



St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2!

Helen Donhoe has joined the Yr. F/1/2 team. Helen is a qualified teacher and is additional support within this cohort. We extend a warm welcome to Helen.

I wish advise the School Community of St James' Primary School, that Mr Dean Rodgers has provided me with his letter of resignation, effective 21 April 2021. Mr Rodgers' resignation has been accepted. On behalf of the St James' community, I would like to thank Mr Rodgers for his service and wish him all the best of luck in his future endeavours. To ensure continuity of student learning, the school has appointed Erin Bolton and Shivonne Stewart to undertake the role of PE during a recruitment process to replace Mr Rodgers.

The association between St James Primary School and the Nar Nar Goon and District Playgroup has been an important and valued part of our community. Based on advice from DOSCEL we are no longer able to support the playgroup with staff from school. I am hoping that as a community we can come together to think of ways we can support playgroup independently of the school. If you have suggestions, please email me so that we can look at ways for this important initiative to continue.

21 students and their families on Sunday to commemorate ANZAC Day at the Nar Nar Goon Dawn Service. It was wonderful to be witness to sense of pride and belonging as students participated respectfully in the service. Below is the reflection written and read by Mia at the service –

We stand today for all Australian service men and women,
Who gave their lives and made Australia stand taller.
On ANZAC Day we think of you,
We look back upon the things you do.
You stood strong and brave with guns in hand,
And now, stronger together we stand.
With our hats off to all Australian service men and women,
We praise you and we thank you.



Due to COVID-19 density restrictions in the Church we are not able to hold our Mother's Day Mass. However, we will be holding a Mother's Day Liturgy at **3pm** Friday May 7 under the red roof and invite all mums or special friend to attend. After our Liturgy, students will be bringing home a special treat for all mums to share with their children.

As per standard COVID practice, guests will be asked to QR code at the gate and use the hand sanitiser provided.

Bec Kollaris
Principal

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Warm Milo Mornings

The very popular Warm Milo Mornings will be resuming, this will commence on **Thursday 13th May**. Students are able to have a warm Milo drink served by the P&F, just before recess break. To participate, the children will need to bring a gold coin and a spill-free mug with their name on it.

A Milo drink is on offer every Thursday in subsequent weeks of term 2 for a gold coin.

Insight SRC Survey

Sent home this week, was the Insight SRC survey for most of our families. We have 60 surveys for our size school to hand out, so not every single family will receive one.

Please give it your attention, as we value the data that comes back. If not enough families respond, this provides very little value. Please have these completed by Friday 7th May.

2022 enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for 2022, officially, this closes at the end of June.

Please do not assume that all is organised for your 'budding foundations' for 2022. Be sure to go through the enrolment process by collecting and returning the necessary forms to the office. Families sometimes make the mistake of thinking that if they have the first child begin school that the following siblings are automatically 'in the system'.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the office, please contact the office, office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au or phone 5942 5404 if you would like them sent home. We also offer School Tours by appointment.

Student Absences

To avoid students having UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES, Parents/Guardians are reminded to inform the School by 9.00am 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.



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

School Advisory Committee

Committee members for 2021 are:

Rebecca Kollaris	Fr Peter Kooloos
Rob Vermeer	Gehan Dedigama
Ryan Lawlor	Tory Parker
Justine Langley	Liz Cunningham
Steph Katta	Alanna Pomeroy

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th May

Parents and Friends

Committee Members for 2021 are:

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

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COVID Health and Safety

If your child is experiencing signs or symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they must not attend school until their symptoms resolve and appropriate medical advice is obtained. This includes even mild symptoms of COVID-19.

- Upon arrival at school or during the day, if your child becomes unwell, you will be contacted and required to come and collect your child.
- If student who is being tested for COVID-19 have siblings, who attend a school managed and operated by the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL), then the siblings should also remain at home until a negative test result is provided for the student awaiting test results.
- Birthdays – we are happy to acknowledge and celebrate your child's birthday in the classroom, however as previously stated, due to COVID, children cannot bring chocolate, lollies etc. to share for their birthday.
- Communication with teaching staff is via email or phone.
- All extra cleaning and hand hygiene that was in place last year, is still being adhered to.
- Schools can gather for assemblies but with students and staff only at this stage
- Parents can come onsite for scheduled meetings with staff. Parents need to sign in. (needs to be booked ahead and be for a significant reason)
- Parents wishing to come into the grounds to drop off must scan the QR code on the way in. Please do not enter the classrooms. Social distancing will apply.

Update your details Operoo

Welcome to 2021. 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 update these in Operoo, this will send us a message that your details have changed and we are then able to update our data base.

During the year if permissions are required for excursions or camps, Operoo is where this will be, as parents/guardians you will log in and accept or decline.

E-Safety

When it comes to online safety, the [eSafety Commissioner website](#) is here to help support parents and carers and ensure that together, we keep children safer online.

More advice and information is available at [eSafety parents](#).

Important Dates to Remember

1st & 2nd May Confirmation Commitment Mass	4th May Confirmation Workshop at St James	7th May Whole School Mass Mother's Day Liturgy 3pm	11th May School Advisory Committee Meeting	13th May Warm Milo Morning courtesy of P & F
14th May Year 3/4 Class Mass	21st May District Cross Country	22nd May Sacrament of Confirmation at St James	29th May Sacrament of Confirmation at St James	14th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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

2021 Term Dates and School Closure Days

Term Dates: Term 2 19 th April – 25 th June Term 3 12 th July – 17 th September Term 4 4 th October – 17 th December	Closure Days: Friday 25 th June – Professional Development Day Friday 17 th September – Professional Development Day Monday 1 st November – Professional Development Day Thursday 16 th December – Professional Development Day Friday 17 th December – Professional Development Day
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March 24th April – 8th May

Spencer – 5/6EP
Harper – F/1/2 KH

Owen – F/1/2KH

Bingo Duty

Bingo is a vital contribution to P & F fundraising, we have sent out an Operoo request for volunteers for our dates for 2021.

Please volunteer your time on at least on occasion, sharing the workload in true St James Spirit!

Thank you Justine Langley – P & F Bingo Representative

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Congratulations



We would like to extend our warmest congratulations Katherine on her Sacrament of Marriage to Dyllan on the holidays.

We wish you both all the best in your future together as Mr and Mrs Muller.



Assembly Awards – Term Two Week 2

F/1/2KH

Aanya – great effort with her counting
Laurel – giving writing a red hot go!

F/1/2JV

Harvey – great listening & showing teacher you are ready!
Ollie – giving writing a red hot go!

3/4GB

Jack – great mental computation when doubling large numbers
Kobi – working hard to achieve his learning goals

5/6RP

Cj – great poetry writing
Josh – great poetry writing

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Sacrament Dates for 2021

Confirmation - Term 2

Commitment Mass – 1st and 2nd May

Workshops

- 4th May St James NNG
- 5th May Columba Bunyip
- 6th May St Johns KWR

Sacrament

- 22nd May St James NNG
- 23rd May St Johns KWR & Columba Bunyip
- 29th May St James NNG

Eucharist - Term 3

Commitment Mass – 31st July and 1st August

Workshops

- 10th August St James NNG
- 11th August Columba Bunyip
- 12th August St Johns KWR

Sacrament

- 21nd August St James NNG
- 22nd August St Johns KWR & Columba Bunyip

Julie Veldman
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Classroom News

Foundation/One/Two

In F/1/2, we have been learning about 2D shapes and the names and features of these shapes. Foundations have been sight word detectives and learning to find their sight words in their books. Year 1/2s have been using a picture prompt (seed) to develop ideas to write about, expanding their imaginative thinking.

- Ziera - I like doing shapes because drawing them is fun.
- Scarlett - I like writing because we get to use a seed to write about.
- Owen - I like doing shapes in maths because we get to trace them and draw them ourselves
- Georgie - I like writing because we get to use our imagination
- Lachlan - I like writing because we get to do different text types
- Luca - I like mystery box because we fun new games (pink panther, stop go)
- Willow - I like writing because we do write and pictures
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Year Three/Four GB

We have had a very busy start to the term in 3/4GB. In writing, we are continuing to practise our skills in creating persuasive texts. We are working on making sure we have a clear structure of introduction, arguments and conclusion. We are trying to make sure we have three different reasons or arguments to support our point of view.

In Maths, we are working on our addition skills including using strategies to find the missing addend when you have been given one addend and the answer. You can use strategies like count on or you can use subtraction to work it out as well!

We finished off our Term 1 unit on rules, responsibilities and local government. The two Year 3/4 classes got together and we had a pretend election using the preferential voting system. This meant that we had to number from 1 to 5 the best option to worst option. The option that had the least number 1 votes had their forms taken away and sent to their second best option. This continued until one of the options had over half the votes.

Gardening article

Once again this term, the gardening club is getting our hands dirty! We have recently cleared out a number of the raised beds now that the last of the tomatoes have ripened. We had an incredible run with the tomatoes this summer. The last of the capsicums have been picked before the frostbite gets them and they will be used in the sweet and sour stir-fry for Monday lunches. Last week's pasta bake contained some of our sage and thyme. Over the next few weeks we will be planting this season's garlic and a variety of winter vegetables. A special thank you must go out to our junior gardeners who helped prepare the cloves of garlic, ready to plant. They did a wonderful job.

Year Three/Four LB

English

In Writing, we have been doing Persuasive writing. We have been arguing about different topics. We have planned our ideas with little snapshots then we wrote an introduction and our first reason so far. **Chloe and Zali**

Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling and the Bridge to Ten strategies for Addition. When you use the Bridge to Tens, your first jump will end in a zero. **Jordan and Gracie**

Integrated

In Integrated, we finished up our Term One unit learning about how to vote. In Australia, we vote to choose who the Prime Minister is. **Rubie and Jackson**

Religion

During Religion, we have been learning about the Gospel of John and all the facts about him. We learnt that it was written 90 - 100 years after Jesus' death and that it was probably written not by John himself but one of his followers. **Antonio and Xavier**



Year Five/Six

This week the Grade 5/6 classes have been working on poetry. We have been writing poems on the topic of volcanoes. Below are a sample of these poems in a variety of styles.

THE ERUPTION

The earth is rumbling
As the pyroclastic flow
Comes closer and nearer
Ashes soaring around the city
Smoking up the place
Killing out towns as it goes round
The mountains grow dark
As flaming hot lava
Floods the hills and valleys
By Tiahli D

Risky, not safe
Make sure you are in a safe place
Not hot, it's boiling
It may be life destroying
I know you hate it
So don't fake it
Molten lava
Don't go any farther
Because there is karma.
By Islah. P

Blood like smoke
Toxic gas
Scalding lava
Creates a painful river of death
Killer of countries
Wrath of gods
Flying boulders like asteroids
Spitting fire
Burning flame
Death at the end
As there was the beginning.
By: Harrison

Threatening life for miles in every direction,
Come the deadly gas and molten rock.
The gas flies and the lava flows.
Floating in the air is the poisonous gas,
Streaming down the mountain is the molten rock.
It all comes from a volcano.
From Adara

Smoke spilling
Lava flowing
Ground breaking
Earth trembling

Crater shaker
Terrified people
Toxic air
Molten Mountain
By Brianna

Vapour pouring from its mouth
Orange liquid pouring down its side.
Lava burning everything in its path
Consuming everything around it.
As a sea of red destroys the landscape,
No one can run fast enough
Or hide from its overwhelming heat.
Everything now burnt beyond repair
Soot covers the ground hiding the earth
By Matilda

Ashes rain, lives gone
Volcano, killer machine
Black smoke covers land
By John





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and (insert school name) is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Monday Lunches 2021

Monday 3rd May:

Chicken Nuggets and chips – 5 nuggets with chips and sauce

Or

Chicken Sweet and Sour Stir Fry – homemade sweet and sour chicken stir fry with rice

Monday 10th May:

Roast Beef Roll – freshly roasted beef in a hotdog roll topped with gravy

Or

Roast Beef & Vegetables – freshly roasted beef with roast potatoes, pumpkin and peas with gravy

Helper

Jacqueline Kosta

Dannielle Urquhart

Mary Claire Patterson

Rebecca Bishop



Orders need to be submitted to CDF Pay by 8:55am on Monday or they will not be accepted