## NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

SAPSASA Netball Training -Jamestown 4pm Monday 29 May 2023 SAPSASA Hockey Training - Pt Pirie 4:30pm Monday 29 May 2023 SAPSASA Basketball Comp -Yr 5/6 Thursday 1 June 2023 JCS Closure Day -NO BUSES Friday 9 June 2023

King's Birthday -Public Holiday Monday 12 June 2023

SAPSASA Soccer Trials - Crystal Brook Wednesday 14 June 2023

Gymnastics R-6 Excursion - Pt Pirie Thursday 15 June 2023 Yr 6s visit St. Marks Friday 16 June 2023 SAPSASA Netball Training - Crystal Brook 4pm Monday 19 June 2023

School Board Meeting 7:30pm Monday 19 June 2023

SAPSASA Hockey Training - Crystal Brook Tuesday 20 June 2023 SAPSASA Soccer Trials - Crystal Brook Tuesday 20 June 2023 Mid Year Intake -Transition Thursday 22 June 2023

Yr 3/4 Camp -Glenhaven Overnight (Rescheduled date) SAPSASA Netball & Hockey Carnival (Mon-Wed) Monday 26 June 2023 Mid Year Intake -Transition 2 Thursday 29 June 2023 East of Ranges Choir Practice for Year 5/6 Friday 30 June 2023 Assembly -Reception, 2:40pm Friday 30 June 2023

Mass led by Yr 3/4 -9:30am Friday 30 June 2023

Kindy Class visiting Reception Class Monday 3 July 2023 Mid Year Intake -Transition 3 Thursday 6 July 2023 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Staff Training Day Friday 7 July 2023

## **Upcoming Events**

#### P & F Meeting

Date: Tuesday 30 May Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Venue: St James School -Jamestown School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Date: Monday 19 June Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm Venue: St James School -Jamestown

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK PRAYER

Creator Spirit,

All creation once declared your glory,

Your laws were honoured and trusted,

Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches

the most critical moment in its history.

Listen to our prayer as we turn to you,

Hear the cry of our land and its people,

Just as you heard the cry of Jesus,

your Son, on the Cross.

Help us to replace our national shame

With true national pride by restoring the

dignity of our First People whose antiquity is

unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase. Only then will our nation grow strong and be a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land. Amen. © Elizabeth Pike, September 1997 Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Melbourne

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 5 Newsletter! It's truly astonishing how quickly we've reached the midway point of the term. Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the overwhelming success of our grand opening last week. Your support has been invaluable.

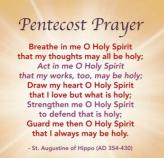
National Reconciliation Week takes place this week from 27 May to 3 June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates commemorate two significant milestones towards reconciliation; the successful referendum for aboriginal peoples to vote in 1967 and the High Court Mabo decision about Native Title. The Year 1/2 Class have created artworks to celebrate the week.

Regrettably, the Year 3/4 Camp, originally planned for last Thursday and Friday, had to be postponed due to two reasons. Firstly, the camp school providers fell ill with COVID, and secondly, the weather conditions were unsuitable for the planned outdoor activities. We have rescheduled the camp to take place on Thursday, June 22nd, and Friday, June 23rd.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

On Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost. On this day, we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his followers to wait in peace for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would bring them understanding, unity, love and wisdom.

The Year 1 & 2 Class led us in a special Pentecost Mass on Friday morning to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



#### Catholic Education Week

In Week 3 of this term, we had Catholic Education Week. During this week we celebrated all the wonderful things about our school, and across all our Catholic Schools in South Australia.

Students also participated in a Simultaneous Prayer Time within the Port Pirie Diocese. The students wore blue for a gold coin donation and raised \$94 for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Students participated in a joint initiative across the Port Pirie Diocese by switching off the power for a large portion of a school day to show our commitment to care for the environment. Students also planted a new tree in the nature play area as a sign of commitment to caring for God's creation and nurturing it.

#### Altar Serving

On Wednesday in Week 4, students in Year 3 who were interested in learning more about Altar Serving in Mass completed a training session with Fr Harold. Students were given this opportunity earlier this year due to the change of celebrating First Holy Communion

every second year within our school and parish. Thank you to Fr Harold who continues to encourage and welcome our young people into the church and we wish these children well as they learn to altar serve and assist during masses.



Holy Father, God of Love,

You are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you. We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged. Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

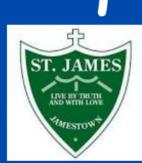
(Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group 13 March 1997 Brisbane, Qld).

#### Upcoming Masses/Liturgies

Friday 9th June, Week 6 – led by the Year 5/6 Class – 9:30am Friday 30th June, Week 9 – led by the Year 3/4 Class – 9:30am



## PARENTS & FRIENDS



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## St James Parents and Friends Wednesday Winter Walks

Meet at the Learning Centre gate at 8:45am Starting Wednesday 24th May. Walk and talk for your health while meeting new families.

Parents & Friends Meeting - Tuesday 30th May - 6:30pm

Please feel very welcome to join us for the Parent and Friends Meeting tomorrow evening. If you have new ideas for our school or would like something changed this is a great place to voice your ideas. Our parent community is a big part of what makes our school great. Meetings are now only once a term. We would love new faces and ideas on how to build an even better community and to support our families. See you there.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Science Competition

We have decided to hold a science competition at school during Tuesday & Wednesday lunch times for the next 4 weeks to celebrate Science Week in August.

#### Police Visit - Cyber Safety and Police Work

Next Monday 5th June, Constable Ashlee Bowman will visit our school next week. Ashlee will meet the Reception to Year 2 students to talk about the work of a police officer. Year 3-6 students will listen to a presentation about cyber safety, including the safe use of the internet and social media platforms.

#### School Closure Day

Our next School Closure Day is on the last day of Term 2, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Our staff will be taking part in training. Please mark this in your diaries.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### SAPSASA AFL

North Eastern Boys AFL Team Representatives: Hugh, Archer, & Ethan - Won 8 out of 9 games and came second overall at the SAPSASA AFL Carnival.

North Eastern Girls AFL Team Representatives: Sadie, Lexi & Alayla - Won 6 out of 9 games and came third overall at the SAPSASA AFL Carnival.

Congratulations to all on a fantastic effort!

#### Knockout Basketball

On Thursday this week, students from the Year 5 and 6 class will be representing our school at the Statewide Knockout Basketball Carnival at the Jamestown Big Shed. We wish these students the best of luck. Thank you to the parents who have offered to score, time or coach, and to Bridget Lange and helpers for running the canteen. Your support and generous time and effort on days like this are greatly appreciated!

#### Gymnastics

On Thursday of Week 7, all students from Reception to Year 6 will be travelling across to Port Pirie to participate in a Gymnastics session at the Port Pirie Leisure Centre. Keep an eye out on Operoo for more information. We will be looking for a few parents to assist with this excursion. If you think you can help, please let the Front Office staff know.



## CLASSROOM SNAPSHOT - YR 3/4

We had some disappointing news last week that our sleepover to Glenhaven Adventure Camp had been postponed. We didn't let that bring us down. We decided to have a Friday afternoon around the fire pit and enjoying time with our friends. We look forward to sharing tales of our camp with you in the Week 9 newsletter.



MID YEAR ENROLMENTS

# Enrolments Now Open for 2023 Mid Year & January 2024

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- Specialised literacy programs

## **BOOK YOUR TOUR NOW**



In 2023 St James will be offering mid year enrolments. If your child turns 5 before 31st October 2023, they can start school at St James in Term 3, 2023 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 2024. 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 2024.

## WELLBEING NEWS



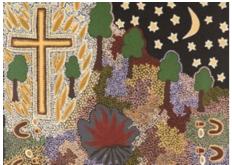
Throughout 2023, we continue to work closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community. The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience. Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here: Part 1: Meet Martin and learn about The Resilience Project.

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



### Tuck Roster



#### **MONDAY 5TH JUNE**

Convenor: Bern McCarthy

Worker: Suanne Redden

Cakes: Mel Clapp & Dette Clark

#### TUESDAY 13TH JUNE

Convenor: Kelly Kelly

Worker: Kerry Sutter

Cakes: Sara Clark & Jamie Clark

## Parish Mass

SUNDAY 4th June Welcomers: Peter Moore

Servers: Ethan McCarthy & Hugh Thompson

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 ARE OPEN

Come for a secondary campus tour with Principal Dr Sandra Hewson:

**SECONDARY** CAMPUS TOURS

- Wednesday 28 June, 9.30 10.30am
- Monday 21 August, 5.00 6.00pm

#### Bookings are essential:

www.smc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment or scan the QR code >>>



# **REGISTER<sup>\*</sup> NOW** CROWS COMMUNITY CLINIC

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The Crows Community Clinic provides a fun and inclusive environment for children across South Australia to develop their football skills with our Crows AFLW players.

This event is designed for 8 to 14 year old students of all skill levels, who identify as female.

LOCATION: Port Pirie Memorial Oval DATE: 15th June TIME: 3.30pm-4:30pm Registrations close 13th June

## **REGISTER FOR THE CLINIC AND RECEIVE:**

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- Entry into all Crows 2023 AFLW games
  - A special membership item
    - Crows Scrunchie

\* All participants must be registered by a legal guardian to participate in the event.



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