



## Important Dates

**Mary MacKillop Day**  
Tuesday 8 August 2023

**First Reconciliation  
Parent Night - 6pm**  
Wednesday 9 August 2023

**SAPSASA Soccer  
Training 4:15-  
5:15pm**  
Wednesday 9 August 2023

**Yr 5/6 Excursion to  
School of Rock**  
Thursday 10 August 2023

**School Board  
Meeting 7:30pm**  
Monday 14 August 2023

**Yr 5/6 -  
Masterminds  
Excursion @ JCS**  
Monday 14 August 2023

**SAPSASA Soccer  
Carnival - Adel  
(Wed-Fri)**  
Wednesday 16 August 2023

**East of Ranges  
Practice for Yr. 5/6**  
Friday 11 August 2023

**SRC Fundraiser - PJ  
Day**  
Thursday 17 August 2023

**Liturgy led by Yr  
3/4 - Learning  
Centre 9:30am**  
Friday 18 August 2023

**Book Week Parade  
- 9am**  
Monday 21 August 2023

**SAPSASA Athletics  
trials at JCS**  
Wednesday 23 August 2023

**Year 3 First  
Reconciliation - 6pm**  
Wednesday 23 August 2023

**Catholic School  
Open Week - Open  
Morning 9-11am**

SAPSASA  
Basketball Kadina  
Friday 25 August 2023

Year 1/2 Assembly -  
2:40pm  
Friday 25 August 2023

Junior Jimmies -  
First Session  
8:55am  
Wednesday 30 August 2023

Father's Day  
Breakfast & Liturgy  
- 8am  
Thursday 31 August 2023

## STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 1 September 2023

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## PRAYER AND REFLECTION



Tuesday 8th August is Mary MacKillop Day, Australia's first saint. This is a significant day for our school, as Mary MacKillop's order founded our school in 1880. The Josephite sisters contributed to our school in many immeasurable ways, over many years with faith filled service, with mission to provide Catholic education to children in our rural town.

### Mary MacKillop Prayer

God of the Pilgrim, Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will. May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us to hope as we bring our prayer before you. May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth and our Life. Amen

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Term 3, Week 3 Newsletter. All students have settled back into school routines. It is a pleasure to visit classes and see the learning that is taking place. Thank you to parents who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews last week. I remind parents that our approachable teachers are available for parent teacher interviews at any time of the year. Should the need arise, please make contact with your child's teacher to book a convenient time.

### 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 for two days, 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 our 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 me.

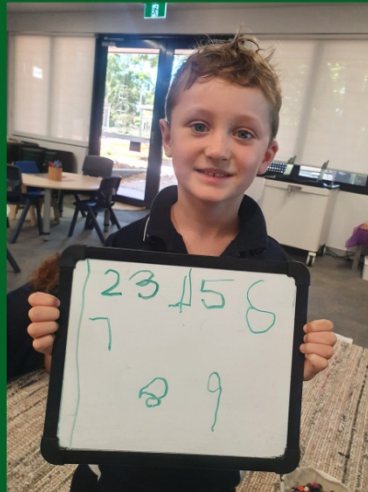
## JUNIOR JIMMIES



# Junior Jimmies



## Transition Program



**St James is excited to offer a  
FREE Transition Program  
for 2024 Reception Students**

Term 3 - Wednesday's on a fortnightly basis  
30th Aug, 13th Sept & 27th Sept

Term 4 - Wednesday's on a weekly basis  
18th Oct - 29th November

**For more information or to register for the Junior Jimmies  
Transition program please email Evan Wrobel at  
[principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stjames.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8637 9100**

Junior Jimmies is here to make the transition to school seamless and exciting.

Junior Jimmies runs over Terms 3 & 4, offering an extended transition to school program that ensures children feel confident and prepared for school. Beginning with 2.5-hour sessions at school, our program gradually increases to a full-day experience towards the end, allowing children to grow their confidence in their new school environment.

**Session Times - Starting 30th August (Wednesday's fortnightly Term 3 and Wednesday's weekly in Term 4 for a total of 10 sessions)**

- The first 8 sessions will be run for 2.5hr (8:55 – 11:20am)
- The 2nd last session (22nd November) will run until the end of lunch (1:45pm)
- The final session (29th November) will run for a full day.

Junior Jimmies will be led by Mrs Ellie Stacey, who is an experienced educator that understands the unique needs of young learners. Mrs Stacey will create a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters growth and development.

**Sessions will be held in our General-Purpose Learning spaces. There will be some interaction with the current Reception class and specialist teachers throughout the program.**

We believe in providing equal opportunities for all children, regardless of their background and that is why we offer our transition program for **FREE!**

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### Mary MacKillop JJJ Day

This Tuesday 8th August (Week 3), we celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. Each year, we join together with St Joseph's School Gladstone and St. Joseph's School Peterborough for a Mass followed by activities at one of our schools. This year we will be travelling to Peterborough. This day is celebrated to recognise Australia's first saint and to celebrate that her Josephite sisters founded our three schools. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a sausage, cupcake and a fruit box for lunch on the day. Please check your Operoo note for further information about what your child might need to bring on the day. Students and staff will be leaving school by 9:30am and returning to school by 2:45pm.

Students are asked to wear their PE Uniform tomorrow for this excursion.

### Year 3 First Reconciliation Parent Night

Just a reminder that we are hosting a Parent and Child Reconciliation Information Night this Wednesday 9th August at 6pm in the Learning Centre for Year 3 families involved in undertaking their First Reconciliation. Students will then go on to celebrate their First Reconciliation at the St James Church on Wednesday 23rd August at 6pm.

### Year 3/4 Class Assumption of Mary Liturgy and SRC Leaders Induction for Semester 2

The Year 3/4 Class will be leading us in a liturgy on Friday of Week 4 (18th August) in the Learning Centre at 9:30am to celebrate the Assumption of Mary. At the end of this liturgy, we will be presenting students (Reception, Yr 1/2 & Yr 3/4) who have been elected as SRC members with their badges for this semester. The Year 5/6 students remain elected all year.

### Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy - SAVE THE DATE

Our school will host a Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy on Thursday 31st August (Week 6). All fathers and father like figures are most welcome to join us with their child from 8:00am for breakfast and to visit classrooms. The Year 1/2 Class will then lead a whole school Liturgy in the Learning Centre at 9am. A Breakfast Order Form will be sent home soon.

# PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Your School Photo Day is on

Tuesday 12  
September 2023



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St James School

## HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

**Step 1.**

Click here or go to our ordering portal

<https://stjameschool-sa.msp.photos/>

**Step 2.**

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

**Online ordering closes  
Tuesday 12 September 2023**

*An archive fee applies after this date*

Enter your child's surname and birthdate and you are ready to start ordering. Once logged in, you can also order for siblings and family photos.

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed BEFORE your last photo day.



### Staffing Update

Reminder - Mrs Cathy Kelly will be taking 7 weeks of long service leave starting at the end of this week. Ms O'Reilley will be covering Mrs Kelly's teaching duties on a fortnightly basis in the Year 5/6 Class. Mr Wrobel will take on the Inclusive Education and Literacy Leader roles for this 7 week period. We wish Mrs Kelly all the best during her long service leave.

### Two Remaining School Closure Days for 2023

There are two School Closure Days planned for the second half of 2023. These include;

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Curriculum Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec (Last school day of the year) – Curriculum, Data and Handover Day

### Year 5/6 Students to Visit Jamestown Community School

The Year 5/6 Class will visit Jamestown Community School next Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August for a "Master Mind Games Day." The day is designed to provide senior primary students with a taste of life in a secondary school.

### PJ Day

The Student Representative Council have organised a PJ Fundraiser Day for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August. All students are invited to wear their PJs and slippers for the day. We ask that students bring runners to wear at playtimes. The cost is a gold coin donation. Funds will go towards the Mary MacKillop Today Foundation.

### Book Week - SAVE THE DATE

Book Week is in Week 5. This year the theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire.' The annual dress up parade will be on **Monday morning 21<sup>st</sup> Aug at 9am**. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character or related to the theme. We look forward to seeing the creativity of the costumes. All parents are welcome to attend the parade and the displays in the Learning Centre during Week 5.

### Stranger Danger

I would like to remind all parents to have a conversation with their children about stranger danger. Recently, there were a few students from our school who were approached by a stranger outside of school hours. Luckily, they responded appropriately. Class teachers will also talk to students about this important safety message too.

### LLL Parents Surveys - Reminder

Every year, we send home a survey to parents to gather feedback about our school. The results are used to develop strategic goals for the school for the following year. Catholic Education SA (CESA) has developed a survey tool, to gather the feedback about how our school is performing. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to tell us how things are going for you and your child/ren. There are no wrong or right answers and no individual data is collected. Results are presented in charts and tables as a collective set of data. The school highly values feedback from parents. We hope that many parents will take the time to complete the survey. **Attached** to the newsletter email is a page including a QR code to scan for access to the survey. Alternatively, a web address at the top of the letter can be entered into an internet browser. There is a unique survey code to use as well, which can be found in the top banner of the letter. The closing date of the survey is this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you in anticipation for your responses.

### Lost Property

Please ensure your child's jumper & clothing is clearly named. We have a growing collection of unnamed items in the "Lost Property" Box. Lots of lunch containers as well. Please call in and check if anything belongs to your family.

### Book Club

Book club catalogues were sent home last Friday. Please place any orders online through LOOP. Orders close this Friday, the 11th of August (Week 3).

### P & F Meeting

Please note that the next P & F Meeting is Tuesday the 22nd of August at 6:30pm. This was previously listed as Tuesday the 8th of August in the **Important Dates** section of our Newsletter. We apologise for any confusion.

## YEAT 5/6 CLASS SNAPSHOT

# 20 things we should say more often...

1. Happy Birthday!
2. Bless your little cotton socks!
3. Cheesecake!
4. The world is a better place with you in it
5. Good Job!
6. Sup Bro!
7. Please
8. Cheers!
9. Lads!
10. How are you?
11. Bless You
12. Good boy/ girl
13. You look beautiful!
14. I am here for you!
15. Better luck next time!
16. You tried really hard today
17. You are a good friend!
18. Thank-You!
19. I am sorry
20. Be kind to yourself

By the year 5/6 class

are to put a smile on peoples faces and others are to make people feel better about themselves.

We recognised that positive words have an impact on how people feel.

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

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



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## Tuck Roster



### MONDAY 14TH AUGUST

**Convenor:** Annie O'Reilley

**Worker:** Louise Green

**Cakes:** Jess Alexander & Kim Hyland

### MONDAY 21ST AUGUST

**Convenor:** Bern McCarthy

**Worker:** Sophie Home

**Cakes:** Narelle Richmond & Lisa Simpson

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## Parish Mass

**SUNDAY 13th August**

**Welcomers:** Sara & Adrian Clark



Servers: Ned & Sid Clark

SUNDAY 20th August

Welcomers: Ellie & Chris Stacey & Family

Servers: Harriet Stacey & Bowie Sheridan

# Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie work in partnership with parents\* and their school communities to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each child. This charter provides the principles and expectations to achieve this partnership.

\* Parents is a collective term that includes carers and legal guardians

A thriving relationship between parents and schools provides a powerful environment for the flourishing of each and every child. Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.

## The Partnership recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing
- The contribution that parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students in our schools.

## 1 Parents

### Our parents can expect their child's school will:

- Provide an excellent holistic education inspired by Catholic teachings and traditions
- Ensure high quality curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices are delivered
- Strive to create an inclusive environment which values and respects the diversity of faith and cultures across the school community
- Model Christian values with all members of the school community
- Provide timely and accurate information on their child's progress
- Communicate clearly and effectively to enable a mutually supportive environment
- Provide staff with professional development opportunities to maintain currency and expertise
- Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, including through the use of technology and social media
- Encourage parents to ask questions and speak to their child's teacher or member of the school leadership team at a mutually convenient time
- Allow any concern to be heard and commit to ongoing respectful relationships
- Address parent concerns in accordance with the school's grievance procedure and the Complaint Response and Resolution Procedure (CESA).

## 2 Schools

### Our schools can expect that parents will:

- Act as positive advocates and first educators for their children
- Work in partnership with schools and parishes to achieve the best possible outcome for each student
- Support the spiritual and faith culture of the school
- Support their child's learning at school and home
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Model respectful behaviour within the school community in both real and digital worlds
- Listen, talk collaboratively and share relevant information with teachers and school staff to understand and resolve any issues and concerns
- Respect the privacy of every member of the school community - students, parents and staff
- Support the school expectations and guidelines that are in place for the wellbeing and effective learning of students
- Contribute to a safe school community where intimidation, bullying or harassment are not acceptable behaviours
- Adhere to the financial commitments made at the time of enrolment including payment of all fees and levies in a timely manner
- Promote and encourage a collective responsibility to support the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools.



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