

St James Updates

Term 2 Week 11

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

Dear Families,

After such a disrupted term due to government restrictions on students attending school it hardly seems fair to the students to have a break for holidays. Just when many families were getting into good routines with Remote Learning, we resumed with onsite learning. Now, many students have just settled back into the routines and habits of onsite learning and it's school holidays.

While school staff appreciate this is not a good time for students to have another break from being here, on site at St James, many teachers and Learning Support Officers will welcome the mental break after a very disrupted time to their usual workload.

I am very proud to say that our St James community members; students, parents and staff all worked together to ensure students continued their learning, maintained appropriate levels of wellbeing and were safe throughout the entire term. Let's hope and pray that school resumes next term as usual.

Semester Two School Reports

These will be sent home tomorrow, Tuesday. Please be aware that, as previously stated, due to our Remote Learning circumstances, like many schools, we have decided not to report against the usual Mid Year Standards. December reports will provide an assessment of each child against the End of Year Standards.

Tomorrow's Reports will include:

- A description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum taught in Semester 1
- A succinct descriptive assessment of learning achievement during the semester
- A general comment about your child including how they adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment

Prep - Year Two Learning Conferences this Thursday

As these are being conducted via a google hangout link, each Learning Conference will last approximately 8 minutes. This is necessary so that teachers can log out and allow for the next family to log in without interrupting. Please be on time and keep discussions succinct to allow for all families to participate in the experience. Please be ready with your child to talk about their learning. If you have an early appointment, whilst your child is at school, we will arrange for them to be sitting at the computer their teacher, ready to greet you!

Teachers will send out the link on Wednesday via email.

Remote Learning Parent Feedback

Thank you to the many families who have completed the Remote Learning Survey emailed out last Tuesday. If you have not yet provided feedback please take 5 minutes to complete the survey today.

School Closure Day Monday 13 July - school starts for students on Tuesday 14 July

2020 Sacrament Program

Our Sacramental Program for 2020 was put on 'hold' in mid-March. We were fortunate that children were able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in an engaging and reverent ceremony, although families were unable to be present. Due to the continuing state and federal government restrictions, the decision has been made to move the Eucharist Program to 2021, with slight changes to it. As restrictions are eased, it is our hope that there may be an opportunity to schedule a new date for the celebration of Confirmation in Term Four. However, until approval is granted to allow for large gatherings in the Church, any actual plans to celebrate in the usual way remain just that - plans!

Once State Regulations allow, we will finalise the dates and process. All necessary information will be forwarded to families. Thank you for your understanding.

Updated key enrolment dates for Year 5 students starting Year 7 in 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Education Melbourne has received a number of queries from secondary school principals seeking an extension to the enrolment application deadlines for Year 5 students in 2020 enrolling in Year 7 in 2022. Therefore, the timeline of events has been updated to the following:

Critical Dates :

- 9 October 2020 – applications close
- During October, principals exchange full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence
- 1 December 2020 – offers posted to prospective applicants
- 15 December 2020 – final date for families to accept offer made by school

A few Updates

- Semester Two Reports will be sent home tomorrow, Tuesday
- Prep - Year Two Learning Conferences are happening this Thursday. Specialist teachers are also available.
- Over the holidays, please ensure your child's name is marked clearly on all of their belongings. The winter sunshine left many nameless jackets in Lost Property.
- The **Annual Report to the Community** is available on our website. You're invited to read it, or ask for a hard copy from the office and we can send it home.
- Next term, Year 5 and 6 are looking forward to the Debating Program, which starts in the first week back. The Victorian Debaters' Association will be facilitating.
- Watch for a change in day for specialist classes next term. As usual, Semester Two has a new timetable, ensuring every student has opportunity for Visual and Performing Arts learning. Classroom teachers will advise you.

URGENT

We still have **seven outstanding chromebooks** to be returned. Please check you have returned your borrowed one and if not, ***we need them back by tomorrow***, so learning can continue, uninterrupted in these classrooms. Your help is much appreciated with this one!

Congratulations:

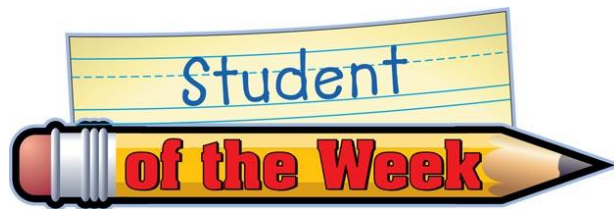
- The Yeung Sik Yuen have a beautiful, new baby boy! Kayden and Koby welcomed their baby brother, Kane home last week.

This is the link to last Sunday's Mass - [St John's Mass](#) – June 21st

Enjoy some Family Time over the coming holidays and we'll look forward to seeing you - at the same entrances on day one of next term - Tuesday 14 July.

Regards

David Mutimer
Principal



Week 10 Student of the Week

Class	Name
Prep K	<p>Olivia for always showing great listening behaviours</p> <p>Alexander for amazing efforts in his writing</p>
Prep O	<p>Dax for always being a caring, welcoming friend to all.</p> <p>Pio for his great recount, using capital letters, full stops, and spaces between words!</p>
1C	<p>Alexis for her compassionate suggestions during class discussions about the Feast of the Sacred Heart</p> <p>Julian for all his great effort during class this week!</p>
1P	<p>Andrea for writing a very descriptive poem about the colour purple</p>
2D	<p>Oscar for his monumental improvement with his handwriting. Keep up great work!</p>
2S	<p>Natalia for organising, promoting and running a school-wide colouring competition.</p> <p>Harriet for encouraging others and setting a positive example in all classroom activities.</p>
3F	<p>Safina for her willingness to contribute to class discussions and share her ideas</p> <p>Uma for being a self manager and recognising what she needs to show her best learning</p>
3J	<p>Liam for his detailed procedure on how to make fairy bread!</p> <p>Will for using the split strategy when solving subtraction problems.</p> <p>Zachary for his improved handwriting and focus when forming letters!</p>
4D	<p>Ryder for identifying some of the many ways we are connected to people all around the world</p>

4F	Alec for being an inclusive and supportive classmate in 4F
5E	Mark for his putting up his hand more often in class discussions to offer his input and ideas! Well done!
5M	Mackenzie for being an active participant in class discussions. You are always listening and offering great insights.
6B	Alex for engaging with other students and sharing his knowledge in a positive manner
6C	Marcus for demonstrating a mature attitude towards all tasks
Specialist area: Visual Arts	Camille for the skill level displayed when using oil pastels to draw a portrait of Frida Kahlo.