



St James Catholic School, Nar Nar Goon

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Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our 2022 school year! I hope that you all enjoyed a restful and happy break. Thank you for your patience and support as we again moved into new restrictions and continued to be flexible in our current context.

There was a really great buzz on Tuesday morning as we welcomed our new Foundation students to St James. They all had their photos taken and were presented with the school prayer and a book so as to continue to nurture their faith and foster their love of reading. Our children are to be congratulated on the way in which they have settled back into school. It was really lovely to hear all of our children excitedly laughing, playing and learning together as they established new routines and built new relationships.

This year, we also welcome many new staff and over the course of the next few newsletters, it is our hope that you get to know them better as they share some information about themselves with you.

Our learning and teaching focus this year is building expert teacher practice which directly impacts on quality student outcomes – spiritual, academic and social emotional. We began this work on Monday, focusing on a whole school approach to curriculum processes, planning and use of student data to meet each student at their point of identified need. This is a very exciting focus for St James this year and ensures that all planning and decision making is centred around our children.

Our students are also looking forward to amazing opportunities for growth with a less disrupted year. Excursions, camps and swimming are scheduled for later in the year when restrictions have eased. We will remain flexible and adaptable and at all times ensure that students' learning and wellbeing is supported.

Thank you again for your support,

Take care,

Bec Kollaris

Principal



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – COVID19

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COVID 19 At School

What happens if COVID-19 is at School?

The school will tell you if there is a case in your child's class.

What do you do?

Use a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on your child.

If they are well and a negative test has been received, they can come to school.

What do I do if my child tests positive?

Notify the school on 5942 5404 or email office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au

Isolate at home for 7 days

Religious Education News

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



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2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The sacramental program always commences very early in the year.

As we enter the period of time that we prepare our Year 3 students who wish to celebrate their First Reconciliation please take note of the **Key Dates** to remember below.

Sacramental Information Evening – Parents Only

7.00pm – Tuesday 15 February – St James, Nar Nar Goon

Commitment Mass

6pm - Saturday 26 February – St James, Nar Nar Goon

Parent/Child Workshop

7.00pm – Tuesday 1 March – St James, Nar Nar Goon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm – Tuesday 22 March - St James, Nar Nar Goon

2023 Enrolments Foundation to Year Six – Spread the Word

We are taking enrolments for 2023!

If you have a student commencing in Foundation in 2023 please email, office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au.

If you have family or friends who may be considering St James next year, please get them to contact the school as soon as possible to avoid a potential wait list. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office.

Student Absences

To avoid having UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES, Parents/Guardians are reminded to inform the School by 9am. Notification can be completed via PAM, phone – 5942 5404 or email to office@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au.

Please provide your child's name, date and the reason for absence.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

If your child will be arriving late to school or you are collecting 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 to ensure minimal disruption is made to the classrooms.

E-Safety

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

More advice and information is available at [Safety Parents](#).



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PAM

Here is the link for the St James Parent Access (PAM).

<https://pam.stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au>

Your username is the email address that you have registered with the school. The first time you log in, we ask that you use the forgotten password feature to set your own password.

ALL parents must access PAM to received up to date information and grant necessary permissions.

MEDICAL INFORMATION – When you update your child’s medical information in PAM – **PLEASE** ensure this is accurate. The school must have current up to date asthma, allergy, anaphylaxis or medical plans for those students identified with these conditions and any other medical conditions such as diabetes or epilepsy. This is to ensure we have relevant information to assist your child with the management of these medical conditions.

School Fees

School Fee statements will be emailed out to families (please check your spam/junk email) in the coming weeks.

If your circumstances have changed and you now have a Pension or Health Care Card please ensure you let the office know. We can then apply for assistance to reduce your school fees.



School Advisory Committee

Committee Members for 2022 are:

Rebecca Kollaris	Fr Avinash George
Gehan Dedigama	Tory Parker
Lizzy Cunningham	Alana Pomeroy
Steph Katta	Justine Langley
Ryan Lawlor	

Parent and Friends

Committee Members for 2022 are:

President	Meagan Rogers
Secretary	Karen Lawlor
Treasurer	Emma Spoard
Advisory Committee Representative	Donna Reilly
AGM	TBA



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School Lunches

School lunches will be provided by Nar Nar Goon Takeaway on a Wednesday and Friday, beginning next Wednesday 9 February.

Please place your child's Name, Class and Order on the front of a paper bag and secure payment inside.

2022 Menu is attached to this Newsletter.

Calendar – Term 1 (Weeks 3-5)

February

Week 4		
Tues	15	Sacramental Information Evening – Nar Nar Goon -7pm
Feb		
		Parent/Teacher Meet and Greets – 4pm – 6pm
Week 5		
Sun	20	P & F - Bunnings BBQ Pakenham – 8am – 4pm
Feb		
Wed	23	Parent/Teacher Meet and Greets – 3.30pm – 6pm
Feb		



January Birthdays	February Birthdays (to 18 Feb)	
Tiahli Dedigama	Harvey Rogers	Tyson Horvath
Liam Hay	Scarlett Dore	Indigo Henwood
Raiden Green	Owen Zimmerling-Leaver	
Chiara Cecere	Joel Grace	
Zoe Panetta	Willem Overdyk	
Piper Galante	Peyton Reilly	
Isla Lemish	Antonio Cecere	
Travis Ilic	Allie Casey	



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2022 Staff Emails

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Year 3/4 SS	Shivonne Stewart	sstewart@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au
Year 5/6 EP	Evan Parker	eparker@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au
Year 5/6 SM	Sonja Moritz	smoritz@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au
	Erin Bolton	ebolton@stjamesnng.catholic.edu.au

Just as in any workplace, there are some parameters around emailins. Our staff will respond to emails within a timely manner. If your email is urgent (such as a change in pick-up arrangements for that day), it is best to contact the office.

Please be mindful of sending emails to staff between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm, as at this time they are teaching and supervising students.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn and play. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. The St James Community acknowledges that we are built on the traditional land of the Bunurong people.



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