



Important Dates

<p>YCS Tuesday 14 May 2024</p>	<p>Assembly 2:40pm - Yr 4 Friday 17 May 2024</p>	<p>Walk to School Day Friday 17 May 2024</p>	<p>Pentecost Mass 9:30am - Led by Yr 5/6 Monday 20 May 2024</p>
<p>School Board Meeting - 7:30pm Monday 20 May 2024</p>	<p>First Communion Parent Education Workshop - 6pm Tuesday 21 May 2024</p>	<p>SAPSASA Boys AFL State Carnival - Mon-Wed Monday 27 May 2024</p>	<p>P & F Meeting - 6:30pm Tuesday 28 May 2024</p>
<p>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Staff Retreat Friday 31 May 2024</p>	<p>First Communion Sacramental Mass 9am Sunday 2 June 2024</p>	<p>SAPSASA Netball Training - 4pm Tuesday 4 June 2024</p>	<p>First Communion Retreat Wednesday 29 May 2024</p>
<p>SAPSASA State Cross Country Thursday 6 June 2024</p>	<p>Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass 9:30am - Led by YR 2/3 Friday 7 June 2024</p>	<p>Assembly 2:40pm - Yr 5/6 Friday 7 June 2024</p>	<p>YCS Tuesday 4 June 2024</p> <p>SAPSASA Yr 4/5/6 Rugby Tag Carnival @ JCS Wednesday 5 June 2024</p>
			<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - King's Birthday Monday 10 June 2024</p>

SAPSASA Soccer
Trials @ JCS 4pm
Wednesday 12 June 2024

SAPSASA Hockey
Trials @ Crystal
Brook 4pm
Wednesday 12 June 2024

Assembly 2:40pm -
Yr R/1
Friday 14 June 2024

School Board
Meeting - 7:30pm
Monday 17 June 2024

SAPSASA Soccer
Trials - 4pm
Monday 17 June 2024

Mary MacKillop
Play - Whole School
Excursion to
Gladstone
Wednesday 19 June 2024

SAPSASA Netball
Carnival - Mon-Wed
Monday 24 June 2024

Assembly 2:40pm -
Yr 2/3
Friday 28 June 2024

Thanksgiving Mass
9:30am - Led by YR
4
Friday 5 July 2024

Prayer and Reflection - Mothers Day



Heavenly Father,

We come before You today in prayer for our mother's. We thank You for their unconditional love and unwavering devotion to us. Bless them with Your grace and provide them with Your strength. We pray that all mothers have families who love and cherish them and friends who will walk alongside them. Bless our mother's according to Your will as we celebrate Mother's Day.

Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 3 newsletter. I hope all mothers had the chance to spend quality time with their children and their families on Mother's Day. We thank our mothers for the love, care and guidance that they provide to us.

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week. The theme is "Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation." The theme chosen by Catholic Education SA seems to be hand chosen for our school as this has become an even bigger focus for our school during 2024. This year, we have embarked on a Nature Play focus where each class spends one lesson per week outdoors in nature in "Wonder Time." Students get to explore and be curious about the world around them. They are encouraged to care for our surroundings and to bring that curiosity back into the class to enhance their learning. Our school also has beautiful nature based playgrounds, which enhances the love of nature and it also promotes problem solving as they navigate the playground. Our students also learn about and practice sustainability by recycling, providing food scraps to our chooks and they spend time in the school's vegetable garden.

Congratulations

Miss Cheriton attended her Graduation Ceremony during the school holidays and received her Bachelor of Education. Congratulations Minnesota. She has made a great start to her teaching career.

Staffing Update

Colleen Broad has concluded her time as a cleaning staff member at St James. She worked diligently for the school for three years, keeping our school clean and we thank her for her hard work.

Employment Opportunity - Cleaner

The school is seeking a Cleaner. Applications close today. The position is 8 hours per week and it is a permanent position. Working days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more details refer to the link; <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/working-with-us/positions-vacant/job-detail/98165>





CATHOLIC IDENTITY

First Communion

We continue to pray for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion.

For the Year 4 students preparing for First Communion the following dates would be important to have in your calendar.

Tuesday 21st May 6:00pm Learning Centre – Parent Workshop

Wednesday 29th May - First Communion Retreat (Moved from Thursday 16th May, you will receive a note via Operoo this week)

Sunday June 2nd 9:00am – Celebration of the Sacrament

Friday 7th June 9:30am (School Mass) or Sunday 9th June – Blessing and Commissioning

Confirmation

Last week, Catholic students in Year 5 and 6 should have received a letter from Fr Harold outlining the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please see Annie O'Reilley if you did not receive a copy of the letter or require more information.

Pentecost

On Sunday 19th May the Church celebrates Pentecost. Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit to inspire the disciples to take Jesus' message of love and forgiveness to others.

The Year 5/6 Class will lead our school in celebrating this important feast day on Monday 20th May. Families are very welcome to join us for Mass at 9:30am.

Mother's Day Mass

Thank you to the Reception and Year One Class for leading us in Mass last Friday, giving thanks for our mothers and to celebrate Mary the mother of Jesus. They did a wonderful job. Thank you to Mrs Stacey for organising a lovely morning tea under the trees for the mother and grandmothers.



SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 Assembly Dates

Each class will host an afternoon assembly throughout the term to showcase the learning that has been taking place. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us. The first Assembly is this;

- Friday 17th May – 2:40pm in the Learning Centre – led by the Year 4 Class

The remaining dates for this term's assemblies are;

Friday 7th June – Year 5/6 – 2:40pm

Friday 14th June – Year R/1 – 2:40pm

Friday 28th June – Year 2/3 – 2:40pm

Pupil Free Days 2024 - Staff Training Days

Staff are required to complete updates and training throughout the year, to enable them to keep up to date and maintain a safe learning environment. The next Pupil Free Day will be based on building Staff Faith Formation and is on;

- Term 2 - Week 5 - Friday 31st May – Staff Religious Retreat Day

The remaining Pupil Free Days this year include;

- Term 3 - Week 1 - Monday 22nd July – Curriculum Day
- Term 4 - Week 1 - Monday 14th October – Curriculum Day
- Term 4 - Week 9 - Friday 13th December – Handover and Curriculum Data Day

Educational Psychologist Visit

As a part of our partnership with Catholic Education South Australia, we provide access to a highly experienced educational psychologist. Trent Ames visits our school every term. With parent permission, he can observe children in class and complete assessments for social and emotional concerns and for academic or learning issues. Trent is available to meet with parents, on request. These services are provided for free. Usually access to this type of service is expensive, requires a long wait of more than 12 months and can mean multiple trips to Adelaide, resulting in parents having to take time of work. This service is offered to compliment the school's approaches to inclusive education. If any parent would like to find out more or has concerns about their child, please make a time to speak to the principal. Trent's next visit in next week on Tuesday 21st May.

School Uniforms

From now on until the end of Term 3, all students are expected to wear the winter uniform. The Summer to Winter Uniform Transition Period is now finished.

Please take the time to check your child's winter uniform for sizing and place orders through the Flexi Schools App. Uniform orders are collated on Wednesday's and sent home on Thursday's.

Mid Year and 2024 Enrolments

St James Mid-Year Enrolments 2024



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Contact us to today to book your Principal's tour
or to find out more information.

In 2024 St James will be offering mid year enrolments. If your child turns 5 before 31st October 2024, they can start school at St James in Term 3 2024 and the school fees are free. Children starting in Reception mid-year will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception. Interest and enrolments are also open for the beginning of 2025. Please contact the school and register your interest and book a discovery school tour. Children who turn 5 on or before 30th April can begin school in Term 1 of 2025.

Second Hand Uniforms Available

St James has a great range of 2nd Hand Uniform items available for families to purchase at significantly reduced prices. Please see staff at the front office for assistance with this.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



The St James School Board wish to acknowledge and congratulate Tash Downing, mother of Ross in Year 1, on being awarded Pharmacist of the Year – South Australia and Northern Territory by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

Well done Tash! The St James School community are very proud and privileged to have you as a part of our school and the Jamestown Community.

Please read the article below which details Tash's work history and valuable contributions to the field.

[Pharmacists recognised for excellence - Australian Pharmacist](#)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Thank you for your donations for last weekend's catering event. Catering for the CFS is a wonderful way to link with our community and it's a great fundraiser for our school. A very big thank you to Billie and Kerry for organising and working at this event. We expect to have 2 more catering events in August and in October and will be asking for more workers at these events.

Our Term 2 meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** in the Learning Centre at **6:30pm**. Please feel very welcome to join us. These meetings are a wonderful place to share ideas and show your support of the school.

SPORTS NEWS

SAPSASA Cross Country

On 1st May, five of our students competed at the SAPSASA North East District Cross Country Trials at the Wilmington Golf Course. Congratulations to Ethan M, Hugh S, Eddie D, Bentley C and Flynn T who have all been selected to compete at the Cross Country Schools State Championships at Oakbank on Thursday 6th June. We wish these students all the best with their training and at the event.



SAPSASA Athletics NE District Trials

The SAPSASA Athletics Trials took place on Tuesday 7th May. Thank you to Ms O'Reilly who took the 18 students across the road to the Jamestown Community School Oval. Congratulations to the following students who will have the opportunity to compete at the State Athletics Championships in Adelaide on Monday 16th September;

- Elkie C – 100m, 200m, Relay
- Alayla K – 100m, Relay
- Indy F – 800m, Long Jump, Relay
- Ethel A – Long Jump, Relay
- Flynn T – 100m, Long Jump
- Fletcher W – 200m, 800m,
- Thomas P – High Jump
- Patrick C – Shot Put
- Thomas C – Discus
- Hugh T – Discus

SAPSASA Boys AFL

The SAPSASA Football Carnival takes place in Adelaide on Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th May during Week 5. Well done to Hugh S, Ethan M and Hamish S who have been selected to represent St James in the NE District AFL Team.

CLASSROOM SNAPSHOT - YR 4

The first two weeks of Term 2 have been a lot of fun for the Year 4 cohort! We have been enjoying a variety of different activities and learning opportunities. On Monday of Week 2, we were lucky enough to enjoy two sessions with Nature Play SA, where we learnt all about the flora and fauna in our local area, and we were given the chance to engage with lots of different nature play activities, including building mini aqueducts, flying kites, constructing teepees, and painting plans for our own creations that could one day be used to help the plants and animals at our school!

In preparation for Mother's Day on the 12th of May, we also spent a lot of time creating lovely gifts and cards for our Mums, to thank them for all they have done for us.



WELLBEING NEWS

At St James we are always striving to improve and support student wellbeing and engagement. We have once again added another layer of support for our students.

Recently we were extremely lucky to have been granted money from Variety, the Children's Charity SA, to establish a sensory room within the school.

Sensory rooms, when effectively used, are a resource to support students' sensory needs so they can achieve their learning goals and be active and engaged learners. They proactively support and respond to the students' sensory needs.

With the money, we have been able to purchase the following items (Included is a brief description outlining how they support regulation) :

Peapod which is like a blow-up canoe, this provides sensory input into the whole body of the child when they lay in it. Deep pressure provides proprioceptive input which calms and regulates the central nervous system.

Cloud sensory beanbag these are filled with a sensory foam that eliminates noise and prevents overstimulation in our students who may already be heightened or have a sensitivity to noise or feel of traditional beanbag filling.

Crash mat which is another item that provides proprioceptive input. Jumping into the soft, crash pad promotes strong tactile senses especially in our autistic children.

Blackout sensory tent which reduces sensory input and provides a safe and non-stimulating space for children to calm down and refocus.

Lycra tunnel this hugs around the child's body resulting in deep pressure touch which is controlled by the child as they make their way through it. This stimulation releases serotonin in the brain, in turn helping child to be calm, relaxed, concentrate on a task.

We would like to thank and acknowledge all the fundraisers, sponsors and supporters of Variety, the children's charity SA, for their generous donation and support of our school. We know our students will greatly benefit from the new room.



We acknowledge the Ngadjuri people, traditional custodians of this land.



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 27TH MAY

Convenor: Bern M

Worker: Louise G

Cakes: Sam C & Peta C

MONDAY 3RD JUNE

Convenor: Annie O

Worker: Anna S

Cakes: Mel C & Dette C

Parish Mass

SUNDAY 19TH MAY

Welcomers: Martin K & Anne- Marie S

Servers: Lucy L, Saddie R & Colbie C

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

Welcomers: Luke & Dette C & Family

Servers: Will P, Tom P & Ethan M

Bounce into dance and cheer in 2024 at Hip Hop Bounce



You are invited to join us at our studio at the RSL Clubrooms in **Jamestown!**

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Join us for a Secondary Campus Tour
and Morning Tea on
Wednesday 15 May, 9.30am

Register at: smc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/tours

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Hold on to your legs and don't close your eyes! Mike Rolls and Ben Pettingill, also known as Legless & Blind, are rolling into Jamestown and you won't want to miss it.

Mike and Ben are a couple of great mates that are down to earth, love having a laugh but also know how to talk about the tough stuff in life. Both of these fellas know first hand what it's like to face tough times and battle with their mental health. Mike contracted Meningococcal at 18 resulting in the loss of his legs and Ben lost 98% of his eyesight overnight at 16. Throw these two incredible stories together with a few laughs and the importance of looking after yourself and your mates and it is a session that everyone can take something away from.

Ladies, join the boys on Tuesday the 14th of May at the Jamestown Golf Club for a real, raw and relatable session that will provide you with plenty of take aways for yourself as well as providing insights into supporting the men in your life.

Blokes, join the fellas on Wednesday the 15th of May at the Jamestown Golf Club for a laugh and a yarn about some of the tougher stuff in life and the importance of looking after yourself and banding together.

THE PROGRAM

LADIES NIGHT

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Jamestown Golf Club from 6:00pm

BLOKES NIGHT

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Jamestown Golf Club from 6:00pm

THE TALKIN TOUGH ROADSHOW
IS PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
MIKE ROLLS & BEN PETTINGILL FROM

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