

# St James Updates

## Term 2 Week 3

*'St James School Community is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards.'*

Dear Families,

Today is only our ninth day of remote learning and feedback from classroom teachers is that overall, the students are managing fantastically well. Obviously, like any regular day in the classroom, there will be slight anxieties and hiccups and dealing with these is something both staff and students do every day here at school. We often refer to bouncing forward from setbacks or disappointments as resilience. I do, however, appreciate that it is now parents who are having to deal with these issues first hand rather than just school staff. Let's keep communicating and working together for the overall benefit of all students.

I'd like to remind all parents that during the six and a half hours in which students are usually at school they partake in a variety of learning opportunities, not all of which are academic. While there are set learning goals in reading, writing, maths and other curriculum areas, just like we have done with our remote learning, there are many other aspects to your child's day here at St James. Here are examples of some of the "other" things your child is involved in to develop their overall learning include: group work, compromise, help others, borrow from the library, Arts, Auslan, Phys Ed, STEMMS, WOW Groups, assembly, prayer services, playtime, eating time, lego club, instrumental lessons, Interschool Sport, look after animals, plus so much more. So ... what's the message?

Your child does not need to be engaged in academic tasks for 5 hours every day. Do the required learning tasks. That will be enough for some students while others will be craving more. That is where the optional tasks come into play if needed. Otherwise children can do activities that promote all of those other important aspects to developing the whole child.

All levels will be sending home their term overview info sheets today. I hope you found the specialists info sheet sent home last week informative.

I hope you have had the opportunity to view the webinar on Cyber Safety last Thursday. If not, it's available until May 7th. I have had excellent feedback on how relevant, helpful and important it is from many parents, which I support wholeheartedly. The presenters were honest with parents and it was great to get a psychologist's point of view. Not to be missed.

### Community News:

- Congratulations to Molly Morgan and Rhett Masters on their Wedding. We look forward to seeing **Mrs Masters** when we all get back to St James...
- Welcome **Zac Kimball** and his family; mum- Luisa, dad - Brett and brother, Corey. Zac is joining Year 4 F team, and whilst it's been a very unusual start, all your new friends are looking forward to seeing you, Zac
- On Friday, we stopped and commemorated ANZAC Day with a Prayer Service, led by Year Five students. Others, who were working onsite, made wreaths to acknowledge the importance of the day. This morning many children were proud to share their stories about standing in their driveways to honour the occasion.



## Lest we forget



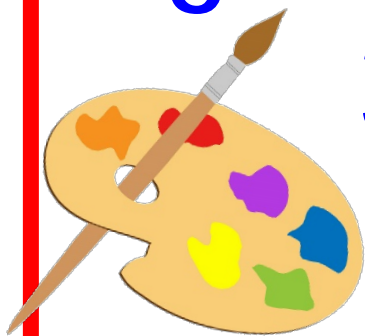
**Looking ahead:**

- Don't forget to tune into weekly, Sunday Mass on our Parish website. Every Saturday evening Fr Dispin uploads this for all to join in.
- We all look forward to our **Thanks and Farewell Mass** (Date TBC) for Maree O'Keefe. I doubt that there is a family in our Parish who hasn't reaped the benefits of Maree's guidance. From overseeing Baptisms to Confirmation celebrations, Maree has been a key figure in so many Parish groups, sacraments and initiatives. She has been particularly generous with her time for the St James community, which we are all very appreciative of. A woman of great faith, we have been blessed to have her in our Parish for the past 17 years. It will indeed be a celebration!
- **Book Club orders** have been cancelled for now.
- We will celebrate **100 Days of School** for preps when we return.
- Our **50th Anniversary celebrations** have been postponed. Whilst the school started in 1970, we will celebrate this milestone as a '50ish' celebration when the time is right.
- **Year 5 and 6 Debating Program**, from The Victorian Debaters' Association has moved to Term Three.

**A Reminder:** Please make sure you have returned the Term One Reflection Sheet, with your comment. They will be printed and kept in your child's file.

*Importantly, Fr Dispin has reminded us that he is available if you feel you need any pastoral or spiritual assistance. His number is 0413 683 153.*

**Families with  
children in Years 3-6  
will have an Art  
Pack to collect from  
school, at the top  
gate, between 1:00 -  
3:00pm, this  
Thursday.**





# Student of the Week

Prep K	Andre for showing persistence with his Home learning
Prep O	Isaac for always showing enthusiasm and dedication towards all this learning. Rosie for her positive growth mindset in completing all her Remote Learning tasks!
1C	Angelina for her contribution to the ANZAC Day discussion on our Google Hangout
1P	Billie for her beautiful presentation of her work and dedication towards all of her learning.
2D	Chloe for being punctual and attentive to all Google Meets and completing Remote Learning tasks to a very high standard. Indie for reading aloud during her online Google Meet (focus group) with lovely phrasing and expression.
2S	Natalia for her have-a-go attitude and for always striving to improve her work to the best of her ability Ethan for his consistently positive attitude towards Remote Learning
3F	Aidan for persevering and using his growth mindset to overcome challenges Poppy for acting upon feedback to make improvements in her work
3J	Oliver for a detailed summary of the book Diary of a Wombat using the beginning, middle and end strategy, Ryland for reading and listening to teacher feedback and improving his work.
4D	Hugo for persevering when he found a task challenging and having a positive attitude towards his learning. Ella for creating a fantastic video about how to make a paper plane.
4F	Noah for embracing home learning and completing his activities at a high standard.
5E	Ruby for being an absolute superstar with her Remote Learning and completing all work to a high standard
5M	Hudson for your sensational investigation into your Geography wonderings. You gave a detailed answer that kept me wanting more.
6B	Alex for demonstrating resilience when accepting feedback to improve his learning
6C	Shevan for setting high standards of himself during remote learning.
Specialist area:	Visual Arts. Jai for getting started early on his first activity, sending photos and asking for feedback on his sensational collage.