

St James Updates

Term 4 Week 3

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

Dear Families,

Last week was probably our best week at school this year. It was so heart-warming to hear the laughter, squeals and banter out in the playground.

Thank you, parents, for your support of our COVID safe procedures in ensuring there are no gatherings at the school gates and staggered dismissal times. The intention of allocating specific gates for entering and exiting the school is to create the best possible environment for reducing the risk of the virus spreading. If for some reason you need to change the gate your family uses, please speak with the teacher on duty and this will be fine.

There are a number of other measures we have in place to create a COVID safe culture and environment. Some are imposed by the government, some are recommended and others are facilitated by us. We understand that not all procedures will suit every family but as a package, they are all designed to keep our staff, students and families safe. Here are some of the measures we currently have in place:

- No singing
- Keep rooms ventilated (open windows)
- No birthday treats to be handed out at school
- Students lining up in different areas
- Students playing in different areas on a roster system to keep year levels separated
- Promoting good practices - e.g. washing hands
- Providing hand sanitiser in all learning areas
- Planning modified programs and events to work in with restrictions
- Taking temperatures each morning

Prep 2021

We have fifty confirmed enrolments for Prep next year.

Our planned Information Evening for next Monday 26 October 7.00 - 8.30pm, will be a virtual event and we will send out the link later in the week.

Unfortunately, our planned Orientation Sessions have to be postponed for now. We are currently investigating and planning for how we may be able to conduct our entire transition program for your children. Please rest assured, there will be one!

Traffic and Road Safety

Child safety is our main concern during drop off and pick up times. By following these simple procedures and guidelines we can all work together to ensure all children are kept safe.

- Please be patient and courteous towards all other road users
- Please cross the road at the School Crossing.
- Remember to leave the bus bay clear until passengers have boarded the bus and it has departed
- Please do not park in the drop off zone for long periods of time- Kiss and Drop!
- Please read all council parking signs carefully (parking inspectors have been patrolling the area and you will be fined)
- Please remember that little legs cannot be seen between parked cars. Do not call students over when parked on the opposite side of the road.

We have a teacher overseeing students crossing at the unmanned pedestrian crossing in Frank Street to keep our children safe. Please work with them to teach our children good practices, such as waiting until the signal is given to cross safely and walking between the lines.



ASSEMBLY LINK

[Monday's Assembly](#)

Dates to Note

- **Friday 23 October - Pre-Grand Final public holiday**
- Monday 26 October - Prep 2021 Parent Information Evening - online details TBA
- Friday 30 October - Twilight Sports Day held at St James during the day - unfortunately we will not be able to have parents attend
- **Monday 2/Tues3 November - Cup Day and Closure Day: *Assessment and Reporting***
- **Friday 20 November - Parish Closure Day pre-booked prior to Fete cancellation**

Parish Mass

Here's the link to view each weekend's mass recorded by Father Dispin – [St John's Mitcham](#)



Issue 7/2020 book orders are due back at school by this:

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2020

Thank you to all those using the LOOP system to order and pay. Orders can also be placed by sending your order with payment to the office via the office/class tubs.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Week 2 Student of the Week

Read out Mon 19 October Assembly

Class	Name
Prep K	<p style="text-align: center;">Olivia for beginning Term 4 with a positive mindset</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pio Working hard to listen and follow directions</p>
Prep O	<p style="text-align: center;">Jasmine for a wonderful return to Term Four, doing her best in all her learning and a positive attitude!</p>
1C	<p style="text-align: center;">Ella for writing a fantastic persuasive text about why blue is the best coloured crayon. Well done!</p>
1P	<p style="text-align: center;">Isla for making a great start to her learning in Term 4!</p>
2D	<p style="text-align: center;">Patrick & Jacob for working collaboratively to produce a wonderful information report poster about Echidnas.</p>
2S	<p style="text-align: center;">Ethan for his outstanding attitude towards all his learning in the classroom.</p>
3F	<p style="text-align: center;">Brendan for his positive attitude towards being back at school and enthusiasm towards his learning</p>
3J	<p style="text-align: center;">Charlotte for a fantastic start to Term 4 and for arriving each morning with a huge smile!</p>
4F	<p style="text-align: center;">Josh for making a great start back at school and being a generous and supportive class member.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kari for being a great contributor in class discussions and respecting the opinions of others.</p>
5E	<p style="text-align: center;">Olivia for coming up with some awesome ideas for camera shots during the iMovie activity on our Year Five Camp! You were such an awesome all-rounder throughout every activity!</p>
5M	<p style="text-align: center;">Sophie for your dedication to your camp sleep arrangements. I still can't believe you slept in the bath!! You definitely got into the spirit of camp!</p>
6B	<p style="text-align: center;">Noah for listening, trying your best and being focussed on your goals.</p>
6C	<p style="text-align: center;">Rohan for coming back to school eager to learn and participating in class discussions</p>
Specialist area:	<p>VISUAL ARTS for being a motivated learner in the Art Room and the painting she completed.</p> <p>PE Zachary for his persistence and perseverance when learning how to skip with a skipping rope</p>