

# St James Updates

## Term 2 Week 5

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

Dear Families,

We decided to trial a new initiative this morning by holding a whole school assembly via Google Hangouts. Hopefully this worked for your family and in particular, your children.

We understand that not all families may have been able to gain access or participate so please do not worry if this was you. We intend to continue to announce Student of the Week awards and Birthdays at our Monday morning assembly presentations, whatever format they take.

Thank you for your patience with this morning's trial assembly. We have been made aware that there were some NBN works going on this morning in some Vermont areas which may explain why some families experienced difficulties in getting onto the hangout.

We have been eagerly waiting for the government to make announcements as to how school arrangements will progress over the next few weeks. We now expect this to come in the next few days. We will always take advice from the government and Catholic Education Melbourne before making a considered response and releasing information to families. Any changes we make will also take into account the health and needs of staff, students and community members. We are all looking forward to the day when the whole school is back as one community!

**This Wednesday 13 May: Whole School Closure Day – This day replaces the planned Closure Day on Friday 22 May, found on previous calendars.**

Teachers are not setting any work for the day. They will be planning for future learning, looking at setting up modified reports for this semester and taking some time for personal well-being away from the screen.

I encourage all families to take a "day off" learning, routines and most especially from the screen. (There are plenty of optional learning activities or other learning tasks to be completed from previous weeks should families want this).



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL MUMS!!!**  
**WE HOPE YOU WERE SPOILT BY YOUR BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN**

### Online Protocols, Expectations and Confidentiality

Google Hangouts are an essential element of our remote learning program and delivery. There are a few items that I need to remind parents and students about:

- Total confidentiality is assumed and expected. It is a great opportunity to strengthen our home/school learning partnership by having parents present in the background during hangouts but this also will result in parents accessing information about other students' learning. This is to be kept strictly confidential.
- Parental supervision is expected and required. We are assuming that as parents, you have approved your child's participation in the hangouts and will be there somewhere in the background. For very small group or the occasional one on one hangout, due to child safety reasons, we expect parents to be present at all times.
- Hangouts are usually for students only. Please refrain from adding comments to student hangouts. While the teachers and Learning Support Officers would love to have a chat with parents, as you can imagine, we are very time poor and other students may not take your comments or input as you intended.
- Hangouts, email and other communication that is school based or facilitated through school login is to be used for school learning purposes only. This is a reminder for all students to keep learning as the focus when using our school-based facilities and connections.
- User Agreement reminders Please remember that students are bound by their SJV User Agreement and are expected to be smart, safe, responsible and respectful at all times.

### New St James Website has been launched!

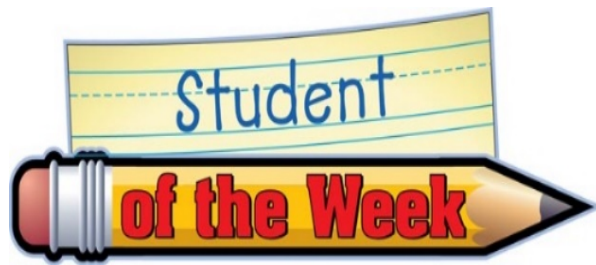
Feel free to visit the website and check it out. Scroll across the tabs to find relevant information.

The website offers the option for a virtual tour for any prospective enrolments. Current families are obviously very welcome to sign up and take virtual tours too. You may find your picture there!!



### Year 6 Secondary Transition Forms

Please send your application directly to your nominated Government Secondary School.



## Week 4 Student of the Week

Class	Name
Prep K	<p><b>Georgia</b> for being brave and having go with her diary writing</p> <p><b>Zack</b> for his enthusiasm with his home learning tasks</p>
Prep O	<p><b>Riley</b> for always showing enthusiasm and dedication towards all his learning.</p> <p><b>Ethan</b> for his positive growth mindset in completing all of his Remote Learning tasks!</p>
1C	<p><b>Samuel</b> for showing persistence in all of his remote learning tasks!</p>
1P	<p><b>Koby</b> For the fantastic detail he included in his responses to questions about the books he read this week.</p>
2D	<p><b>Oscar</b> For his impressive recital of the poem 'My Lunch' using excellent expression to capture his audience!</p> <p><b>Izzy</b> For the enthusiasm and happiness she brings to all Google Meets. You're a ray of sunshine!</p>
2S	<p><b>Ivy</b> For her expressive and enthusiastic reading of the poem "My Puppy Makes Pizza"</p>
3F	<p><b>Alfred</b> For his enthusiastic attitude and amazing effort towards all his learning tasks</p>
3J	<p><b>Stephanie</b> For her fantastic work in our reading group sessions on Google Hangout. You read beautifully and shared your thinking well.</p>
4D	<p><b>Grace</b> For her positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best</p>
4F	<p><b>Ella</b> For always smiling and supporting other students in class</p>
5E	<p><b>Velvet</b> for putting lots of effort and care into her remote learning tasks this week.</p>

5M	<p><b>Trinity</b> for your continued effort in all your home learning tasks. You are blowing me away with everything you have completed.</p>
6B	<p><b>Billy</b> For doing his best effort in all learning situations</p>
6C	<p><b>Gabby</b> for putting time and the effort into her research on Fred Hollows.</p>
<p>Specialist area: PE</p> <p>Visual Arts</p>	<p><b>Eva and Hunter</b> For the fantastic effort they are putting into their PE lessons and working together to complete their tasks. Keep up the great work!</p> <p><b>Elodie</b> For her amazing Portrait with long blonde hair tied with a pink bow. A must for our Art Show.</p>



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