratulations to Godfrey Slattery past pupil of St James who has been selected to represent Australia in July at the UCI Junior World Track Championships in Switzerland. This achievement has come after a great performance at the Australian National Track Championships in Adelaide in early February. He won Gold in the Team Pursuit and Silver in the Individual Pursuit making it an easy choice for selectors to include him in the Australian team. Godfrey has been racing competitively for over six years going from strength to strength. He started out with the Busy Bikers club at St James. So keep an eye out for him around Vermont as he goes on his daily training rides and wish him well....

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate birthdays this week Lewis Gee, Eliza Alkemade, Zac Ramsdale, Seth Thompson, Liam Stewart, Ella Szwadiak, Cooper Preston, Mrs Claire Field, Mrs Siobhan Collett and Mrs Maree Prendergast.

Andrew Mullaly
Principal

Community News

SPORTS UNIFORM
All sports uniform items may be ordered through the school office. We currently have all sizes in stock from 8-16. Shorts $20 Tops $30 Navy Kit bags, with logo $20 Navy Haversacks, with logo $15
Sports uniform is a requirement for Grades 5 and 6, and optional for Grade 4.
Please send orders to office with student name and class, a contact phone number, required items and sizes, and either cash or cheque in an envelope clearly marked “Sports Uniform”. The order will be filled, and returned through your child’s class tub.
Any queries, or for urgent orders, contact: Janine Sexton 0408992537, janinecallanana5@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Club
As the Scholastic brochure now includes all levels of book club in the one brochure, only the eldest child will receive the brochure from now on. You can still order for individual children using the one catalogue, either by ordering online using the LOOP system or by returning the order form to the office with your payment. LOOP orders can be placed for each child in your family or as one family order. If you require an extra brochure please feel free to contact me.
Issue 2 orders are due back by Friday 11th March.

Thanks.
Simone Tapley
Contact tapleyms@bigpond.com or phone 0438 635 219
TWILIGHT SPORTS
ST JAMES PRIMARY

Monday 21st March

WHERE
Nunawading Little Athletics Centre
Bill Sewart Athletics Track
Burwood Hwy, Burwood East
(next to VicRoads in Burwood, map on the next page)

TIME
START: 4:30pm SHARP
FINISH: Between 7:30 – 8pm

WHAT IS TWILIGHT SPORTS?
- Each year the school teams, Durkin (red), Lyons (green), Coghlan (gold) and Dillon (blue), compete in a variety of fun track & field events.
- Every student competes in a sprint, team game and relay (fixtures will be distributed on the night)

WHO'S INVITED?
- Your whole family! This is a wonderful family event for the St James community & promises to be a great night.

WHAT TO WEAR:
- St James competitors wear their coloured sports T-shirt (red, green, yellow or blue) with shorts/short and sneakers.
- Family spectators can wear team colours.

WHAT TO BRING AND OTHER THINGS:
- St James students competing in Twilight Sports, should eat before the 4.30pm start time. Competitors are NOT PERMITTED to eat during the course of the event.
- St James competitors need to bring a named drink bottle.
- St James competitors need to attach one safety pin to their t-shirt, so winning ribbons can be pinned on.
- Money for Twilight Sports Raffle ($1 per ticket, will be sold on the night) and money for food & drinks stall.
- BYO picnic hamper, drinks, cushions, blanket etc.

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE?
- Sausage in bread
- Hamburgers with cheese and coleslaw
- Sushi: Vegetarian or Tuna Handroll Packs
- Soft Drinks, Water, Kids Juice Packs
- Chips / Chocolates / Lollies
- Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate
- Magnum style Ice-creams
HOW TO GET THERE

VENUE:
Nunawading Little Athletics Centre
Bill Sewart Athletics Track
Burwood Hwy, Burwood East
(Melways Ref: 62 C8)
Please allow ample time for parking prior to the event.

TWILIGHT VIP FAMILY COMPETITION

$5 TO ENTER!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT WIN IT!
There will be a chance for 1 family to WIN a VIP pass for the Twilight Sports.

PRIZE INCLUDES:
- VIP Parking.
- VIP front row seats on the stands.
- A Picnic Hamper full of goodies to enjoy on the night (including drinks).
- A picnic rug.

TO ENTER:
Cut the section on the right and send it back to school in an enclosed envelope with $5 by Friday 18th March. The winner will be drawn out at the end of the day and contacted via phone. GOOD LUCK!!

TWILIGHT SPORTS V.I.P.
FAMILY COMP!

FAMILY NAME
STUDENTS NAME (ELDEST CHILD)
PHONE NUMBER
*DON'T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR ENVELOPE CORRECTLY AND SEND BACK WITH $5

BE A GOOD SPORT! SIGN UP TO BE A HELPER AT THE TWILIGHT SPORTS!

As always, it's the efforts and commitment of our awesome parent community that really help keep these events running like clockwork. We would really appreciate some help selling food, drinks & raffle tickets on the night. Please consider giving an hour of your time to assist. The more people that put their hands up the better! This year we have an online volunteer sign system at this link: www.volunteersignup.org/8ELR7 If for whatever reason you cannot sign up online, please fill the slip out below and submit. You do not need to fill out this slip if you have already signed up online.

YES, I can help! My name is ________________________________

My eldest child's name & grade is: ________________________________

I can help between (please tick one)  ○ 3.30pm - 4.30pm  ○ 4.30pm - 5.30pm  ○ 5.30pm - 6.30pm  ○ 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Return slip to the St James office or hand to Katie Mills or Sarah Dowds our wonderful Twilight Sports Event Co-ordinators.
LAPATHON HELPERS
Big thanks to Kylie Brookes-Verberne for co-ordinating the lapathon requirements for this year. She is looking for some handy helpers to pack Lapathon Showbags next Wednesday 9th March at 9.15am in the Multi-purpose room AND helpers for the Lapathon on Friday 11th March 9.15am to 10am. Please call or text her 0403 976 575 or Or sign up straight away at our Volunteers link online at: www.volunteersignup.org/YAA78

HOT CROSS BUNS!!
This March we are running a Hot Cross Bun Drive! With $2.50 from each half dozen going towards our P&F Fundraising. Flyers will go out in the school bags this week. Please return your order forms with money by Friday 18th March. Orders will be available for pick up at St James on Tuesday 22nd March. Got Questions? Shannon Nixon 0425 749 650

TWILIGHT SPORTS BBQ
Believe it or not our School Twilight Sports are coming up soon! On Monday 21st March. Our Twilight BBQ was a fantastic fundraiser last year and we’ll be doing it again this year with the help of some wonderful volunteers. If you’re able to help please contact our wonderful Twilight Sports BBQ Co-ordinators: Katie Mills 0402 791 439 Sarah Dowds 0410 431867 Or sign up straight away at our Volunteers link online at: www.volunteersignup.org/SER7

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS WRAP-UP!
A huge THANK YOU to our incredible community at St James for supporting our first time event Cinema Under the Stars. The P&F have had such positive feedback since Friday night but we wanted to let YOU know we couldn’t have made it happen without your enthusiasm, help and attendance!!

Aside from all the FUN we had catching up with old friends and new, having a good laugh and some extreme competitiveness and hilarity during our Paper Plane Competitions – not to mention getting to watch a really cool film under the stars at our own school – we are happy to say that together we raised over $2,000 for our kids and the P&F!!

A special thanks to the following people who were there to plan, shop, assist prepare food, set up, cart food and drink up and down, cook, clean up, man the paper plane competition, bake, and generally be SENSATIONAL help: Maria Abadilla, Daniel Dumas, Chris & Louise Carrigg, Darrin & Nicole Spazza, Suzie McDonald & Joey Chan, Kath Glenn & Andrew Glenn, Carolyn & Paul Gorry, Jacqui Chalkley & Paul Chalkley, Rodney Edwards, Renee 'Lucas' Smith & Chad Smith, Sandra Alkemade, Mel Maher, Ingrid Zammit, Rachel Smith, Monica Lenko, Anglie Rider & Bill Ryder, Simon Hock, Anne Waters-Almy & Stuart Almy, Eva Kowalski, Sarah Dowds, Claire Whitely, Christine Lagos, Pearly Martin, Catherine Mckenzie, Monique Swadlak, Daniela Migliorati and her beautiful Mum, Penny Stewart, Katie Mills, Cat Brehaut, Yeng Dawson, Lena Zappia, Karyn McShane, Kylie Brookes-Verberne, Simone Tapley, Karen Johnson, Jen Everett, Catherina Punturere, Michelle Hubbard, Kate Ryan, Tracey Warren, Vikki Coghlan, Anna Hayes, Carmel Foster and Andrew Mullaly.

Now that’s one amazing TEAM effort and A BRILLIANT way to kick-off our social fundraising calendar for 2016!! Check out all of Suzie MacDonald’s fantastic photos up on our P&F Facebook page: www.fb.com/PfNoticeboard

CONGRATS TO OUR PAPER PLANE COMPETITION WINNERS!!
Thank you to everyone who entered our Paper Plane Competition. It was all a whole lot of fun but it seems these three showcased some real flying ability!! Well done!!

Prep to Grade 3 Winner
Charlotte Hock (Grade 3)

Grade 4 to Grade 6 Winner
Misha Guy (Grade 4)

Parents Comp Winner
Pat Sully

Dates for your diary
Tuesday 1st March
7.30pm P&F Meeting in Multipurpose room
Wednesday 9th March
Lapathon Showbag Packing in Multipurpose room
Friday 11th March
Lapathon 9.15am to 10am
Monday 21st March
Twilight Sports - P&F Will be running a BBQ Stall
Thursday 24th March
End of Term 1 BBQ after school
Saturday 16th April
Bunnings BBQ (Vermont South)
HOT CROSS BUNS Fundraiser

Hot Cross Buns! Yummy to eat, enjoy with your family!!

Four varieties are available: traditional, choc chip, mocha, and fruitless. The buns are supplied by Bakers Delight Brentford Square and the cost is $7 for 1 packet of 6 buns. ($2.50 of each half dozen will go towards our fundraising). Order them for your family and friends!

Please return this order form with all monies owing in an envelope marked ‘Hot Crossed Buns’ by Friday, 18th March.

Orders will be available for pick-up at St James on Tuesday, 22 March between 3pm and 4pm.

Any queries, please phone or text Shannon Nixon on 0425 749 650.
Thanks for your support and Happy Easter!

HOT CROSS BUNS ORDER FORM
Place in class bucket or return to the office by Friday 18th March

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Recently In OSHC...

We have had many new preps at before and after school care over the last few weeks. We have all enjoyed getting to know them and the older children have been great buddies to them all.

We have completed our OSHC bunting and hung it up around the room. Everyone has been encouraged to decorate their own flag by writing their name on it and drawing their favourite things. It looks fantastic!

Student free days

This Thursday 3rd March and Friday 4th March are student free days. Unfortunately, we will not be running all day care as we did not get enough bookings for either of the days to go ahead. Sorry for the inconvenience if you were considering care.

New preps

If you child is attending our program, we will be collecting and dropping off the preps from their classrooms to help them get into the routine and ensure they don’t forget or get lost. If you are interested in sending your child to our program you will need to enrol them online via the Camp Australia website prior to their attendance.

HOLIDAY CLUBS!!!

Bookings are now being taken for holiday clubs around the area. There are 20 holiday clubs that run during the school holidays that are within 10km’s of this service. There are printed out programs available from our OSHC room so please come and get one if you are interested.

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HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
KICKING-OFF
OUR 2016 AUSKICK SEASON AT ST JAMES

Auskick is a great way for kids to learn AFL Football in a fun and friendly environment. Clinics are run on the oval at St James’ School. We run two groups – Kinder and Prep kids and then Grade 1 and up.

When does the season start?
The 2016 season will begin on Saturday 16th April. The sessions run for an hour 10am -11am each Saturday morning, excluding school holidays and public holiday weekends.

How do we register our child?
Player registration can only be done using the on-line registration at www.aflauskick.com.au
Registration fee is $86 and the kids will receive an Auskick backpack which will be delivered directly to your home.
As a special offer, parents who register and pay their child’s NAB AFL Auskick registration online by Sunday 10th April will get access to four complimentary tickets (ie two adults and two children) to a selected 2016 AFL Premiership match through the AFL Game Day program.

Everyone’s welcome!
Auskick welcomes and encourages both boys and girls participation. We also have a fantastic community of parents and grandparents that come to watch the kids each weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2016.

Got Questions or Want to help out?
Auskick is run by volunteers, anyone wanting to help out with coaching/assisting or help out with the P&F Auskick Tuckshop please call Stuart Almy (Sasha 4N, Liam 2C and Josie’s 1W Dad) on 0499 779 711.
Vermont Secondary College
' Lift up thine eyes'
Enrolment Application Process for Year 7 2017
@ February 2016
We encourage parents/guardians and their child to take the opportunity to attend both a College tour and our Open Evening when their child is in grade 5.
2016 College tours for parents and students will commence in Term 1 and conclude mid Term 2 (dates will be listed on tours flyer and website); they will be conducted by the college assistant principals from 9:15 – 10:30 am on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Parents and students wishing to attend a tour must book online through our school website www.vermontsc.vic.edu.au Information packs will be distributed during the tours.
Vermont Secondary College’s 2016 Open Evening will be on Wednesday 4th May, commencing with a Year 7 information session at 6.00 pm.

Celebration Day For Girls
A workshop for girls aged 10-12 and their mothers
Lively discussion, fun activities, women’s stories
and gentle celebration on the threshold of
menarche, puberty and womanhood.
If you missed the workshop last October here’s a
chance to create this memory with your daughter
and open the conversation....
Sunday 13th March 10.00-4.00pm
Contact: Kath Callinan-Moore 0438 802 379
(Another is planned for Term 3)

National Boys Choir of Australia
Recognised internationally for over 50 years
JOICA is currently auditioning boys
in grades 1 & 2 for the 2017 Intake.
2016 Auditions
Saturday
18 June
For entry February 2017
Call 9872 4880 for an appointment
or more information
office@nationalboyschoir.com.au

Free Dental Treatment For Children
Your child’s dental treatment up to $1,000 can now be bulk billed for eligible children through the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Schedule.
No Waiting, No GAP, No Out Of Pocket Expenses.

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Your Community Partner
Carrington Health offers a range of dental services -
- Examinations
- Extractions
- X rays
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Emergency

Saturday, After School & Early Evening Appointments Available
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Hurry Ends 30th June 2016
Call us on 9897 1792 to make an appointment or visit www.carringtonhealth.org.au
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