



Important Dates

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

YCS - 3:15pm

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Food Groups Orders - Pizza & Soft Drinks

Thursday 21 November 2024

Assembly R/1 - 2.40pm

Friday 22 November 2024

Year 2/3 Excursion & Sleepover 22 - 23 Nov

Friday 22 November 2024

WEEK 7 - Swimming Lessons - 25-29 Nov

Nov

Monday 25 November 2024

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Yr 6 to Yr 7 JCS Transition Day 1 of 2

Thursday 28 November 2024

Yr 6 to Yr 7 JCS Transition Day 2 of 2

Friday 29 November 2024

WEEK 8

Monday 2 December 2024

Yr 6 to Yr 7 St. Mark's College Transition Day

Monday 2 December 2024

Food Groups Orders - Chicken Burgers & Cordial

Tuesday 3 December 2024

YCS - 3:15pm

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Food Groups

Orders - Squash
Dogs and Spiders
Thursday 5 December 2024

WEEK 9
Monday 9 December 2024

Thanksgiving Mass
and Yr 6 Graduation
- 6pm
Tuesday 10 December 2024

Splash Day
Excursion at
Jamestown Pool -
11am to 1pm
Wednesday 11 December
2024

Last Day of School
Year - Casual
Clothes Day
Thursday 12 December 2024

Advent Liturgy -
9am
Thursday 12 December 2024

Pupil Free Day -
Last Day for Staff
Friday 13 December 2024

PRAYER AND REFLECTION



Lord Jesus, you said,
Peace I leave you,
My peace I give you.
Help us to be peacemakers
in our world today.
Amen

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Week 5 Newsletter. As communicated last week, I will be finishing my time at the school this Friday. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at St James School and in Jamestown. I have been privileged to lead the school community for the past four and a half years. I will certainly miss the students, staff and families that I have worked with. I know the school is in a good place, as the school has a very dedicated staff, who care deeply about the students and their families. I am going to miss the school community but I am looking forward to what the future brings for my family and I. Martin Hayes will be the Acting Principal from Monday 18th November, through to the end of Term 1, 2025. He is currently the Principal of St Joseph's School, Gladstone. He will lead both schools during this time. I know the school will be in good hands. I would like to thank the school community for your support during my time at the school and wish everyone all the best for the remainder of the school year.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Grandparents' Day

We are excited to welcome Grandparents and Special People to our school this Friday for Grandparents' Day. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30 AM in the church, followed by morning tea under the trees. Afterward, students will have the opportunity to spend time with their special guest by playing games, reading books, or taking a tour of the school. If your child would like to "adopt a granny" for the morning, we have some wonderful parishioners who would be happy to step in and enjoy the day with your child.

Giving Tree

In Weeks 7, 8 and 9, our Mini Vinnies group will be setting up a Giving Tree for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations of non-perishable food items, or unwrapped toys and clothes, can be placed under the tree during the final weeks of school. Your contributions will help make Christmas a little brighter for those in need, while teaching your child the spirit of giving.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees

As we start to wrap up another school year, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support here at St James. We are so privileged to have such a supportive school community.

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we wanted to remind families that school fees have been confirmed to continue at the current set amount in 2025. Yes – that's right – there has been no price rise. We have not put our fees up since we dropped the fee price in 2021.

Here at St James, we acknowledge that this year has brought along with it some financial changes with continued financial pressure. As an acknowledgement of that and how that may affect our school community, we wish to note that if your family has been affected and may require some adjustments and/or assistance with school costs, to make contact with our Finance Officer, Helen Latham on account@stjames.catholic.edu.au or 08 8637 9100. Alternatively feel free to contact the Principal or our Administration team at the 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

Swimming Lessons – Week 7

Each class will take part in Swimming Lessons in Week 7. Paper based forms were sent home last Friday. If your family did not receive these, please contact the office staff. A swimming timetable will be sent home soon.

GRADUATION NIGHT

Thanksgiving Mass and Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 10th December

Our Thanksgiving Mass and Year 6 Graduation will be in Week 9, on Tuesday 10th December at 6pm in the Church. For those who are

new to our school community, it is one of the most important events in the school year. All students and families are expected to attend in their traditional summer uniform (shirts tucked in). As this is a family event, each child must be accompanied by an adult. Students will meet their class teacher in their classroom at 5:45pm. Teachers will bring classes to the Church, and they will sit in their class groups. Each family will be asked to bring a **salad** to share. Parents and Friends will supply an ice cream for dessert for the children. Meat will be cooked and supplied by the School Board.

- 5:45 – Students to meet class teachers in classrooms
- 6:00 – Mass in Church
- 7:00 – Shared BBQ meal
- 7:30 – Year 6 Graduation in Church Hall, End of year awards and Thank You's.
- 8:00 – Event concludes

If your family is unable to attend, please contact the office staff via email (info@stjames.catholic.edu.au), send a note into the office or phone the school.

SPORT & SAPSASA



SAPSASA Cricket

Last week Hamish S played in the North Eastern Region SAPSASA Cricket Team. They had a very successful 3 days, winning Division 4.

Trainings

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

Carnivals

- 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 this Wednesday 13th November for a tennis carnival. Our students will be playing against students from other schools in the area. More details have been sent out via Operoo.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

2025 Op Shop

The Parents and Friends Committee is already planning for next year and would love to hear your feedback on the possibility of holding a Pop-up Op Shop in 2025. An Operoo note has been sent out to gauge your interest and ideas for supporting this event. We're hoping to make the op shop even bigger and better next year, and we value your input.

Christmas Gathering

We invite all parents to join us for our End-of-Year Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 PM at the Railway Hotel. Whether or not you've attended meetings this year, we would love for you to come and celebrate the year with us! Please RSVP to the school office or Billie at 0409 691 207.

ASSEMBLY

There is one more Afternoon Whole School Assembly planned during Term 4 to showcase the learning that has been taking place. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us. The next assembly date is;

- 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

- 19th November
- 3rd December

RECEPTION / YEAR 1

We have had a busy start to the term in Reception/ Year One. We enjoyed joining in Gala day and selling Milkshakes to everyone.

Last week we participated in Outdoor Classroom Day. We took our learning outside and sat amongst our beautiful trees to complete our Literacy block. We read books with the Year 2/3 Class and also individually. We used our loose parts to tell stories and recorded our ideas in our notebooks. Being outside is something we really value in our class, it helps us to regulate ourselves, to feel calm and to connect with the beautiful world God has created for us. We loved building among the dirt, lawn and sand. Story building outside gave us lots of opportunities to share our ideas and imagination with our peers.

We have also been enjoying working with bigger numbers during our Maths lessons. Last week we made tens beads and shared what different two digit numbers look like. These beads have added some lovely colour to our classroom.



YEAR 4 CAMP

The Year 4s enjoyed their camp at Woodhouse Adventure Park in Week 3! Their overnight stay was packed full of fun activities, such as, outdoor laser skirmish, the giant tube slide and bouldering. They were also challenged to reach new limits by taking part in both the uphill climb of 'Challenge Hill,' as well as its treacherous counterpart, the 'Creek Crossing', which saw plenty of students (and a certain teacher) fall into the icy water of the campsite's creek on Halloween night!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today we were invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Memorial Park. Our school captains made a speech and laid a wreath. Thank you to the RSL for the invite.



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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Convenor: Annie O

Worker: Louise G

Cakes: Jesika Kotaras

MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Convenor: Jemma T

Worker: Peta C

Cakes: Narelle R & Alice P

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Convenor: Jodie T

Worker: None Required

Cakes: Rebecca D & Vanessa D

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Welcomers: Annie O & Connie W

Servers: Patrick & Tom C, Eddie D

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Welcomers: Anne R

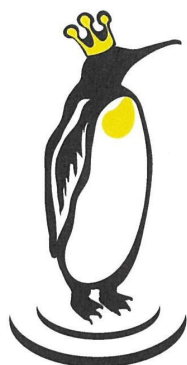
Servers: Ethan M, Hugh S, Hugh T

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

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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

for more info visit www.jamestownswim.com.au or call Registration Officer - Tracey on 0427 88 11 04

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Single Adult Membership **\$50**

Student Membership **\$30**

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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!



THE COMBINED SERVICE
GROUPS OF JAMESTOWN
presents the

JAMESTOWN

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY 1ST DEC 2024

**JAMESTOWN
MAIN STREET**

**STALLS OPEN AT 3PM
FLOATS & PARADE 5.30PM
FREE BOUNCY CASTLES
FREE FACE PAINTING**

MAGIC CAVE OPENS
FACEBOOK @JAMESTOWN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**CHURCH
SERVICE
3.30PM**

**MAGICIAN
4.15PM**

 **HuntsFuel**

**TO HAVE A STALL, A FLOAT OR WALK IN THE PARADE
contact Jemma-hale@hotmail.com or 0408808249
FLOATS LINE UP AT 5PM DOWN DUNURE TCE**

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

9 am to 4 pm

In front of the town hall, Ayr Street

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

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