



# Week 5, Term 1

## Important Dates

**P & F AGM -  
6:30pm**

Tuesday 27 February 2024

**Yr 5/6 Camp Wed -  
Fri**

Wednesday 28 February  
2024

**Guess the lollies -  
Project Compassion  
Fundraiser**

Friday 1 March 2024

**Lenten Prayer - 9am**

Friday 1 March 2024

**YCS - 3:15pm**

Monday 4 March 2024

**Clean Up Australia  
Day**

Monday 4 March 2024

**Sports Day -  
Morning Event**

Friday 8 March 2024

**Adelaide Cup -  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Monday 11 March 2024

**School Photos**

Tuesday 12 March 2024

**NAPLAN Testing -  
13th-25th March**

Wednesday 13 March 2024

**Pop Up Op Shop -  
Fri - Sun**

Friday 15 March 2024

**Ice Cream Suprise -  
Project Compassion  
Fundraiser**

Friday 15 March 2024

**Whole School Lent  
Mass led by Yr. 2/3  
- 9:30am**

Friday 15 March 2024

**Family Mass - 9am**

Sunday 17 March 2024

**School Board AGM  
- 7:30pm**

St Joseph's Day  
Mass led by Yr 5/6 -  
9:30am  
Tuesday 19 March 2024

Parent Teacher  
Interviews - 3:30-  
7:30pm  
Tuesday 19 March 2024

Harmony Day  
Tuesday 19 March 2024

Parent Teacher  
Interviews - 3:30-  
6pm  
Wednesday 20 March 2024

Lunch time disco -  
Project Compassion  
Fundraiser  
Thursday 21 March 2024

SACPSSA Swimming  
Clare - 11am-1pm  
Friday 22 March 2024

Lenten Prayer - 9am  
Friday 22 March 2024

Volunteer Induction  
Session - 6pm  
Monday 25 March 2024

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

"Lord, help us to see in your  
Crucifixion and Resurrection an  
example of how to endure."

– Mother Teresa



### A Prayer for Lent

Please, Lord, guide my mind  
with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the humble,  
obedient example of Jesus.

He fulfilled your will by becoming  
human and suffering with us.

He died so that I would no longer  
be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are  
and to live in union with you.





# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 5 newsletter. During Week 0 all staff attended a training day about incorporating Nature Play into the curriculum. Each class has been embracing our Nature Play time each week. We have been exploring the old school oval, across the road from the school and the students have found many treasures and activities to keep themselves interested and occupied. A recent highlight was watching many of the students building tree branch huts and converting them into banks. These students have been using pine cones of various sizes as currency. The creativity is amazing. The students interests from the time spent in nature, is now being incorporated into other curriculum areas back in the classroom. The level of student engagement with their learning has increased, which has been pleasing to see.





The Year 5/6 Class will head off on their annual this week. The camp will be at Urban Camp School, Warradale in Adelaide. They will attend the Halogen Student Leadership Day and take part in Surf Life Saving Lessons. The class will depart this Wednesday morning at 6am and return to Jamestown on Friday. I look forward to attending this camp with this class.

Students and staff recently enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Shona Simpson, Annie O'Reilley and Rebecca Home for cooking the pancakes – it was much appreciated by all who enjoyed the tasty treats.

We would like to wish to Home family all the best on their trip around Australia. A big thank you to Ben for his contribution to the School Board and maintaining the sprinkler system for the last two years and to Sophie for all of her P&F contributions, especially her tireless work with uniforms. We look forward to your return to St James.

Our Class and Sports Captains were inducted and blessed on Friday 23rd February. These students were elected as they have shown great leadership skills. The Class and Sports Captains are as follows;

- Reception / Year 1 – Zephyr A and Isaac P
- Year 2/3 - Wilbur A and M S
- Year 4 – Macey L and Fletcher W
- Year 5/6 – Hamish S and Patrick C
- St James (Red) - Alayla K, Charlotte R, Indy F and Roseanna R
- St Mary's (Blue) – Pippa C, Ethan Mc, Hugh T and Bentley C
- St Joseph's (Gold) – Lucy L, Sophie B, Patrick C and Eddie D







We have held two fundraising activities for Project Compassion. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping your children to understand that Lent is a time of giving. During class and prayer times, children are hearing stories of the work Caritas Australia do, and the projects their money is going towards.

Date	Event	Cost	Amount Raised
Week 3 Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancakes	Gold coin	\$98
Week 4 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Coin Charlie	Loose coins	\$318 – wow!
Week 5 Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Guess the Lollies	50c a guess	
Week 6 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Day – no fundraising events		
Week 7, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Ice cream surprise	\$2	
Week 8 Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March <i>(note change of date)</i>	Lunch time disco	Gold coin	

Staff were commissioned by Fr Harold at Mass on Sunday 18th February. It was a lovely way to share the school's commitment to 'live as a presence of Christ among His people, loving and serving them.'

Our first meeting of Mini Vinnies was held last week. We have a large and enthusiastic group of students looking to serve others. Their first job was to spend some of their time in the Pop-Up Op Shop, sorting donations - they did a great job. The group will meet once a fortnight on Friday. To begin with, it will be for students in Year 4, 5 and 6, but we hope later in the year to offer some involvement for the younger children. The executive committee are Harriet and James (Presidents), Lottie and Pippa (Secretaries), Bentley and Indy (Treasurer), and Hugh T and Alayla (Media)

We will be holding a Family Mass on Sunday March 17th, which is the same weekend as the Op Shop. Please see Ms O'Reilly or let the office staff know, if your children would like to be involved in reading, serving, processions or helping with the computer and music.



World Day of Prayer is being celebrated on Friday, March 1st. This year there will be an ecumenical prayer service in the Lutheran Church at 7pm. There will be a special focus on praying for Palestine.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing takes place this term. All Year 3 and 5 students are expected to participate. The Nationally coordinated practice test takes place this Tuesday 27th February. The NAPLAN Testing Window is between 13th - 25th March. The school has scheduled NAPLAN activities for the 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th of March, with the remaining days of the testing window being used as catch up days for students who maybe away.

NAPLAN provides parents with reliable information about how their child is performing compared to national standards. It also provides information to the school about how our students are performing, what they are succeeding with, and any areas the school needs to address. If any parents of Year 3 or 5 students have any questions or concerns about their child taking part in NAPLAN, please contact the Principal.

### Clean Up Australia Day

All students will take part in Clean Up Australia Day next Monday 4th March. It will give students the chance to show care for the environment. Pope Francis has a deep yearning for all to take care of our planet and this is one way we can help towards this mission. All students are asked to wear the sports uniform on this day.

### Photo Day – 12th March

**School Photo Day takes place on Tuesday 12th March. Details about how to order photos were sent to families recently via Operoo. If your family has missed this or have any questions about ordering, please contact the office staff. Family photo order forms can be found in the office OR contact the office to request a form to be sent home with your child.**

**All students are expected to wear the traditional summer uniform.**

### Uniforms

Our students wear the school uniform with pride. We remind all families to ensure their child is in the correct uniform everyday. All students need to wear the correct socks and shoes. Girls are asked to wear the correct hair accessories, earrings and jewellery. If your child is out of uniform, please send an explanation note to your child's teacher.

Part way through the year, there will be a uniform review, which takes place every five years. This will provide parents, students and staff the opportunity to provide feedback about the current uniform and the policy.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for Week 8 on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Each family will receive an email via Operoo, with information about how to book interview times. This will provide parents an opportunity to pass on information about their child and for class teachers discuss how students are performing at school so far this year. Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews are compulsory for all parents.

#### YCS

All Year 6 students are invited to attend YCS on;

Week 6 – Monday 4th March

Week 9 – Monday 25th March

#### School Card

A reminder – have you checked your 2022/23 income to see if you are eligible for School Card?

If you qualify, families are given a 40% reduction on their school fees. It is worth checking, as the threshold has increased significantly this year, and you may be eligible.

<b>Number of dependent children</b>	<b>Combined gross family income limit for the 2022-23 financial year</b>	<b>Gross weekly school card income limit</b>
1	\$70,994	\$1,365
2	\$72,262	\$1,390
3	\$73,530	\$1,414
4	\$74,798	\$1,439
5	\$76,066	\$1,463

Applications can be submitted online, or paper copies are available from the front office. If you think you might be eligible, please contact the front office as soon as possible. Click on this link for further details.

#### EFTPOS Now Available

The school now has an eftpos machine in the office. It can be used for paying fees, camps and excursions. We ask that Tuckshop and Uniform purchases to continue through the Flexischools app. Second hand uniform payments are to be made with cash.

#### School Board Annual General Meeting

The School Board AGM takes place on Monday 18th March at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are interested in nominating or you wish to nominate a member of the school community, please contact the Principal, Evan Wrobel or the School Board Chairperson, James Redden. We will require at least 3 new board members.

#### 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.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Sports Day – Week 6 – Friday 8th March

Our Sports Day is fast approaching. Sports Day takes place at the end of Week 6 on Friday, 8th March. Due to popular demand, as per last year, this will be run as a morning event. The schedule for the day is;

- 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 that parents provide at our Sports Day. Please contact Judy Walkington or Peta Caulfield 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. Hats are compulsory on sports day so please make sure your child has a hat.

ST JAMES – RED ST MARY'S – BLUE ST JOSEPH'S - GOLD

### Coffee Van

Splendid CO Coffee Van will be at Sports Day this year. It will be parked just outside of the JCS oval gate.

### Sports Day Tops

A reminder that your child will need a polo top in their team color for Sports Day. There are quite a few that have been donated from past years, that are available to borrow – particularly in the smaller sizes. If you require one, please call into the school office. (We are always happy to increase our sustainability and accept donations if your child outgrows theirs).

### SAPSASA NEWS

Term 1 is always a busy term for SAPSASA trials and we congratulate all students who participate and thank our parents for their support of these events. Below are some results we have to report so far-

**SWIMMING**- Congratulations to Fletcher W, Ethel A, Frankie H, Sadie R and Harriet S who have been selected to represent our North Eastern Swimming team on Monday 8th of April in Adelaide.

**TENNIS**- Well done to Harriet S, Hugh S and Ethan M for making it into the North Eastern Tennis Squad. This squad will re-trial in late Term 3 to make a final selection on the team to compete in Adelaide in Term 4.

**CRICKET**- Well done to Hamish S for making it into the North Eastern Cricket Squad. This squad will re-trial in late Term 3 to make a final selection on a team to compete in Adelaide in Term 4.

The next set of trials will be for Football (boys) and Netball (girls) on Tuesday 26th March (Week 9) from 10.00am - 2.00pm. Please make sure that interested students are registered prior to the event.

\*Please follow NORTH EASTERN-SCHOOL SPORT SA for regular Facebook updates from Amanda Bowman – SAPSASA Sports Coordinator\*



# ST JAMES POP-UP SHOP



15th MARCH -17th MARCH



## DONATIONS PLEASE

Donations can be dropped at the  
St James Hall verandah from  
5th February until opening.  
Thank you



## AGM

The Parents and Friends AGM is being held this Tuesday 27th February at 6:30pm in the Learning Centre. Please come along and hear about the wonderful works of this committee and consider joining in. It is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and support each other.

## Pop Up Op Shop

We continue to sort and prepare for our annual event being held on March 15th, 16th, and 17th. If you have time to spare, we are looking for volunteers to help with sorting donations. If you would like to sort with others, there are people in the hall sorting on Wednesday mornings from 9am and Wednesday nights from 7pm. Any help you can give would be much appreciated.



# CLASSROOM SNAPSHOT - YR 4

This term in Year 4, we have been exploring the many areas in our school curriculum in lots of exciting and experiential ways. In English, we have been looking at how to correctly write a recount. To give our texts some inspiration, as part of our nature play lessons on Wednesdays, we have been practising coming back to our class and jotting down the key points from our visit across the road. Using these, we have then turned the dot points into a full recount and we have bravely shared our recounts in front of the class.

In maths we have been excelling at developing our number sense, particularly with place value. The students have come a long way in just a few weeks and are all developing their confidence in maths rapidly. Very soon, we aim to be able to identify the value of each digit in numbers up to 7 digits (into the millions!)

In Year 4 we have also identified the importance of being a classroom family. What this means is that the students understand that theirs is a shared space, and one where they should all be able to walk in and feel comfortable and safe. We have spoken about gratitude and thanks for all that we have, as well as partaking in activities designed to enable us to accommodate our peers all across the school and the wider community who are neurodivergent. We have explored in detail the ways in which we can help to assist all other students in achieving their best and feeling comfortable and cared for in their Year 4 classroom.

The start of 2024 has been great fun so far, and we are looking forward to the rest of an excellent year!



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



Tuck Roster





#### **MONDAY 4TH MARCH**

**Convenor:** Annie O

**Worker:** Kelly K

**Cakes:** Vanessa D & Billie T

#### **MONDAY 12th MARCH**

**Convenor:** Tammi K

**Worker:** Sarah P

**Cakes:** Helen L & Narelle R

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### **Parish Mass**

#### **SUNDAY 3rd MARCH**

**Welcomers:** Carmel F

**Servers:** Eddie D, Hamish S & Hazel H

#### **SUNDAY 10th MARCH**

**Welcomers:** Mick & Sharyn O'L

**Servers:** Lucy L, Sadie R & Colbie C

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### **The Southern Cross**



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# LAURA LITERARY AWARDS

## 2024

Now Open for Entries

Closing Date Friday 10th May, 2024

Entry Forms and further information can be obtained from:

[rockyriverrriters@hotmail.com](mailto:rockyriverrriters@hotmail.com)

<https://rockyriverrriters.club/competitions>



With Categories being as follows:

### Prose Award

Section 1 Open	Prize \$200	a short story up to 1500 words
Section 2 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50	a short story up to 1200 words
Section 3 a) Primary 11-12 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
3 b) Primary 9-10 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
Section 4 Jun Primary 5-8yrs	Prize \$15	a short story up to 500 words

### The CJ Dennis Poetry Awards: Poem up to 60 lines for all sections

Section 5 Open	Prize \$200
Section 6 Open Bush Poetry	Prize \$200
Section 7 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50
Section 8 Junior 9-12	Prize \$25
Section 9 Jun Prim 5-8	Prize \$15

