



Week 3 Term 4, 2024

Important Dates

WEEK 3
 Monday 28 October 2024

P & F Meeting -
 6.30pm
 Tuesday 29 October 2024

YCS - 3:15pm
 Tuesday 29 October 2024

Yr 4 Woodhouse
Camp
 Thursday 31 October 2024

Yr 4 Woodhouse
Camp
 Friday 1 November 2024

ALL SAINTS DAY
Mass 9.30am Yr 2/3
 Friday 1 November 2024

WEEK 4
 Monday 4 November 2024

No Buses Running -
JCS Student Free
Day
 Friday 8 November 2024

Assembly Yr 2/3 -
2.40pm
 Friday 8 November 2024

Remembrance Day
Service - 10.45am
 Monday 11 November 2024

WEEK 5
 Monday 11 November 2024

Hot Shots Tennis Yr
3-6
 Wednesday 13 November 2024

Grandparents Day
Mass R/1 - 9.30am
 Friday 15 November 2024

WEEK 6
 Monday 18 November 2024

Assembly R/1 -
2.40pm
 Friday 22 November 2024

WEEK 7 - Swimming
Lessons - 25-29
Nov
 Monday 25 November 2024

WEEK 8

WEEK 9

Thanksgiving Mass

PRAYER AND REFLECTION - World Teachers Day

Loving God,

You came among us as a teacher, healer and saviour.

On this World Teachers' Day, bless your teachers

Help them become even more joyful disciples and profound echoes of your wisdom,

Bless our teachers with the gifts of Your truth, beauty and goodness.

Bless them with integrity, so that they bring Your words to life.

Bless them with courage and perseverance to walk the paths You have laid out.

We pray in the name of Jesus

who knows all too well the challenges and joys of being a teacher,

Amen



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 3 Newsletter. Last Friday, we celebrated World Teachers' Day. We thank them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower learners. We thank our teachers for their service to the students, the ongoing training they complete and for the care, compassion and kindness they display to students and their families. Our teachers are all wonderful professionals that display great dedication. Thank you to the Parents and Friends for the morning tea that was supplied last Friday, it was very much appreciated.

Staffing Update

Joanne Daly – Cleaner will be taking some well earned leave for the remainder of year. We welcome back Colleen Broad, who will take on Joanne's duties in her absence.

Family Engagement

We understand that parent / caregiver engagement goes hand in hand with student wellbeing and success and productive communication with parents / caregivers is an essential feature of a positive school culture.

Digital technologies have greatly assisted in this regard and the use of parent / caregiver information apps, social media (for general school information), school website and the use of email communication directly with staff is now routine.

We appreciate that parent / caregiver expectations as to staff accessibility have evolved in the context of enhanced digital communication practices. While representing efficient modes of communication, the breadth of digital communication options can create 'availability creep' where school employees become more accessible in locations and at times of the day, weekends and during periods of leave when they should be able to disconnect from work.

Indeed, recent laws have taken effect which provide school employees a right to disconnect. In the interests of respecting the rights of our staff and recognising the importance of facilitating and promoting healthy communication, we are introducing the following as standard protocol during term time:

- Noting our staff spend a significant amount of their workday focussing on teaching or other activities applicable to their roles, staff will endeavour to respond to parent / caregiver communications requesting a response within 48 hours, noting staff will discern whether an urgent matter requires a shorter response timeframe; and
- Parents / caregivers are encouraged to contact the school front office in the first instance for general information.

We ask that parents and caregivers be mindful and supportive of the above. Thank you for your understanding.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

All Saints Day

This Friday 1st of November, the church celebrates All Saints Day. The Year 2/3 Class will lead us in celebrating Mass with the parish at 9:30am.

Grandparent's Day

On Friday, 15th November, we would like to honour Grandparents and other special figures in our lives. Grandparents, families, and special friends are invited to Mass at 9:30am, which will be led by the R/1 Class, followed by morning tea under the trees. Children will be sending out invites soon, so please mark this date on your calendar.

Welcome to God's Family

Congratulations to Willow Heness who received the Sacrament of Baptism on the weekend. We hope it was a special time for the entire family.

Vinnies Sleep Out

Our school community should be proud of the 19 Mini Vinnies who "slept rough" to raise funds and awareness for homelessness in Australia. The evening began with activities designed to deepen their understanding of the issue, followed by 20 minutes of solitary reflection, allowing them to experience the loneliness of sitting on the street with limited human connection.

Throughout the night, all the children stayed outside, braving the cool air, bright lights, dew, and barking dogs, with some even sleeping on only cardboard boxes.

To conclude the experience, they shared their reflections during church and hosted a morning tea for parishioners who generously donated to the *St Vincet De Paul, Spring Appeal*. A special thank you goes to Eliza Simpson, who spent the night with us and shared her experience from participating in this activity at St. Mark's. We also thank Georgia Parisotto for her assistance and for staying overnight (ask her about her encounter with a wandering cat!). The following are some reflections from the children:

- *Next time I see a homeless person, I will see if I can talk to them. (Ethan)*
- *Next time I see a homeless person, I will say hello and not stare. (Alayla)*
- *A homeless person isn't just the person sitting on the street, they can be people who are couch surfing or escaping an unsafe house. (Bentley)*
- *We should be thankful for all the things we have because not everyone has them. (Harriet)*
- *We should all be friendly and ask if they need help. (Sadie)*
- *We should all support the homeless. (Hugh S)*





GALA DAY

Gala Day

Teaching social justice is a priority for all Catholic Education and Gala Day is one small we do this at St James. For some students, this is their favourite day of the year. Many wonderful stalls were set up not only for fun but to raise money for the work of the Catholic Mission both here in Australia and overseas. Attractions included a tattoo parlour, haunted house, boot toss, face painting, and much, much more.

We thank the families for supporting the children in organizing their stalls. It was also heartening to see so many community members come together for the event. St. James has consistently been one of the highest contributors per capita to Catholic Missions during mission month, and this year will be no different – congratulations and thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS

Remembrance Day – Walking Excursion – 11th November

The Jamestown RSL have invited all students to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Memorial Park on the 11th of November (Monday – Week 5). The service commences at 10:45. As this is a walking excursion, parent permission is not required. Should the weather not be favourable, the RSL will be holding the service at the RSL Hall and this would mean that only the school captains and the principal would attend the service and the rest of the school will take part in a service back at school.

Pupil Free Day 2024

The final Pupil Free Day this year will be held on;

- Term 4 - Week 9 - Friday 13th December – Curriculum Day

School Buses

Bus families - please note that Jamestown Community School have one remaining Student Free Day. This means there will be no buses running on this day. The date is as follows;

- Term 4 – Week 4 – Friday November 8th

Summer Uniform

As we approach the warmer time of the year, all students are now expected to wear the summer uniform.

Hats

All students are expected to wear a hat at recess, lunch and during excursions throughout Term 4. Please ensure your child brings this to school. New hats can be purchased via the Flexi Schools App.

Year 4 Camp

The Year 4 Class will be heading off to the Woodhouse Adventure Park, in the Adelaide Hills this Thursday 31st October and they will return Friday 1st November. They will take part in a variety of outdoor challenge activities. We look forward to hearing about their camp experiences.

Uniform Review Responses

Thankyou to the parents who have already responded to the Uniform Review that was sent out on Operoo.

A reminder to those who have not completed the survey to please **respond by this Wednesday 12.30pm**.

This is your opportunity to vote on whether changes are made to our existing school uniform. Please take the time before Wednesday to read the suggested changes in Operoo, click on the hyper-link at the bottom and place your vote. If you are having trouble please phone the front office for help. Your vote is important.

Adelaide Christmas Pageant

The school have been fortunate to receive wrist bands to gain access to a reserved site, in Wakefield St, at this year's Adelaide Christmas Pageant on Sat 2nd Nov. If you are considering going this is a wonderful opportunity that we are privileged to receive. Please contact Judy at school if you would like some passes which will be offered on a "first in" basis.

SPORT & SAPSASA



SAPSASA Girls AFL

Last week Pippa C, Indy F, Alayla K played in the North Eastern Region SAPSASA AFL Girls Team. The team had 4 Wins and 5 Losses. We're sure they had lots of fun.

Trainings

- 30th October - Girls & Boys Cricket Training @ Jamestown 4-5.30pm

- 12th November - Tennis Training @ Crystal Brook 4-5pm

Carnivals

- 4th - 6th November - Girls & Boys Cricket State Carnival
- 20th - 22nd Novmeber - Tennis State Carnival

Hots Shots Tennis Carnival - Year 3-6

All Year 3-6 students will head down to the Jamestown Tennis Club in Week 5 on Wednesday 13th November for a tennis carnival. Our students will be playing against students from other schools in the area. More details will be sent out via Operoo.

Catholic Athletics - Year 3-6

A team of Year 3-6 students have been selected to represent St James at the Catholic Athletics in Adelaide on Wednesday 6th November. Information about the event will be sent out to families of the students that are participating via Operoo. We wish the team all the best.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We have such a supportive parent community at St. James. Over the past month, we have requested several donations, and families have generously given their time and contributions—thank you very much!

CFS Catering Weekend

A special thank you to Billie Thomas for organising the catering for the CFS training weekend. We also appreciate Bel Heness, Evan and Bek Wrobel, Claire Sheridan, Ellie Stacey, Shona Simpson, Kerry Sutter, Ashtyn and Billie Thomas for taking time out of their weekend to serve at the event.

Tuck

Jodie Thompson, Kerry Sutter, and Bernadette McCarthy will be working in the tuck kitchen for the last time this term. Their contributions over many years will be missed, and we thank them for their commitment to keeping this service running for our families. With three people leaving the tuck roster next year, we are seeking others who might volunteer on a Monday from 9:30 – 1:30. Although it may sound daunting, once you learn the routine, it becomes quite easy, you will be well supported and most of the work involves simply heating food. Please see Suanne Redden if you would be willing to spare just one Monday a term.

Term 4 Meeting

Our next meeting will take place **this Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30pm in the Learning Centre**. We will be discussing our end-of-year celebrations and planning for 2025. Everyone is welcome to join us in building a supportive school community.

ASSEMBLY

Term 4 Assembly Dates

There are two Afternoon Whole School Assemblies planned during Term 4 to showcase the learning that has been taking place. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us. The assemblies dates are;

- Friday 8th November – Year 2/3 Class – 2:40pm
- Friday 22nd November – Reception / Year 1 Class – 2:40pm

ENROLMENTS - 2025

Enrolments are open for the beginning of 2025 and for the 2025 Mid Year Intake. 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.



CAROLS IN THE PARK

Carols in the Park – Sunday 15th December the Jamestown Lions' Club "Carols in the Park" will be held at 8pm, in the Jamestown Memorial Park. Choir practices will be held weekly, in the Jamestown Uniting Church from 4 to 6pm, starting on Sunday 27th October. Musicians and singers are most welcome. Guest artists are also welcome. Ring Margie on 0428 818 752 if you have any queries. We hope to see you there.

YCS

YCS dates for Term 4

29th October

19th November

3rd December

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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 28th OCTOBER

Convenor: Shona S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Helen L

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Convenor: Kate L

Worker: Sarah P

Cakes: Debbie M & Belinda T

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Convenor: Kerry S

Worker: Suanne R

Cakes: Rebecca S & Lauren A

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Welcomers: Mick & Sharyn O

Servers: Lucy L, Lottie & Rosie R

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Welcomers: Deb & Mick M

Servers: Harriet & Teddy S, Indy F

The Southern Cross



The Southern Cross newsletter.



JAMESTOWN

— AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB —

EMPERORS

2024/25 SEASON COME 'N TRY SWIM CLUB NIGHT

- Is your child confident in water?
- Can your child almost swim the 25m pool with their head under water?
- Are you already able to swim and want qualified training and/or opportunities to compete?
- Or are you looking for a great way to improve your own fitness?

To register for our Come N Try, please head to www.swimcentral.swimming.org.au and register for an account then choose Come N Try Swimming as your membership.

This registration will give you 30 days of club experience for FREE.

This FREE registration does not include Friday Night Comp and/or Open Carnival entries.

REGISTER NOW



Whether you want to compete or just train, come along and learn more about the Jamestown Emperors Club on:

**Tues 5th Nov, 2024
FROM 5pm - 6pm
which includes:**

Qualified Coached Training and an Information session about the Jamestown Swim Club.

Please bring appropriate bathers, towel, sunscreen already applied and a drink bottle full of water

FREE BBQ Provided

Followed by regular Club training @ 6.15pm at the JAMESTOWN SWIMMING POOL

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NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

PLANET ARK

11-17 NOVEMBER



LAUDATO SI

Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis that encourages people to protect the Earth.
"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions"
LS 211



REDUCE

Thoughtfully decide what you need to buy, choosing durable items and avoiding excess packaging.
Together we can reduce landfill!



REUSE

Reusing items encourages creativity and sparks imagination. Simple actions like repurposing jars or donating old toys prevent unnecessary waste.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis calls us to be stewards of our common home and highlights our moral obligation to care for creation through actions such as recycling and reducing waste.



RECYCLE

Ensure that materials like paper, plastic and metal are reprocessed into new products by properly sorting waste. Together we can conserve resources and reduce pollution.



PRAYER

Loving God, grant us the wisdom to protect Your creation with care,
So that all living things may thrive in harmony.
Amen.

Visit the link via the QR code to find out how you can get involved at home!



