

St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Dear Families,

It is with mixed feelings that I write about the return to school. On the one hand, it was very exciting to greet the F-3s back to school. You may have been able to tell how jubilant the staff were who were able to come out and receive the children at the drop-off point on Tuesday! There were plenty of smiles, cheers and reacquaintances. It was a lot like when families wait at the airport for their loved ones to return from a long trip, and the travellers come through the gate... but with the social distancing.

On the other hand, we are still waiting patiently for the full return of *all* of our students. It will be a return to *some* normalcy when we have the 4-6s back. Until then, keep up the amazing work with the remote learning and remember to stick to a routine with mindfulness meditation to help maintain a healthy outlook.

Many thanks to all our families with regard to the adherence to the modified traffic protocols. It has been tremendously helpful to have everyone jump on board with this. Responding to the app notifications, particularly instances like this is essential, so thank you for that.

Pupil Free Day 26th June

The last day of term is no school for students at St James. 26th June was in fact planned as a closure well before the COVID-19 period. It will provide time for staff to plan for term three. Please note that the government announcement for the recent pupil free day was specifically for Remote Learning planning and logistics. Mark this date in your calendars.

Farewell to Mrs Bolton

Today is Mrs Bolton's last day with us. Erin has very quickly become a valuable member of our community and it is almost impossible to believe she has been with us for only half a year. It has been a very awkward period of time to be finishing up in a workplace but I wish to thank her for her dedication and professionalism throughout her time at St James. God bless Erin and Camron with the eventual arrival of their baby. If we're lucky, she may drop in to visit with the new family member later in the year!

Andy McDermott

Dates

8.06.2020

Queen's Birthday -
Public Holiday

9.06.2020

Year 4 - 6 students will
return to on-site
learning

25.06.2020

Students Last Day for
Term Two

26.06.2020

School Closure

13.07.2020

Term Three
Commences

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

29th May 2020

Issue 9

"Building Independent and
Responsible Learners"

Term Two School Closure Days

Friday 26th June 2020 will be a school closure day; staff will be involved in preparing Term Three curriculum.

Last day of term two will be **Thursday 25th June 2020**, with a 3:30pm finish.

Church Re Opening

As the number of people who can be at Mass or Celebrations of Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion will be 20 (excluding the priest and those helpers necessary for Mass or Liturgy Celebrations) we shall be starting our regular Mass and Liturgy schedule Saturday 6th June.

There will be **Mass** next weekend at

Nar Nar Goon - Saturday 6th June at 6.00 pm

Koo Wee Rup - Sunday 7th June at 9.30 am

Iona - Sunday 7th June at 11.00 am.

There will be Celebrations of Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at

Maryknoll - Sunday 7th June at 9.00 am

Lang Lang - Sunday 7th June at 9.30 am.

If you wish to come to Mass, please send an email either to, ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au (Iona-Maryknoll Parish) or kooweerup@cdsale.org.au (Koo Wee Rup Parish) in which you give the number who will be coming. Please await confirmation from the parish.

Weekday Masses - Week Commencing 8th June

Monday - 8.00 am, Koo Wee Rup

Tuesday & Wednesday - 9.30 am, Iona

Thursday - 9.15 am, Koo Wee Rup

Friday - 9.30 am, Nar Nar Goon

Foundation & Year One News

Foundation and Year 1 students have made a smooth transition back to school. We started the week by reading the book 'The Most Magnificent Thing' and discussing how we can continue to try our hardest even when things get hard. We have also been exploring the life cycle of a frog. Students have learnt lots of information about the stages a frog goes through.

Students have shared what they have enjoyed about being back at school.

- I have enjoyed playing on the playground and in the sandpit again. -Raiden
- I liked doing the craft activity for the most magnificent thing. -Sophie
- I have enjoyed seeing all of my friends. -Felicity
- I have enjoyed seeing all my friends again. -Amelia
- I have liked doing lots of arts and craft activities. -Holly
- I liked playing games with my friends and seeing my friends again. -Lachlan
- I have enjoyed seeing and playing with my friends as well as colouring in. -Arthur
- I have enjoyed playing four-square again. -Kobie
- I liked playing with my friends. -Luca
- I have enjoyed doing the specialist classes. -Scarlett
- I have enjoyed doing skip counting. -Pippa
- Counting up to 10 in Spanish. -Jaxon

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

Tory Parker (Secretary)

Justine Langley

Liz Cunningham

Steph Katta

Next Advisory Committee Meeting, TBA

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, TBA

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.

Two/Three GB News

In Mathematics, we are working on measurement. This week we are working on formal units. You have to use things like a ruler to measure. If you used informal units to measure the size of things like hands, things would not be the same size as you asked for. So if you needed a pair of pants and said I want pants that are 4 hands long, the size might not be the same. - Indigo

In writing, we have been writing procedures. You have to say how to do something. You do this step by step. I wrote how to ice cookies. I think there were about 10 steps on how to ice cookies. - Chloe K

In integrated studies, we have been learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We have learnt about the Wurundjeri people who lived on the land we learn on today. We have learnt about the elders, who are the trusted people within the Aboriginal community. They are trusted people who pass on knowledge and dreaming stories to the community. The community chose who the elders would be. - Imelda and Maddy

In reading we have been working on CARS and STARS on our iPads. You read the stories on your iPad and answer questions about them. There are 5 parts in each section. CARS and STARS works on understanding the text. This is called comprehension - Amayah

In sport, we have been learning how to do triple jump. First, you need to hop, then step, then jump into sand. You need to run up before you do the hop, step and jump. - Hugo

In Art, we have been colouring in a Van Gough picture. We are trying to colour it in, with the same colours and strokes that he did. On the sunflower parts, we are going to stick things on to the sunflower as well. - Chloe L and Maddy

In Spanish we have been completing colour by number pictures, this is to practice our understanding of colours. - Allie

Two/Three JK News

The best thing about being back at school is;

- we get to see our school friends and teachers
- playing on the playground
- reading our new class book (Tashi)
- seeing our friends
- playing with different people
- getting to play outside in a different space
- that we get to learn with our teacher at school instead of at home
- we can see our friends in person
- we don't have to rely on technology
- we won't miss our birthdays at school
- we can go outside with our friends and play on the playground
- I like how we do cool different types of writing at school
- I like when we watched Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Briganti, Mrs Parker and Miss Hodgens read Chicken Divas on Google Meet yesterday

Year Four/Five/Six News

This week Grade 4, 5 and 6 have been working hard and continuing with remote learning. Students have completed various tasks, which were posted on their Google Classroom.

For remote learning, we learn through our iPad or an electronic device like a computer. On it, we do our maths perimeter work. Perimeter is when you measure all the sides of a shape for example a triangle. After you measure them, you add the sides all together. Remember to write the centimetres after the number so you know what unit of measurement is being used. – William

When we work on literacy, we have been focusing on our two day projects. This week's project is making a brochure. For the brochure, we had to fold the paper the right way, plan what it looks like and then pick the part you want to write on. We had to read a slideshow on google classroom, which had information about things you can and can't do when you visit Antarctica. We then put the information in our own words onto the Brochure – Isabelle

Thank you for your support

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts during remote schooling to support the learning and faith development of all our students.

On our return to our classrooms, let our commitment to each other continue as we work to create safe and welcoming learning environments.

May God continue to bless you all.