

# St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

## Newsletter



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### Dates

**22.02.2020**

Mass with Bishop Patrick  
6:00pm @ St James

**25.02.2020**

Shrove Tuesday

**26.02.2020**

Ash Wednesday Mass

**28.02.2020**

F/1KH & 4/5/6 Class Mass  
9:30am

**29.02.2020**

Reconciliation Commitment  
Mass 6:00pm @ St James

**3.03.2020**

Reconciliation Workshop  
7:00pm @ Columba

**4.03.2020**

Reconciliation Workshop  
7:00pm @ St Johns

**5.03.2020**

Mobile Library visit  
P & F Meeting 2:00pm

**4.03.2020 – 6.03.2020**

Year 4/5/6 Camp

**9.03.2020**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**11.03.2020**

Foundations commence  
Wednesdays

**26.03.2020**

Term One finishes for  
Students

**27.03.2020**

School Closure

Dates are subject to change, for  
updates please check our school  
Website or App.

### Coming Home Today

Bingo Duty Flyer  
Furniture Sale Flyer

### *Principal's Report*

Dear Parents,

#### **Emergency Management**

I would like to thank Rob Vermeer, Carol McMahon and Janet Parker for the way the incident was managed last Friday. When the grass fire was spotted approximately 300m away, in the farmland south of the school, the following steps were taken:

- CFA were called and brought it under control quickly (they are brilliant at what they do)
- a brief lock-down was enacted
- students were accounted for
- Information provided to parents via the St James app
- Students reassured about their safety

What came to light after this incident is that the staff at St James are very good in these situations and know how to perform. Whilst the incident was very well managed, it was challenging to work through the process when lots of parents were attempting to ring through and clog up the communication lines and in some cases multiple times. The school app notifications are utilised in an attempt to provide the necessary information efficiently, so that the office staff can be freed up to communicate with the appropriate services. I know that people only have the best intentions, but it is worth arming our families with this information.

#### **Father Rob Galea, Live!**

We are very excited to announce that Father Rob Galea will be performing his music on the 30<sup>th</sup> April at St John the Baptist Church in Koo Wee Rup. The three PIPS schools (St James, Columba and St John's) have combined efforts to book Fr Rob and spread the word to each of our parish communities. Flyers have been circulated so that we can encourage as many children and parents to come along as possible. We play some of Fr Rob's material at school Masses and he has a huge social media following, appealing to the youth in a very vibrant and contemporary way. He featured on X-Factor a few years ago and made it through the auditions. He did in fact opt out of the competition of his own volition, as I believe he just wanted to make an appearance and get his name out there. You can get a snap shot of Fr Rob Galea via <https://youtu.be/BgfKLr8Lotk>

*Andy McDermott*

21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Issue 3

*“Building Independent and  
Responsible Learners”*

## Important Dates to Remember

### Bishop attending Mass at St James

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Patrick is hosting Mass at St James on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6:00pm**. All welcome to attend.

### Shrove Tuesday - 25th February

All Year levels will be served pancakes at morning tea, pancakes will be prepared by parent volunteers. Teachers will explore why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and how this forms part of our Catholic tradition.

### Ash Wednesday Mass – 26<sup>th</sup> February 11:30am

At this Mass, we begin the liturgical season of LENT and the journey of prayer, alms-giving and fasting toward Easter.

After Mass we **will not** be having a shared morning tea as this day begins the fasting season of Lent. There will be other opportunities throughout the term for celebrating Mass and morning tea together as a community.

### Care Group

Our Care Group provides help/support for any of our school families in times of need, such as accident, illness etc.

As part of Care Group we set up a food bank at school to give support to some of our families.

To help give us a good start for the new school year we are asking as many people as we can to provide a meal to keep in the freezer until needed. If you are able to provide a meal, please use an ice cream container or tin foil container for storage. On the container write the date, name of meal and ingredients used. Meals can be given to the school office.

Meal ideas that freeze well would be casseroles, homemade sausage rolls or pasties, quiche, lasagna or soups.

## Monday Lunches 2020

### Monday 24th February:

**Ham and Pineapple Pizza** – ham and pineapple pizza

OR

### Fresh Fruit Salad with Vanilla Bean

**Yoghurt** – fresh seasonal fruit topped with vanilla bean yoghurt

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

**Ham and Cheese Toasted sandwich** – toasted ham and cheese sandwich

OR

**Lasagne** – homemade layers of bolognaise, béchamel and cheese

### Helper

Meagan Rogers

Simone Bialy

### Helper

Mary Claire Patterson

Kristen Hilder

**Please note Monday lunches will only be through CDF Pay, cash payments will no longer be accepted.**

**To set up a your CDF account go to <https://stjamesnng.cdfpay.org.au> select new parent account.**

## St James Prayer

Lord our Guiding Light,

Let us follow in the footsteps of St James with shell in hand

May the Spirit guide us to show love, peace and forgiveness

Come follow me

Help us to strive to do our best in all the learning we do

We pray for wisdom with God's creation to care for all living things

Come follow me

Help us to be a friend, like St James was to Jesus

Bless our families, friends and community

Guide our community to nurture and grow in faith

Come follow me

Amen

## Advisory Committee

Committee members for 2020 are:

### Executive Officials:

Andrew McDermott and Fr Peter Kooloos

**Chairperson:** Gehan Dedigama

### Board Members:

Ryan Lawlor

Eve Koch

Justine Langley

Liz Cunningham

Steph Katta

Tory Parker (Secretary)

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## Parents and Friends

Committee Members for 2020 are:

President

Meagan Rogers

Secretary

Karen Lawlor

Treasurer

Emma Spoard

Monday Lunches

Donna Reilly

Advisory Committee

Justine Langley

Representative

**Next P & F Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 2:00pm**

## Student Absences

To avoid students having UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES, Parents/Guardians are reminded to inform the School by 9.30am via Email –

**office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au** OR Phone – 5942 5404.

Please provide the student's name, date and reason for absence.

## Late Arrivals / Early Departures

If you are dropping your child off late (after the bell has gone) or collecting him/her early you must visit the office and fill in the Sign In / Sign Out Register. Office staff will take your child through to their class at an appropriate time to ensure minimal disruption is made to the classrooms.

## Assembly Awards

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### Foundation/One KH

Jack – dynamite job in listening and giving the teacher 5!

Jackson – dynamite job counting with the class

#### Foundation/One EB

Lachlan – good listening in class

Pippa – good listening in class

#### Year Two/Three GB

Kobi U – wonderful efforts on his recount writing

Tyson – fantastic work with place value and counting

#### Year Two/Three JK

Holly – excellent work with Place Value in Maths

Josh – excellent job listening and following instructions in the classroom

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### Foundation/One KH

Georgie P – dynamite job in encouraging others to do their best

Georgia M - dynamite job in encouraging other to do their best

#### Foundation/One EB

Sophie – always putting her hand up and contributing to class

Bailee – always putting her hand up and contributing to class

#### Year Two/Three GB

Evie – amazing improvements in her spelling

Milla – fabulous work with her reading comprehension

#### Year Two/Three JK

Zali – amazing persistence when using a dictionary to spell in Maths

Antonio – being a fantastic technology helper

## 2020 Sacrament Program

### Reconciliation

#### Commitment Mass

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm @ St James

#### Parent/child workshop

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7:00pm @ Columba Bunyip

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm @ St Johns Koo Wee Rup

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm @ St James

### Confirmation:

Commitment Mass – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm @ St James

Sacrament Mass – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm @ St Johns

### Eucharist:

Commitment Mass – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm @ St James

Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm @ St James



## Foundation/One News

Students in F/1 have been doing wonderful learning over the last couple of weeks! Students have been learning and practising the sign of the cross and Year 1 students have been helping to teach Foundation students the St James Prayer.

### F/1KH

- I have enjoyed learning the sign of the cross. -Harper
- I have enjoyed writing the letter a. -Jack
- I have enjoyed making new friends. -Harvey
- I have enjoyed setting goals. -Felicity
- I have enjoyed learning more about recounts. -Arthur
- I have enjoyed putting words into sentences. -Betty

### F/1EB

- Spelling and sentences with words- Pippa
- Word work in our rotations- Travis
- Words and sentences starting with 's' - Sophie
- Doing yoga- Finn
- Lots of work in Maths- Raiden
- Doing writing in our books- Kobie
- Reading books and doing drawings about them- Holly
- Reading books- Eve
- All the writing we've done- Bailee
- I've enjoyed doing Maths- Jaxon
- Morning activities with threading- Billy
- Yoga- Scarlett
- Drawing- Aanya
- Writing about the books we've read- Lachlan
- Learning 'p p p pretty pigs'- Rydah
- Drawing- Miles

Over the last two weeks, Foundation students have begun learning their sounds. Students have explored the /s/ /a/ /t/ /p/ /i/ and /n/ sound. Encourage your child to continue to practise these sounds at home as well as brainstorm some words with these sounds at the start.

## Two/Three GB News

In 2/3 GB we have been working hard across all subjects.

In English, we have been completing our CARS comprehension tests. These help our teacher work out what comprehension skills are strong and what comprehension skills need a bit more work. We have also been writing persuasive texts to try and convince others of our opinion using strong, emotive words. This will come in handy when trying to convince our parents that dessert after dinner is a good idea!

In Maths, we are continuing to work on place value. We are ordering numbers from largest to smallest, partitioning numbers, naming numbers and all sorts of other things.

In Religion, we are talking about communities and we have started looking at who is part of our Church community. Not only at St James but in the whole Catholic Church. Did you know Pope Francis is 83, was born in Argentina and before he became a priest liked dancing?

Finally, in our integrated unit, we have been working with maps and labelling the states, territories, capital cities and some of Australia's most famous natural features like Uluru, the Simpson Desert, the Twelve Apostles and the Daintree Rainforest.

## Two/Three JK News

During the day we;

- Learnt how to spin plates on a stick with Mr Circus
- spinning plates and passing 1 plate on to your partner. Then in groups of 3 passing 1 or 2 plates around
- We juggled with scarves
- criss cross - we threw them diagonally and caught them
- chopsticks juggling - throw scarf up in the air and catch it with 2 fingers
- column juggling - where you throw 1 in the middle and 2 on the outside
- We made a human pyramid

At night;

- We showed our families the tricks we learnt with the plates
- Mr Circus went on his Unicorn the Unicycle. Joel and Zali's dads had to help hold the unicycle and not let him fall.
- The dads used their 'work boots' which were their thongs and made silly noises
- Mr Circus threw a rope that hit the roof and he called Jaylen, "the man in the hippy shirt".

We all had a great time with Mr Circus!

## Four/Five/Six News

In Grade 4, 5 & 6 we have worked hard and achieved a lot of different things. We have been focusing on our bushranger's research project.

- In writing we have been studying narratives. We have focused on our introductions to our Bushranger narratives. Another name for an introduction is orientation. It needs to tell the reader "Who? What? Where? When? Why?" - Alex, Matilda, Connor and Grace
- In maths we have been studying place value, number lines and time. For number lines we have practiced our skip counting, in place value we have been learning about the location of each digit and for time we have continued studying the differences between 12-hour time and 24-hour time. - Alex, Matilda, Connor and Grace
- We have started a bushranger research poster, on a bushranger of our choice. We had to include details like their birth, their death, family history, greatest accomplishments and how they became a bushranger. - Alex, Matilda, Connor and Grace

## Furniture and Second Hand Uniform Sale

On **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February between 3:30pm and 4:00pm**, we will be selling some old students desks and chairs, please look out for the flyer coming home today. All items will be \$5.00 (cash only).

We will also put out the second hand uniforms in the hall foyer, a gold coin donation per item is all that is asked. Money raised goes to Caritas. It is great opportunity to pick up a bargain. Please remember to label these items with your child's name.