

# St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

## Newsletter



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### Principal's Report

#### Dates

**11.02.2020**

Family Fun Night

**17.02.2020**

School Photos

**18.02.2020 – 19.02.2020**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**20.02.2020**

Sacramental Program  
Information Night

**21.02.2020**

District Swimming

Year 2/3 Class Mass 9:30am

**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 – 6.03.2020**

Year 4/5/6 Camp

**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.

Dear Families,

#### Healthy lunchboxes

Did you know children consume around 30% of their daily food intake at school? Most of this comes from the contents of their lunchbox. What children eat during their day at school plays a crucial role in their learning and development.

The start of the school year is a great time to get ideas for what to go in their lunchboxes. Thank goodness it is becoming more mainstream with regard to our awareness of avoiding sugary products and processed carbohydrates. We used to believe this sort of food was good for us because it apparently "provided plenty of energy to sustain us throughout the day". We now know this to be misleading and dangerous advice. Low GI (glycaemic index) is a better way to go. The way to do this is to make food choices that stick closer to whole foods i.e. the way nature intended, which happens to be the cheaper option and less plastic. We know whole foods will be better sustaining properties and have fewer ingredients that are better suited to chemical engineers to explain.

#### Car Park Safety

With the start to our new school year, it is worth reminding our families about our car park protocols to ensure safety for all. The car spaces between the front of the church, along the new bollards that face the sheltered path is devoted to a **quick pick up**. If you intend to stay on the premises for any amount of time (longer than a minute), these are not for parking in. We ask that you park elsewhere for longer term parking. Ideally, if your intention is to get going straight away, park in the **quick pick up** zone, wait for a staff member to see you and send your child safely to your car and we'll wave goodbye! Please note that if you have not parked in the quick pick up zone, parents must come up to the sheltered area to collect their child and walk safely along the side of the driveway (not across the middle of the driveway). If everyone does this in the afternoons, we'll have much smoother and safer flow of traffic.

#### Respectful, Responsible & Safe

Classrooms, specialist classes and Learning Support have all started with a common language with regard to rules, etiquette, and how we conduct ourselves in general. I would be interested in seeing how this is playing out for our community by encouraging parents to enquire into your child's understanding of these three words in the context of school – *Respectful, Responsible & Safe*. In our attempt for greater consistency across the school, staff are referring to these words when talking about desirable and undesirable behaviour.

*Andy McDermott*

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Issue 2

*"Building Independent and  
Responsible Learners"*

## Student Leaders

We formally acknowledged the Leadership role of our Year 6 students at Mass today. We also presented the new SRC & SJC leaders to our community. Congratulations to Tayla Burke and William Koch as the SJC leaders (Social Justice Crew) and to Jack Lawlor, Jack Dell'Oro and Lily Hermon as the SRC leaders (Student Representative Council). You will see them lead the assemblies very soon.



## 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, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## Parents and Friends

Committee Members for 2020 are:

President	Meagan Rogers
Secretary	Karen Lawlor
Treasurer	Emma Spoard
Monday Lunches	Donna Reilly
Advisory Committee Representative	Justine Langley

**Next P & F Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 2:00pm**

## Family Fun Night

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5pm-7pm**

This year St James will host Circus Challenge Company for our Family Fun Night.

BYO Picnic to have whilst enjoying the night.

It will be a great night for all families to get involved and help the school community reconnect with new and old friends.

## Monday Lunches 2020

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

**Hot Dog** – hot dog in a roll with sauce

OR

**Zucchini Slice** – homemade zucchini slice with bacon, onion, carrot and eggs topped with tzatziki

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

**Fish Wrap** – oven crumbed fish with lettuce and mayo

OR

**Fried Rice** – rice tossed with bacon, onion, egg and peas

### Helper

Emma Spoard

Kim Hay

### Helper

Tarryn Priest

Siobhain Sharma

**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.

## 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.

## 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.

### Caritas - Project Compassion

We will begin to discuss with students how to consider ways in which we can help to serve others through donations of money. This time of year creates opportunities for us to reflect upon our own lives, what we have been blessed with, and ways to help others. Caritas boxes will be sent home soon.

### Update your details

We all lead very busy lives and can often forget to update details.

If you have moved, changed home or mobile numbers, or have a new email address please pop into the office or send a quick email to update these [office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au)

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Please see attached flyer for more information. Application forms available at the office.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held at 3.40pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the attached instructions.

Bookings close 4.00pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### School Photographs for 2020 - St James NNG

Spargo Photography will be by our School Photographers, on **Monday, 17 February 2020**.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred)
- Please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the "online Order#" section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- **Do not** use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- **Do not** place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.
- **Only family/siblings with a completed family envelope will be photographed.**

### ONLINE PRE-ORDER

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

To order click on the following links;

[Individual Photograph Packs](#)

[Family Photograph Orders](#)

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234



Spargo Photography  
230 Bessie Creek Road, Nar Nar Goon  
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## 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

#### 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

Please note dates may change, for updates please check App or Webpage.

## Sacramental Meeting

Parents of all students celebrating a Sacrament this year are invited to attend the meeting **THURSDAY the 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:00pm** in the church.

At this meeting, (parents only) you will be required to fill out forms and provide payment details for the Sacrament. We will go through some of the expectations and what to consider when preparing your child for a Sacrament. Any queries please don't hesitate to come and see me about Sacraments, including Baptisms of children attending our school.

Julie Kennedy (REL)

## Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents that helped contact the new library books during the assessment days. As they say, many hands make light work.

Some great bargains can be found in Issue 1 of Book Club

Janet Parker

## Foundation/One KH News

F/1 KH students have made a great start to the year! They have been doing lots of different activities over the last couple of days such as, creating patterns, painting dots to create their name and finding out when everyone's birthday is.

Students have shared their favourite thing they have done so far:

- Drawing my family because I like drawing. -Georgie
- Using my finger to dot paint. -Luca
- Doing puzzles. -Georgia
- Drawing pictures. -Harvey
- Playing snakes and ladders. -Jackson
- Using the playdough to create volcanoes, dogs and donuts. -Aislin
- Playing with the playdough to build hot dogs. -Felicity
- Playing snakes and ladders. -Jack
- Painting our hands to make handprints and writing. -Koby
- Creating the dot paintings of our names. -Amelia
- Using crayons to create a pattern on white paper. -Darcy
- Making a volcano and a wrap using playdough. -Betty
- Making handprints using paint. -Jasmine
- Doing the hokey pokey dance. -Harper
- Writing our promises and making handprints using paint. -Maggie

## Foundation/One EB News

The Foundation and Year 1 students have had a great start to the school year. We have been doing lots of activities to get to know each other, creative artwork about the books we have read and creating ideas about the way we want our classroom learning to be. The students all have a favourite activity that has stuck with them.

- Painting handprints- Billy
- The Maths activity tables- Jaxon
- Building things in the morning activities- Raiden
- Colouring with the crayons- Pippa
- Painting all the dots- Kobie
- All about me activities- Travis
- The crayons drawing- Sophie
- Reading all the new books- Bailee
- The painting with handprints and dots- Finn
- Making new friends- Holly
- The handprints- Aanya
- The painting we did about dots- Eve
- The hand printing- Miles
- The painting we have done about the books we read- Scarlett
- Making new friends- Lachlan
- Playing with things- Rydah

## Two/Three GB News

What a busy start to the 2020 school year! Our new mix of students have been excellent in the way they have started their learning. We have started with some testing on reading so the teachers can see what we need to work on. In Maths, we have been working with place value. We have been partitioning numbers, which means breaking numbers into their parts. Some of us have even been working with millions using calculators and arrow cards. We have started writing. We began with some holiday writing. Now we are learning about persuasive writing. For the persuasive writing we have started our introduction. In Religion we have been learning about community including the different types of communities. On Thursday we visited the mobile library. It was a brand new library truck with a lot more space. It had lots of brand new books in it, the new books had longer barcodes. We are borrowing four books because most of us are reading harder books. It has been fun starting specialist classes again and meeting our new and old teachers for those classes.

## Two/Three JK News

Jasmine - On Friday we had Mass. The adults had morning tea. It was a whole school start of year mass.

Holly - In Spanish we learnt how to say our names.

Jackson - We have been doing tests in Literacy about stories that are going to help Mrs Kennedy know what level we are on.

Xavier - We have been using arrow cards to create numbers. We have been practising reading 4-6 digit numbers with partners in class.

## Four/Five/Six VPP News

In Grade 4, 5 & 6 VPP we have gotten the year off to an amazing start, working hard and learning lots. Students have done an amazing job meeting expectations and stepping up.

In writing our focus has been on Bushrangers. We have been focusing on several different bushrangers including John Caesar. - Jack D

John Caesar was born in Madagascar. He was kidnapped and taken to the West Indies to be a slave. He escaped and travelled to England where he worked as a servant. - Jack L and Brianna L

In maths we have focused on Roman Numerals and Place Value.

When studying Place value, we have been learning by playing a game called last man standing. It helps us read numbers up to thousands. We have also watched a video which helps to explain place value. We also played greedy pig.

-Tiahli and Brianna.

In Roman Numerals we have been learning how to represent numbers up to one thousand. Next we will be adding roman numerals together. -Jack D and Jack L.

## Gardening Club

Early in term 4, the gardening group planted a summer crop of veggies, hoping to grow some things to try. We could not have imagined what the next few months has brought.

After our successful crop of carrots were picked and used in delicious carrot cakes, we waited to see what else would grow to be eaten. Over the Christmas holidays, a heap of zucchini's were picked and much to our surprise, four peaches and an apricot. We did not expect the fruit trees to be producing fruit so early.

Since being back, we continue to pick some zucchini's, which will be used in the upcoming Monday lunches. We have also tried out our nectarines which were amazingly sweet and have just started picking some tomatoes and corn that is ready. As many have seen, our tomato plants are out of this world, so be prepared with some recipes as we look like we are going to get a bumper crop this year. Thank you to the students who have put time and effort into planting and tending to the crop. We hope you are enjoying tasting the rewards of your hard work.



## Choir

Our school choir will be running again this year, meeting in the music room at lunchtime on a Wednesday.

Open to all year 3-6 students – come along and have a trial for the first 4 weeks.

Lis Eastwood (music teacher)