



Week 3 Term 1, 2025

Important Dates

P & F AGM -
6.30pm

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Leader Induction
Mass - Yr 5/6
9.30am

Friday 14 February 2025

Sports Day Morning

Friday 7 March 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” **Psalms 119:105 (NIV)**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We've had a fantastic start to the year, with the first two weeks flying by! The children have been absolutely excellent, settling in well and showing great enthusiasm. Our dedicated staff are working hard to create a positive and engaging environment for everyone. We're excited for what the rest of the year will bring!

We would like to invite all parents and friends to attend the Parents and Friends AGM this Tuesday night at 6:30pm. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the year ahead, get involved with our community, and contribute to shaping our activities and events. We'd love to see you there!

A big thank you to everyone who has already dedicated their time to the OP SHOP, our major fundraiser. Your hard work in setting up is truly appreciated, and we are excited to see the success this event will bring. We encourage everyone to drop by and support this wonderful cause.

Lastly, due to the forecasted hot weather this week, please note that children will have limited access to outdoor play for their safety and

comfort. We appreciate your understanding and support as we keep the children cool and hydrated during these warmer days.

Thankyou for your continued involvement and support of our school community!

Martin Hayes

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

SCHOOL FEES

Statements will be going out tomorrow, If you have any questions, please make a time to speak with Helen and/or Martin regarding these.

SCHOOL CARDS

Just a reminder that School Card applications are now open and we strongly encourage families to check the eligibility thresholds, in the link below.

If you're family are eligible you will receive financial assistance with a reduction in school fees.

To qualify for a School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit, which depends on how many dependent children you have.

The income limits for applications lodged in 2025 are based on your family's gross income 2023-2024

Find out more https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0MABJqOf2oFcOrZU97tc2yRVBUHjLbUGv767NtUDWeeZkgNLPi8wHIK54_aem_wYYnnweiX-M5w5dq5tcTlg

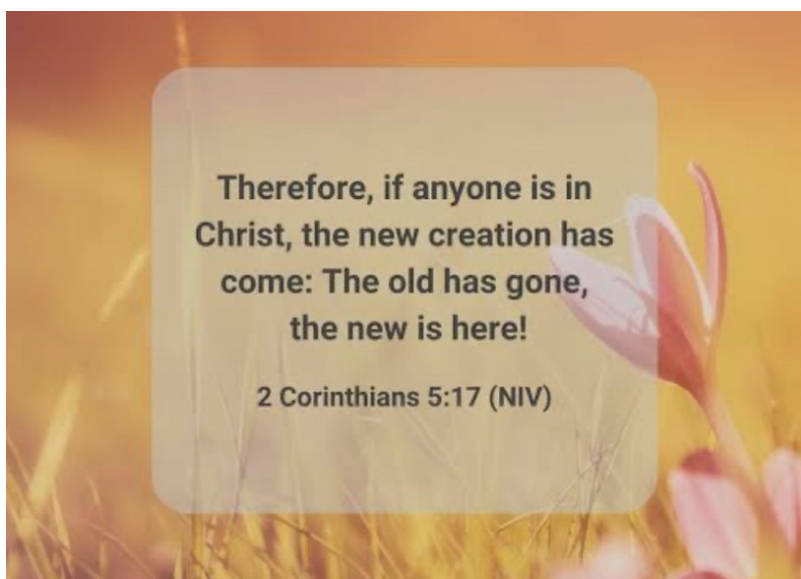
If you have any questions please contact the school front office.

CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

If you are concerned about your ability to pay school fees, we strongly encourage you to have a discussion with the Principal or Finance Officer. We believe a family's financial circumstances should not be a barrier to a student accessing a Catholic education.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Lord, as we step into new beginnings this February, grant us the courage to embrace change and the wisdom to navigate new paths. Fill our hearts with hope and determination. Amen.



STUDENT INDUCTION MASS

This Friday at 9:30am in the St James Church, we will have our first official mass of the school year, led by the Year 5/6 class. At this time, our student leadership will be inducted and commissioned, as well as presented with their badges. All parents, grandparents, parishioners and extended families are most welcome to join us.

After the Mass there will be goodies to purchase to support the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser. All are welcome to join us afterwards to support this worthy cause.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

AGM

This Tuesday night, the Parents and Friends will be holding their Annual General Meeting. We warmly invite you to join us in the Learning Centre at 6:30pm. There's no obligation to take on a role unless you'd like one, but we'd love to have more members on the committee to continue the wonderful work that many families have contributed to the school over the years.

OP SHOP

The Pop-Up Op Shop is up and running, and donations are coming in! We would greatly appreciate any help with sorting items. If you're unable to attend our sorting sessions on Wednesdays (9-11 AM or 6:30-9 PM), feel free to stop by at a time that suits you best and place items with others of the same category. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

The committee is also looking to borrow white folding tables for the month of March. If you have one available, please contact Bel Heness.

We continue to accept donations! You can drop them off on the front porch of the hall at any time.

The Pop-Up Op Shop will take place on March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

CATERING EVENT – MARCH 29TH

The P&F are catering for the Northern Areas Show Association Award dinner. We are not asking parents to donate food for the event but are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 29th March.

I will prepare as much food as possible prior to the event but will still need some helpers for a morning shift and then for the night shift. We are also looking for some waitresses (happy to have some past students or year 6's that might be happy to help).

This will be a really great fundraiser for the school so please consider helping out. If you think you can help, please message or call me on 0475 065 467.

Thanks Sam Catlin

SPORT

SPORTS DAY – Week 6 – Friday 7th March

Our Sports Day is fast approaching. Sports Day takes place at the end of Week 6 on Friday, 7th March.;

- 8:55am - Students JCS Oval and meet their class teacher
- 9:15am – Welcome, Prayer Service and Health Hustle
- 9:30am – Long distances running races
- 10:00am – Tabloid events
- 11:00am – Sprints
- 11:30am – Relays and Team events
- 12:00pm – Trophy Presentations
- 12:30pm – Conclusion, pack up and dismissal of students

*Please note that while every effort will be made to adhere to the timetable set out in the Sports Day program, we may run ahead of or behind time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always thankful for the assistance our parents provide at our Sports Day. Please contact Judy Walkington or Tammi Kitschke at

the front office if you are able to assist on the day with any of the following - Scoring, judging or starting. Thank you in advance!

SPORTS DAY UNIFORM

Students will need to wear their school PE uniform shorts with a plain POLO SHIRT in their team colour. If you have any difficulty sourcing a polo shirt, please let us know at the front office as soon as possible. We have a few spare shirts.

ST JAMES – RED	ST MARY'S – BLUE (Royal Blue)	ST JOSEPH'S - GOLD
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Hats are compulsory on sports day so please make sure your child has a hat.

WELLBEING

At St James School, we place a strong emphasis on student wellbeing, recognising its vital role in academic success. Guided by CESA policies, the LearnWell framework, and current educational research, we understand that a strong sense of wellbeing enables students to develop confidence, independence, and a sense of responsibility. This foundation empowers them to take positive risks and fully engage in their learning and community.

We are committed to providing a strengths-based learning environment that fosters developmentally appropriate challenges for every student. Through a positive education approach, we support students in understanding themselves, recognising how they learn, and developing the skills to become self-regulated, lifelong learners.

Our staff work closely with caregivers to build a strong support network around each child. By fostering a strong connection between home and school, we create the best opportunities for students to reach their full potential.

How We Support Student Wellbeing

- Wellbeing Agreement: We have developed a school-wide wellbeing agreement that highlights our shared responsibility in supporting student wellbeing.
- Dedicated Wellbeing Lessons: Weekly lessons provide opportunities for students to connect with each other, explore emotions, build emotional literacy, and develop respectful relationships.
- The Resilience Project: Students participate in weekly activities focused on gratitude, empathy, resilience, and mindfulness.
- Outdoor Learning & Nature Engagement: We encourage students to interact beyond the classroom, building connections, problem-solving, and sharing learning experiences in natural environments. The benefits of engaging with nature include improved concentration, motivation, creativity, and social skills, along with reduced conflict and a stronger appreciation for the environment.
- Targeted Support Programs: We offer one-on-one and small group programs addressing social and emotional skills, change and loss, and other specific needs.

Additional Wellbeing Initiatives

- Breakfast Club: Toast, cereal and fruit is available every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in our breakout space.
- Community Freezer: Providing meals for families in need, donations from our supportive school community are always welcome.

If you feel your child or family could benefit from additional St James support, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help!

Wishing our school community a great week!

Sandra Gresch - Wellbeing Leader

ASSEMBLIES

The Year 1/2 Class will be running assembly next Friday 21st Feb at 2:40pm (Week 4) in the Learning Centre. We look forward to hearing more about what the students in this class have been up to so far this term. All parents, grandparents and families welcome.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you so much to all the parents and families that supported our Parent Information Night on Wednesday of Week 1. We appreciate

your attendance at nights like these to come together as a school community to celebrate the beginning of the school year, welcome our new families, and ensure you receive accurate key information from your children's class teachers for the year ahead. We are so excited about the 2025 school year and all the opportunities it will bring.

STUDENT CROSSING TRAINING

Students in the year 5/6 class will participate in School Crossing Monitor training on Tuesday 18th February at 12:00pm. This will be lead by Senior Constable Jason Thiele. Students who are crossing monitors are required to be trained on a yearly basis. Please keep an eye out for consent forms for this that will be sent home this week that need to be returned prior to this training.

LITTLE JIMMIES PLAYGROUP

We are pleased to share that we will be running our Little Jimmies playgroup again this year at St James School. It will be running in even weeks on Thursdays from 9:30-11am, beginning in Week 4. Little Jimmie's is open to ALL children from ages 0 – 5. Feel free to follow the Little Jimmies playgroup facebook page for regular updates and information. Spread the word and we hope to see many old and new faces each fortnight.



1/2 CLASS NEWS

We have had an excellent start to the year in 1/2! There has been lots of fantastic listening, creativity, and working together.

In our literacy block, we have been working hard on our Bookmaking, and learning about what looks different about Bookmaking in 1/2. We have started our Little Learners program recapping some of our sound learning from last year, but this week we will dive deeper into some more sounds. We have been doing lots of reading - independently, in pairs and as a whole class. We have explored lots of picture books, and have begun our class novel for this term: *The Magic Faraway Tree*. We are already very excited about what Frannie, Joe, Beth and Rick have been up to, and each day can't wait to see what happens next!

In our maths block, we have been learning that we are mathematicians. We learnt that:

- Everyone can be a mathematician
- Mathematicians model, represent and explain their thinking
- Mathematicians make mistakes, which help their brains grow
- Mathematicians stick at it and keep trying

This week we are beginning to look more at counting, quantities and place value.

In health, we have begun our learning in *The Resilience Project*, and *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum*. In HASS we are learning about our families and how they have changed compared to the past. In science we have started learning about living things. This week we will start our learning about digital technologies and safe communication.

In religion we have started exploring this year's diocesan theme: *Seeds of Hope*.

We watched some videos and discussed what seeds of hope might mean:

- We are seeds of hope – Violet T
- When we are born we are hope for the world – Macy
- Seeds of hope make more kindness every day – Eddie

Today we had some good discussions about what community means and how we can be seeds of hope in the community. We made some cakes and biscuits to deliver to Wilmington for the CFS volunteers and crews that have been working on the fire since last week. We wrote some cards and letters to go with the food, and also letters for students at Wilmington Primary School. We reflected on the following verse and psalm about how God will always be with us to help and guide us, and bring us out of challenging times, and prayed for all those affected.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." (Isaiah 43:2)

"You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance." (Psalm 66:12)



MUSIC NEWS

The school is fortunate to have Paul Gibson teaching music lessons to all classes each week. He has some exciting lessons planned, offering our students wonderful experiences with a variety of instruments and styles of music. The younger classes especially enjoyed singing along while Paul played his guitar.



CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER

This Friday we are supporting the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser by encouraging all St James students and staff to wear red or a touch of red for a Gold Coin donation. There will also be goodies to purchase after mass on Friday. All proceeds will go directly towards supporting research and resources for individuals and families living with cystic fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a disease that mostly affects your lungs and digestive system, and limits life expectancy.

Currently, there is no cure for CF. Let's get behind this very worthy cause that is close to all of our hearts and paint St James School red this Friday.

If you would like to attend the CF fundraising event, "Paint the Town Red" on Friday night, follow this link to purchase tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXWGB>



SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board Meeting for the year takes place next Monday, 17th February at 7:00pm. The School Board monitors the governance of the school including policies, procedures, finances, legislative requirements, WH&S and maintenance. The School Board

also monitors enrolments, academic results and strategic plans.

The School Board AGM takes place on Monday 17th March at 7:30pm. If you are interested in nominating or you wish to nominate a member of the school community, please contact the Acting Principal, Martin Hayes or the School Board Chairperson, Matt Hale.

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Representatives from CESA met with the staff and School Board last week as part of their consultation process. The understanding is that from this they will go away and put together an application package and then advertise the position in the next few weeks.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Just a reminder that students should not be entering the school grounds until 8:30am. If your child is riding or walking to school, please remind them of this also and to not leave home too early. The yard and indoor spaces are supervised from 8:30am. We want to ensure your children are supervised adequately at all times. We appreciate your support with this.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Parents are asked to notify the school when their child/children are absent from school. For Pastoral Care and legal reasons, we require an explanation for all student absence. When children are absent from school, the school should be notified by 9.15am via phone call (08 8637 9100)

In the case of planned absence, a message via Seesaw, personal notification to the teacher or front office or phone call, prior to the absence is required. Absence of more than 5 school days must be discussed by the parent with the Principal.

In the case of unplanned absence, on the day, a phone call or written note sent with a sibling prior to 9.15am is required.

In the event that a student's absence has not been notified, an SMS message will be sent to parents asking for an explanation. We appreciate parent's prompt reply.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Throughout the school year we offer the opportunity for children to order books through Scholastic. The school receives book vouchers from our sales, but we stress there is no obligation to purchase.. Please place all orders online through LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

MID YEAR AND 2025 ENROLMENTS

In 2025 St James will be offering mid year enrolments. If your child **turns 5 before 31st October 2025**, they can start school at St James in Term 3 2025 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 2026. 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 2026.**

St James School



Mid-Year Enrolments 2025 now open

Everyone is welcome at our school.

If your child turns 5 before 31st October 2025,
they can start school at StJames in Term 3 2025.



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

principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au 8637 9100

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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Convenor: Belinda H

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Dette C

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Convenor: Annie O

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Alice P

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Convenor: Suanne R

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Rebecca D

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Welcomers: Jaimie & Scott C

Servers: Colbie C, Lottie & Rosie R

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Welcomers: Denis & Mary C

Servers: Patrick & Tom C, Eddie D

SUNDAY 2nd March

Welcomers: Kerry & Jed S

Servers: Ethan M, Hugh S, Hugh T

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

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PAINT THE TOWN RED STREET PARTY

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

Live band- Gen X
Full bar facilities
Cocktail bar
Champagne tent
Clare Valley Gin
Hither & Yon wines
Celebrity guests
Dessert bar
Silent + live auctions
Amazing food

*Bus
available*

TICKETS \$120 INCLUDES FOOD, FUN + MUSIC

FRIDAY 14 FEB 2025

CUMNOCK STREET PARTY JAMESTOWN

BARS OPEN AT 4PM

FOOD AND MUSIC FROM 6PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Cocktail dress
with a splash of RED

To learn more about CF and buy tickets:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CXWGB>

PRE-PAID TICKETS ONLY FOR CATERING

2025 is your time to shine at Hip Hop Bounce



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

With the exclusive HHB syllabus, you can learn multiple styles of dance in one easy, great value class

- ★ **Street** = Hip Hop + Funk + Breakdance
- ★ **Studio** = Jazz + Ballet + Contemporary
- ★ **Studio-Street** = Hip Hop + Jazz + Funk
- ★ **Bounce All Stars** = Tumble + Cheer + Pom
- ★ **Minis (4-5 yrs)** = Street + Studio + Bounce All Stars
- ★ **Little Bouncer Club (2-3yrs)** = Street + Studio + Bounce All Stars



Also in Jamestown

- ★ Teacher-Training
- ★ Local mid-year performance
- ★ With even more options available at HHBHQ, Port Pirie

For ages 2 to adults, there's something for everyone!

With recreational, performance, vocational and competitive options we have the course to fulfil your dreams.

Our passion is working with you to help you shine your very brightest.

Enrol now to put the Bounce in your step and thrive in the HHB Propelling Potential experience.



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