



Week 9 Term 1 2025

Important Dates

Assembly Yr 3/4 -
2.40pm
Friday 28 March 2025

Parent Teacher
Interviews
Tuesday 1 April 2025

Parent Teacher
Interviews
Wednesday 2 April 2025

Little Jimmies
Thursday 3 April 2025

SAPSASA
Basketball Carnival
Jamestown
Thursday 3 April 2025

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

"Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience."- Pope Francis

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. James Community,

I am very excited to be officially announced as the new principal of St. James. Having had the privilege of serving as acting principal, I can honestly say that I've loved every moment of it, and I'm thrilled to now take on this role full-time. Officially I will be principal at both Jamestown and Gladstone until the end of Term 1 and then only Jamestown from the start of Term 2. It's an honour to be part of such a wonderful community, and I look forward to continuing our journey together.

I also want to take a moment to express my amazement at the incredible success of our recent pop-up op shop. The support from our families has been nothing short of remarkable. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, whether in the lead-

up to the event or during the weekend itself. Your dedication and effort have been truly inspiring.

While the op shop is still open for a short time, early reports are already showing that it has been a great financial success for our P&F, which in turn will directly benefit all of our students. A final tally will be shared soon, but everyone should be incredibly proud of what you've accomplished together.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I'm looking forward to everything ahead.

Martin

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Parent Teacher and Student Interviews

Please check the note that was sent via Operoo to select a time for your child's interview on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening of Week 10. Once times have been allocated, families will be notified of their interview time

New School Board

Last week we held the School Board AGM. Thank you to those that attended. At the AGM we presented Annual Report which will be available soon on our school website. We also thanked Vanessa Duke for her years of service and we welcomed Angus Barnden as a new member.

In 2025 the elected St James School Board is:

Fr. Harold (president), Martin Hayes (principal), Matt Hale (Chair), Kelly Kelly (Vice-Chair), Luke Clark (Treasurer), Ryan Simpson (Secretary), Claire Sheridan (staff Rep.), Natasha Downing (P&F Rep.), Anna Simon, Tamara Wilson and Angus Barnden.

Wood Chop

The School Board have decided to sell cut wood again as a fundraiser. We will confirm the date very shortly, once we do we will send out order forms and volunteer helper forms.

I would also like to thank Ryan Simpson and Luke Clark who assembled the new oval soccer goals a few weeks back. They are already being well used. These goals were purchased through money raise from the wood chop last year.

Yr. 3-6 Working bee – date claimer – Sunday 27th April 10:00am – 12:00pm

This is a heads up that we are scheduling a school working bee for our Yr 3-6 families after Mass on Sunday 27th April. We will send more details out closer to the end of the term so that you will know what equipment you may be able to bring.

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival in Clare

Congratulations to the 18 Year 3-6 students who participated in the Swimming Carnival last week. Our students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and support for not only their team but other schools in the day. Our students were a sight to see!

Below is write up from Rosie and Bentley.

On week 8, 21st of March, our school participated in SACPSSA Catholic Swimming Carnival. There were three divisions, Div. A was the fastest swimmer that had to do 50m, Div. B and C are for slightly slower people who did 25m. We did really well, these are some of the events we competed in, the open medley relay, 25m freestyle Breaststroke, backstroke, Butterfly, 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and the freestyle relays. We got heaps of first ribbons and came first over all, so that is three years in a row. We also got some year level awards for year 3, 4 and 5. and some people got individual achievements, Connie W won Age Champion Year 3, Wilbur A won Age Champion Year 4, and Ethel A won Age Champion Year 5. In conclusion we were impressed in everyone who participated even if you were scared you did a great job, Congratulations on a great day.

It was a fantastic day out for all. Thank you to the parents and staff that were able to come along and support the children, and to Arlen Amey and David Williams for assisting with the judging and placing on the day.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Project Compassion Fundraisers

Thank you to all our families that continue to support our Project Compassion Fundraisers. We raised an incredible \$415 last week in the Reception Class Coin Charlie fundraiser. This week we invite you all to support our Year 3 /4 Class Sausage Sizzle. Pre-order forms were sent home last week.

What's happening for the rest of the term?

Week 9 – Wednesday 26th March - Sausage Sizzle at Lunchtime (Yr 3 /4)

Week 10 – Friday 4th April – Bake Sale (year 5/6)

Week 11 – Day TBC “Chicken Throw” at Lunchtime (year 1 /2) Gold coin donation

Holy Week Plays

This year, Holy Week falls in the school term break. Therefore, our school will run our Holy Week plays in Week 11. Each class will lead us in the events that prepare us for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Parents and families are most welcome to join us for these plays.

Thursday Week 11, 10:40am -- Palm Sunday – led by Reception Class

Thursday Week 11, 11:20am - The Last Supper – led by the Year 3/4 Class

Friday Week 11 9:30am - Stations of the Cross –led by the Year 5/6 Class

Monday Week 1, Term 2 - The Resurrection – led by Year 1/2 Class

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

[Watch Lam's story here](#)

Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Op Shop

The St James Pop Up Op Shop was once again a great success. Not only is it the major fundraiser for our school, it also brings the community together, provides affordable clothing for families and promotes re-use and recycling. It's a win for everyone involved.

All weekend families donated their time on the trading table, BBQ or in the shop. So many people did their little bit and we are so very grateful.

For those who didn't get a chance to go on the weekend, the Op Shop will be open Monday to Friday 3:30pm - 6pm. All stock will be half price!

Catering

Thanks to Sam Catlin and her band of St James workers who will cater for a Show Society Dinner. This also will be a great fundraiser for our school. What a great bunch of parents we have at St James.

YEAR 5/6 - Dollar Street Project

As we journey through Lent and our school's Project Compassion season, our Year 5/6 students have been delving deeper into the lives of the people we are supporting. Using *Dollar Street*, they explored real families from around the world, comparing their living conditions to our own. Through thoughtful artwork and reflective writing, they have brought these stories to life—highlighting the realities of poverty and the importance of solidarity.

If you get the chance, you can visit our display in the corridor and take a moment to reflect on how small acts of generosity and raising money this Lent can make a big difference.



WELLBEING

This term, our students have been participating in The Resilience Project lessons, where they have been learning about gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness. These important skills help children develop a positive mindset and build emotional resilience.

Research shows that regularly practising gratitude can change the way our brains work, helping us to focus more on the positives in life. In just 21 days of practising gratitude, children become three times more likely to notice the good things around them.

After 42 days, practising gratitude can lead to:

- ✓ Fewer illnesses
- ✓ More energy
- ✓ Greater happiness
- ✓ A more positive attitude
- ✓ Better focus and determination
- ✓ Improved sleep quality
- ✓ Reduced feelings of anxiety and depression

We encourage families to continue these practices at home by talking about things you're grateful for each day. Simple conversations at the dinner table or before bed can make a big difference in helping children develop a strong and positive mindset.

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BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families that supported the book fair. Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week!

We know it has been a very busy time for families but we greatly appreciate the enthusiasm that the children brought to our first book fair.

We loved how the children connected with our library, and with our rewards, we have earned \$540 worth of free books for our library!!

This is a wonderful effort for our small school community and our first time hosting a book fair.

Thank you again!



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



Tuck Roster



MONDAY 31st MARCH

Convenor: Ellie S

Worker: Not Required

Cakes: Mel C

MONDAY 7th MARCH

Convenor: Kelly M

Worker: Collen B

Cakes: Sam C

Parish Mass



SUNDAY 30th MARCH

Welcomers: Claire S & Family

Servers: Grace S, Sadie R & Bowie S

SUNDAY 6th APRIL

Welcomers: Martin & Therese C

Servers: Pippa & Elkie C, Lucy L

SUNDAY 13th APRIL

Welcomers: Peter O

Servers: Lottie & Rosie R

The Southern Cross



Please click on the link for the latest Southern Cross Newsletter

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Royal Flying
Doctor Service

JAMESTOWN & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP



Jamestown + districts

RFDS BALL

Join us at the Royal Flying Doctor Ball:
Soar for a Cause Under the Stars!
Experience a night of elegance at the
Jamestown airstrip, supporting life
saving care in remote Australia.

7PM
3 MAY
2025 *

DANCE | DRINK | DONATE

SIR HUBERT WILKINS AERODROME JAMESTOWN

Tickets \$160 per person or \$1,500 per
table of 10 available through QR code
or in person at Kelly Kelly Legal



**live band + 3 course meal +
guest speaker**



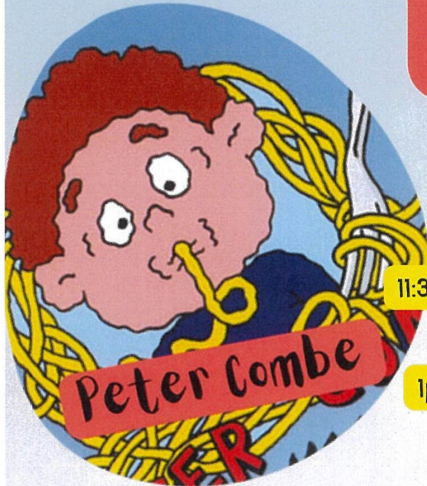
LAURA FAIR

Eat, Dance, Enjoy

APRIL 5 & 6 2025

Sat 5th 10am-10pm Sun 6th 10am-4pm

Kidz Zone



Peter Combe



Nitro Nat



SATURDAY

- 10am - Animals Anonymous
- 10:30am - Nitro Nat
- 11am - The Funny Farmers
- 11:30am - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 12noon - Nitro Nat
- 12:30pm - The Funny Farmers
- 1pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 1:30pm - Animals Anonymous
- 2pm - Peter Combe
- 2:45pm - The Funny Farmers
- 3:15pm - Nitro Nat
- 3:45pm - Cool 4 Kids
- 4:15pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
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- 5:15pm - Giant Lawn Games & Activities
- 6:30pm - Glow Disco
- 7:30pm - Movie Under the Stars

SUNDAY

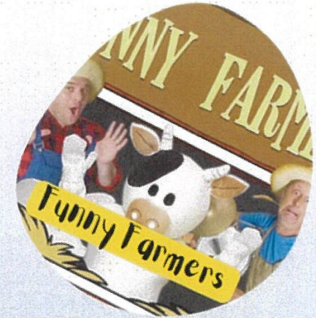
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COOL 4 KIDS



Animals Anonymous



Funny Farmers



SCAN ME!

TICKETS

FOR THE ADULTS:

70+ Stalls, 20 Food Vans, Gin Bar, Wine & Cider Vans, DJ & MORE!

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