



# St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

Newsletter

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## Principal's Report

Dear Families,

We are currently reviewing how we report your child's academic progress to you. Currently SeeSaw is used to inform parents in between June and December reports. I'm asking that parents email me their feedback on the current reporting process and what you find most beneficial about how you receive information about your child's learning.

Beginning next Wednesday parents will be able to visit their child's classroom from 3.30-3.45pm. This is a time for students to share some of their learning with parents or simply read together. We have chosen Wednesday as specialist teachers are available to supervise the car line during this time. Teachers are required for staff meetings at 3.45pm so I do ask that we adhere to these times. If at anytime you have concerns or questions about your child's learning you are welcome to email your child's teacher and make a time to meet.

From this week onwards, newsletters will be sent out weekly. However, the fortnightly class updates will remain a fortnightly feature of the newsletter. I hope that increasing the frequency of the newsletter enables the sharing information with families in a more timely manner.

Yesterday a working committee was established so that Playgroup can resume. Thank you to the many parents, Fr Peter and Ange for supporting this process. I don't have any plans that I can share with as yet. There will be a follow up meeting on Thursday May 27 at 10am where hopefully, we can share the fruits of our additional research.

We welcome Shivonne Stewart as our newly appointed Physical Education Teacher. Shivonne is a passionate educator with a strong focus on student connectedness and engagement.

*Bec Kollaris*

Principal



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## Warm Milo Mornings

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 second Thursday of term 2 for a gold coin. Please see below for dates.

13<sup>th</sup> May

27<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June

24<sup>th</sup> June

## 2022 enrolments - Spread the Word

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – Term Two Week 3 & 4

### F/1/2KH

Jasmine G – great job staying on task in writing  
River – fantastic job practising the alphabet

### F/1/2JV

Arthur – his great work and focus in the classroom  
Jack – giving every task in class a red hot go!

### 3/4GB

Chloe – her amazing persuasive writing  
Kaleb – working hard in Maths and being helpful for the teacher in charge

### 3/4LB

Tate – writing some very persuasive arguments about video games  
Zali – excellent spelling bookwork and practice  
Antonio – great participation in class discussions and great listening  
Seb – great mathematical explanations with the jump strategy

### 5/6RP

Brianna – being a responsible student  
Grace – being a responsible student

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> District Cross Country	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Sacrament of Confirmation at St James 6:00pm	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b> Milo Morning	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b> Foundation Year One and Two Class Mass	<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Sacrament of Confirmation at St James 6:00pm	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> Mobile Library visits St James
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b> Milo Morning	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b> Year Five / Six Class Mass	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> Whole School Mass	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b> Last Day of Term Milo Morning Mobile Library	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b> School Closure Staff at Professional Learning Day

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

## 2021 Term Dates and School Closure Days

<b>Term Dates:</b> <b>Term 2</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> April – 25 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Term 3</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> July – 17 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Term 4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> October – 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Closure Days:</b> Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Professional Development Day Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Professional Development Day Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Professional Development Day Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Professional Development Day Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December – Professional Development Day
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March 9<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May

Ziera – F/1/2 KH

Harry – 3/4GB



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St James Nar Nar Goon invites all our generous families to help the St Vincent De Paul Appeal.

## St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal, 2021!

There are lots of needy families' waiting for donations of NON perishable food items, blankets and clothing to help them though a tough time.

Please send in items by  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June.**

Items such as pasta, pasta sauce, canned food, cereals, biscuits or maybe a whole meal to help a family.

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## Mobile Library

We are pleased to announce the return of the Cardinia Mobile Library visits. Students are encouraged to use this wonderful resource to deepen their love of reading.

Students must have a Cardinia Library Card to borrow from the mobile library and bring a library bag to store their books. The Mobile Library Bus will visit St James on the first Thursday of the month. The next visit is scheduled for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## REL News

### Sacrament Dates for 2021

#### Confirmation - Term 2

##### Sacrament of Confirmation

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

#### Eucharist - Term 3

Commitment Mass – 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August

##### Workshops

- 10<sup>th</sup> August St James NNG
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Columba Bunyip
- 12<sup>th</sup> August St Johns KWR

Sacrament

21<sup>nd</sup> August St James NNG

22<sup>nd</sup> August St Johns KWR & Columba Bunyip

Julie Veldman

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## Monday Lunches

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

**Cheese Burger** – beef patty topped with cheese, tomato, lettuce and sauce

Or

**Baked Potato** – baked potatoes topped with bacon, cheese, coleslaw and sour cream

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May:

**Country Chicken Casserole** – homemade chicken and vegetable casserole on rice

Or

**Loaded Nachos** – nachos topped with seasoned meat, topped with cheese and sour cream

### Helper

Danielle Urquhart  
Emily Gade

Kayla Jongen  
Belinda Rongoni

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

## Classroom News

### Foundation/One/Two

- I like learning about the five senses in our body and how they help us to see, smell, hear, touch and taste. –Bailee
- I like going to the library because I get new books. I like getting Picture Story Books –Max
- I like fractions because we get to learn different things about them. –Scarlett
- I like learning about the senses because we do fun activities to see how our eyes and ears work. –Travis
- I liked learning about the eyes because we learnt the different parts of them and what they do. –Harper
- I enjoyed learning about the ears because we got to watch a video about the different parts. –Dylan
- I liked learning about our eyes because when we close our eyes for a short amount of time then open them our pupils go from big to small. -Betty

### Year Three/Four GB

This week we have completed the NAPLAN test. In the writing test, we had to make a story with the topic of following tracks. You had to make your own story using that idea. We have also done the reading test. There was a reading about a plane and also a reading about a goat up in a tree. - Tom

In our writing lessons we have been completing some persuasive writing. My writing was trying to persuade Nan to get another dog. I tried to persuade her by telling her I would look after the dog. We could choose a rescue dog to give it a better home. It would also get me off some of the electronics! I don't think Nan is going to agree to this, even if I was really convincing. - Peyton

In Spanish we have been learning about different fruits and what they are called. We have also been learning about how to ask different questions. We learnt how to ask "What do you eat?" We learnt how to answer the question. We have also been learning about other foods as well. - Riley

In Art, we Googled an Australian animal of our choice. We have to draw it with lines to show the detail. A lot of people chose kangaroos and koalas. I chose to draw a lyrebird. We couldn't use colour, it had to be black and white. - Harry

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## Year Three/Four LB

In Writing, we just finished our persuasive writing. It includes a title, introduction, first reason, second reason and third reason, then finally a conclusion. In reading we have been learning about the main idea. You can find the main idea in the first or last sentence. **By Hugo, Indi-Rose and Joel**

In Maths, we have been working on the compensation strategy and the jumping strategy. To do the jumping strategy you need a number line and don't forget to start at the biggest number. You add 100s, then 10s then 1s and also space your jumps and mark every jump. With the compensation strategy, you have to take or add numbers and add it or take it from the answer. **By Xavier Jasmine Grace**

In Religion, we have been learning about Confirmation. It is a sacrament where you confirm that you want to be catholic because when you get baptised your parents helped you become a part of the church. So when you're in grade 6 you're most likely to be mature enough to choose. **By Seb, Zali and Antonio**

In Integrated, we have been learning about Aboriginal timeline and Torres Strait Islander peoples, also we have been learning about the Kulin nation and gathered 5 facts about them. **By Ben, Ruby and Holly**

## Year Five/Six

This week our Grade 5 students have completed the NAPLAN. Here are some recounts of their experiences:

Naplan is a test so the government can see how the kids are going. Naplan is corrected by a robot so don't do multiple bubbles unless it said to.

I was a bit worried about the tests because they are normally big but once I finished the first Naplan they aren't that bad. I overreacted and it wasn't that bad. There's reading, spelling/grammar, writing and numeracy. All Naplan is just a test. As long as you try your best you will be fine.

Naplan wasn't that bad and for me it went for a small time. I was worried at the start but after, I was fine. I wasn't stressing after it's just another test. I've done a lot.

That's how I felt about Naplan.

By Tom

Naplan was a scary at first but when I got into it all it is a big test.

It was hard and time consuming. It can be a scary test because it is made by the government so of course it is scary. But it is best just think of it as a test.

By Owen

I found Naplan to be really exciting. I just want a lot of quiet time while doing a test with no disruptions so I can focus on the test so I can get my results back. You don't get scared.

By Will

NAPLAN is a series of tests that are about spelling, grammar, reading and maths. I myself was not that worried about NAPLAN, they feel as they go on forever. It was a bit hard at first but as it went on it got easier and easier until the last test it I feel I had done it so many times before and by the last one I was not worried at all. The script that the teachers say got a bit boring but you hear it like four times so you can kind of say it is boring. It is nothing to worry about it is just a test like ones you would do in class. Everybody thinks NAPLAN oh no, but it is not scary, it is nothing to worry about.

From Brianna

NAPLAN! Everybody thinks that Naplan is scary but it's not. At the start of Naplan I was scared but after I got into it I was just fine. It is just a test. You know what, you don't know how you went. My mum told me that Naplan is fine there is nothing to worry about. Just don't say anything. There is spelling, maths and reading.

By Grace

Year 5 NAPLAN was hard. I was nervous at the start of NAPLAN. If you don't know what NAPLAN is I can explain to you because I did NAPLAN this year and NAPLAN is just a test that the government sees what stage of learning you are at, you do it every two years. From year one I think it starts and it goes to year three, five, seven and I think nine but I don't know when it ends I always thought NAPLAN was way too hard but now I don't because it is just an average test of two years. So you start with three practice questions it's always going to be apples and pizza so have fun with that. It starts easy then it gets hard but don't overreact about it because it's just a normal test. Here are the types of tests you will do spelling/grammar, math/numeracy and writing. Then the teacher or instructor will tell you how to do it and you will hear the script a lot

By Cj

