



St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

Newsletter

21st May 2021 Issue 8

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 before and what you find most beneficial about how you receive information about your child's learning.

Please be assured that when staff are absent, we do our very best to provide consistency for our students. We also seek feedback from students when they have a new replacement to the school to ensure that they are suitably meeting the needs of students and expectations of teachers.

Our school, along with the 44 other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale, will celebrate Catholic Education Week from 21 to 28 May. The theme for this year's celebrations is ***Faith in the Future - I have come that they may have life and have it to the full***. As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith: we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God's Word. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share features that are special about our schools.

This weekend we begin to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. This includes not only our current Year 6 students, but all our 2020 Year 6 students. It is a time for children to confirm the promises made on their behalf at their Baptism. We look forward to celebrating this sacrament with the students over the next two weekends.

In the words of Pope Francis we pray-

*Holy Spirit,
make my heart open to the Word of God,
make my heart open to goodness,
make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.
Amen*

Bec Kollaris

Principal



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Congratulations

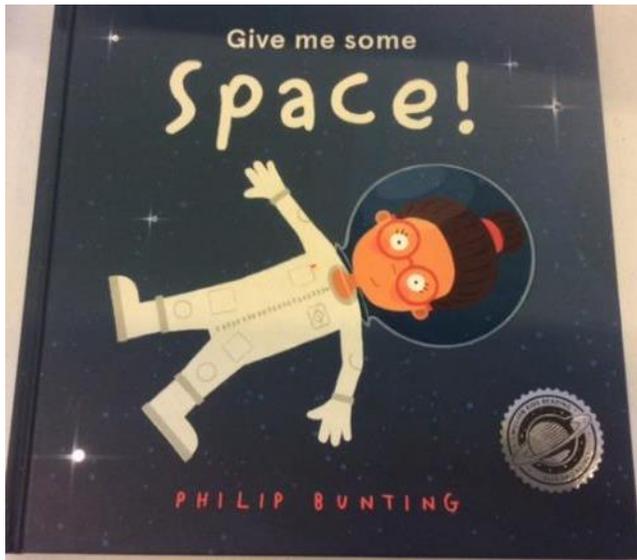
We done to both Tiahli (Year 5) and Lucy (Year 6) on being selected to represent the West Gippsland Football and Netball League in the up coming Netball Interleague competition.

From the Art Room

In Art, On Wednesday 19th May, it was National Simultaneous Storytime where a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and other places around the country. Give me some space! By Philip Bunting was the book.

Students had to draw an astronaut with step by step direction from the teacher and then draw themselves (the face) in the suit.

Grade 3/4 LB are shown during the art task. Students did an awesome job with this!



Monday Lunches

Monday 24th May: Please note this is a new addition

Crispy Chicken Wrap – crispy chicken tenders wrapped with lettuce and mayo

or

Homemade sausage Rolls – homemade sausage rolls with sauce

Monday 31st 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

Simone Baily

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

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.

27th May

10th June

24th 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 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

Rob Vermeer

Ryan Lawlor

Justine Langley

Steph Katta

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th June

Fr Peter Kooloos

Gehan Dedigama

Tory Parker

Liz Cunningham

Alanna Pomeroy

Parents and Friends

Committee Members for 2021 are:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Monday Lunches

Advisory Committee Representative

Meagan Rogers

Karen Lawlor

Emma Spoard

Donna Reilly

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.

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

22nd May Sacrament of Confirmation at St James 6:00pm	27th May Milo Morning Playgroup Meeting 10:00am	28th May Foundation Year One and Two Class Mass	29th May Sacrament of Confirmation at St James 6:00pm	3rd June Mobile Library visits St James	4th June Year Five / Six Class Mass
8th June Advisory Committee Meeting	10th June Milo Morning	14th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	18th June Whole School Mass	24th June Last Day of Term Milo Morning Mobile Library	25th June 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

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 18th May – 27th May

Blake – 5/6-RV
Max – F/1/2-JV
Mia – 5/6-EP

Sacrament Dates for 2021

Confirmation - Term 2

Sacrament of Confirmation

- 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

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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 14th 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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On time, every day

During the current COVID-19 pandemic parents are rightfully urged to take a cautious approach and keep children and young people at home if they show symptoms of the virus.

It's a balancing act if you're a parent as one the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools.

According to a report by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment authority nearly 13 per cent of Australian students are missing at least one year of schooling by the time they reach year 10. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It's reassuring to know that you can maximise their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And, of course, regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with no excuse.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
- Follow current COVID-19 health guidelines and recommendations
- Consider catching-up on missed work
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom, which is where unwell kids should be



Australia has the highest incidence of food allergy in the world, and it's growing at a rapid rate. We estimate that there are 650,000 Australians with a diagnosed food allergy and many more undiagnosed.

Food Allergy Week is an initiative of Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia and is dedicated to promoting community understanding of food allergy to help protect those at risk. While people with food allergy need to take all reasonable steps to avoid their allergen/s, it is also important for the community to have a basic understanding of allergy to help keep those at risk safe. **It's up to us all to be allergy aware.**

Managing food allergies is everyone's responsibility. During Food Allergy Week 2021 we will be promoting our consumer resources to help people living with food allergy understand their responsibilities when dining out. We have a number of resources to help people communicate their food allergy to food service staff. Visit the [eating out confidently](#) section of our website to learn more about managing your food allergy.