



Important Dates

YCS - 3:15pm

Monday 25 March 2024

**Netball & AFL
SAPSASA Trials**

Jamestown - 10am
to 2pm

Tuesday 26 March 2024

**Year 4 Class - Last
Supper Play**
10:30am (Change
of time)

Wednesday 27 March 2024

**Year 5/6 - Stations
of the Cross Play -**
11:20am

Wednesday 27 March 2024

**Hot Cross Buns -
Recess**

Wednesday 27 March 2024

**SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY**

Thursday 28 March 2024

**Good Friday -
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Friday 29 March 2024

**Easter Monday -
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Sunday 31 March 2024

**Yr 2/3 Resurrection
Play -2:45pm**

Tuesday 2 April 2024

**Netball & AFL
SAPSASA Trials -**
4pm

Tuesday 2 April 2024

Sports Day
Friday 5 April 2024

**SAPSASA Swimming
State
Championships**

Monday 8 April 2024

**Orienteering Visit -
Mon & Tue**

Monday 8 April 2024

**SAPSASA
Basketball Carnival**

Wednesday 10 April 2024

**Last Day of School -
2:15pm, Casual Day**

Friday 12 April 2024

**Wood Cut
Fundraiser - 8:30am
- 2:30pm**

Saturday 13 April 2024

1st Day of Term 2

Monday 29 April 2024

PRAYER AND REFLECTION



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday took place last weekend. It is a day that commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem and it marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Eternal God,

May we always welcome Jesus into our hearts with joy. Help us to see Christ in all people and to make them feel welcome. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Week 9 newsletter. There is much excitement around the school as Easter nears. Classes are preparing for Holy Week and Easter Plays. They are learning about the most important Church season of the year, Easter. This includes the events that took place in Holy Week, the Easter story and the many symbols used at this time of the year.

Classes are also practicing for Sports Day, which will now take place on **Friday 5th April from 9am to 12:30pm**. We hope to be blessed with good weather this time around.

There is a school closure day planned for **this Thursday, 28th March**. Staff will take part in a curriculum day, which will include a visit to St. Mark's College, Benedict Campus, before working at the Port Pirie Catholic Education Office for the remainder of the day.

I would like to congratulate the Year 3 and 5 students for completing the NAPLAN tests recently. They all worked so hard and gave their best during this time. Results are shared with schools and parents later this year.

The St James Church painting works have now been completed by Programmed Maintenance Services. The finished product is stunning and is now ready for Easter Church Services. Therefore, all Church services will now be held in the Church. The carpets were also steam cleaned and new lighting has been installed. I would like to thank the Parish Pastoral Council and Sean Murphy for managing the painting project and lighting upgrades.

I will be taking leave after Easter, for the last two weeks of this term. Josh Page has been appointed as the Acting Principal for the rest of this term. Mr Page is the current Assistant Principal – Religious Education & Mission at Whitefriars Catholic School in Adelaide. He will visit our school today and tomorrow for handover and to meet staff and students.

Pop Up Op Shop

I would like to congratulate the Parents and Friends and the many helpers who contributed to the success of our major fundraiser, the Pop Up Op Shop. There was an amazing and dedicated team of volunteers who set up the Church Hall in preparation for the weekend. The Hall looked terrific. There were also many parents and students who helped with sales. It was terrific to see so many of our school

families, past students and families and members of the community support the Op Shop with donations and by making purchases.

Thank you to the following businesses who supported our Pop Up Op Shop; Leesong Electrical, Glasgow House, JEM Engineering and Event Hire Jamestown. The Op Shop was once again well supported by the community and everyone that shopped, went home with many bargains. Thank you also goes to Mr Broad and Mr Thompson for making stands for the clothing displays.

Thank you to Sarah Pammenter for coordinating the Trading Table sales of baked goods and to the many families who donated goods for the Trading Table. Also, thank you to Rhett Heness for managing the BBQ and drink sales throughout the weekend.

Finally, the success of the Pop Up Op Shop was due to the large contributions of time in setting up, by the following volunteers; Billie Thomas, Jemma Tabone, Rebekah Sweet, Shona Simpson, Annie O'Reilley, Peta Caulfield, Tash Downing, Belinda Heness, Anna Simon and Debbie Moore.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Project Compassion

A big thank you to families for your support of our Project Compassion fundraisers. This year we raised \$679. This is an incredible amount for such a small school and can pay for 3 local health workers to attend to the needs of their community in Philippines.

Date	Event	Cost	Amount Raised
Week 3 Tuesday 13 th February	Pancakes	Gold coin	\$98
Week 4 Friday 23 rd February	Coin Charlie	Loose coins	\$318 – wow!
Week 5 Friday 1 st March	Guess the Lollies	50c a guess	\$62
Week 6 Friday 8 th March	Sports Day – no fundraising events		
Week 7, Friday 15 th March	Ice cream surprise	\$2	\$145
Week 8 Thursday 21 st March	Lunch time disco	Gold coin	\$74



First Communion

Last week children in Year 4 received a letter from Fr Harold about First Communion. The letter outlined the process for families. The celebration of the Sacrament will be Sunday, June 2nd.

Chrism Mass

Thanks to Sadie, Hugh, Harriet, and James who represented our school at the Chrism Mass in Port Pirie last week. This special Mass takes place each year and it is where the chrism oils are blessed and distributed to each parish for Baptism and Confirmation.



Stations of the Cross

Thanks to the Year 2/3 Class who made the Stations of the Cross for our school yard. Last Friday each class spent their prayer time reflecting on the pictures and their own lives.

Reconciliation

Children who have made their First Reconciliation were given the opportunity to receive the sacrament during lunch today. We thank Fr Harold and Fr Ranjith for making themselves available and for always supporting our children in their faith.

Holy Week Plays

It has been a tradition in our school for many years, that in the lead up to Easter, each class act out a part of the Holy Week story. Today the R/1 class told us the story of Palm Sunday. On Wednesday at 10:30am the older classes will continue the story and when we return to school after Easter, the Year 2/3 class will lead the celebration of the Resurrection on Tuesday at 2:45pm. Thanks to the Parents and Friends Committee, who will supply the school with hot cross buns as a recess treat this Wednesday. Parents and friends are welcome to stay at the conclusion of the Last Supper play and enjoy a hot cross bun and a cuppa while they wait for the Yr 5/6 Stations of the Cross play to begin.



Visit to the Symonds Wing

Last week the Mini Vinnies made their first visit to the residence of the Symonds Wing. We hope to make many more visits during the year to share games and stories with each other.



Indulge Responsibly



Treat yourself with responsibly sourced chocolate this Easter, supporting brands committed to eliminating slavery from their supply chain.

Learn the truth

A significant portion of chocolate available in Australia is produced using cocoa beans harvested by child labourers, many of whom endure enslavement and exploitative working conditions.

Indulge responsibly, select ethically sourced chocolate, and support companies working towards eliminating slavery from their supply chain this Easter.

Here is how:

1. Join the one billion people who read the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard (<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>) last year to discover their chocolate's true origins and evaluate their favourite brands' ethical practices.
2. Seek out the Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance certifications on chocolate packaging.

Note these certification seals mean the certified ingredient was produced using methods that support social, economic, and environmental sustainability.



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People are NOT for sale

Take action and
make a difference today!

SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Board Members

The School Board Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 18th March. Thank you to those who attended. The School Board is responsible for the oversight of the strategic direction of the school, ensuring the Catholic Identity remains authentic, and oversight of the school's finances, work health and safety responsibilities and community engagement.

I would like to thank the outgoing board members including James Redden, the outgoing Chairperson, who was on the board for six years, as well as Belinda Heness and Ben Home. Nominations were put forward, accepted and all positions were filled. The School Board Members for 2024 are;

Mathew Hale – Chairperson

Kelly Kelly – Vice Chairperson

Luke Clark – Treasurer

Vanessa Duke – Secretary

Natasha Downing – Parents and Friends representative

Anna Simon – Committee member

Tamara Wilson – Committee member

Ryan Simpson – Committee member

Kelly MacPherson – Committee member

Claire Sheridan – Staff representative

Fr Harold Camonias – Parish Priest

Evan Wrobel – Principal

Parents and Friend 2024

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting was held on 27th February. Thank you to the parents who attended. The Parents and Friends Officer Bearers for 2024 are;

Billie Thomas – President

Sarah Pammenter – Vice President

Peta Caulfield – Treasurer

Annie O'Reilley – Secretary

Kerry Sutter – Assistant Secretary

Billie Thomas, Peta Caulfield, Jemma Tabone and Rebekah Sweet - Fundraising Representatives

Contact Person for Funeral Catering - TBA

Mel Hughes – Second Hand Uniform Coordinator

Suanne Redden & Colleen Broad – Tuckshop Coordinators

Natasha Downing – Parents and Friends representative

Working Bee

A Working Bee is scheduled for Sunday 28th April, the day before school resumes for Term 2. It will run from 10am to 12pm and it will be for Year 3-6 families. The list of jobs to be completed include spreading bark chips in the playgrounds and garden beds, pressure washing outdoor furniture, pruning roses and the native garden bed near the basketball court and cleaning up garden beds. It would be great if many families attend – many hands make light work.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews were held last week. If you missed out meeting with your child's teacher, please make a time to see them. Parents are welcome to book parent teacher interviews at any time of the year.

School Closure Day – 28th March

Our school will have a school closure day this **Thursday 28th March**. This is the day before the Good Friday Public Holiday. This will be staff curriculum day. The remaining School Closure Days are;

Term 2 – Week 5 – Friday 31st May

Term 3 – Week 1 – Monday 22nd July

Term 4 – Week 1 – Monday 14th October

Term 4 – Week 9 – Friday 13th December (last day of the school year)

YCS

All Year 6 students are invited to attend YCS this afternoon, Monday 25th March with Sr Kerry and Fr Harold.

Wood Cut Fundraiser - Saturday 13th April

The annual Wood Cut fundraiser will be held at Pete Kitschke's Farm between 8:30am and 2:30pm on Saturday 13th April. Lunch will be provided on the day. Please bring along your chainsaw, gloves, ear and eye protection (if you have it, otherwise it will be made available) and any other equipment that may be useful. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school, and we hope to have plenty of helpers to make the day a success. Please contact Ryan Simpson on 0408 642 413 for any questions. Thank you to Ryan Simpson for organising this fundraiser.

An Operoo note will be sent out soon, inviting families to attend.

If you would like to order wood, please contact Judy or Peta in the office.

Uniforms – Transition Period

For the last two weeks of each term and the first two weeks of next term, we have a transition period for uniforms. Therefore, after Easter students can wear either the summer or winter uniform, depending on the weather forecast for the day. From Week 3, Term 2 all students will be expected to wear the winter uniform. Wearing the school hat is compulsory during Term 1, 3 and 4. Please make sure that your child's hat and jumpers are named.

Please take the time to check your child's winter uniform for sizing and place orders through the Flexi Schools App. Uniform orders are collated on Wednesday's and sent home on Thursday's each week.

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 10 – Friday 5th April

Our Sports Day will now take place on Friday 5th April at the end of Week 10. The schedule for the day is;

8:55am - Students JCS Oval and meet their class teachers

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 - Photography, marshalling, judging, scoring tabloids and help with a trailer/ ute Thursday afternoon before Sports Day and at the conclusion of Sports Day to help return items to the school. 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

A Coffee Van will be at the Sports Day on Friday 5th April. 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 colour 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).

Football and Netball SAPSASA Reminder

Football (boys) and Netball (girls) trials are tomorrow (Tuesday 26th March - Week 9) from 10.00am - 2.00pm. Students should already be registered to participate in these trials. Please wear comfortable training attire and bring necessary snacks and water. Please remember that it is the responsibility of the parents to get students to and from SAPSASA trials and events.

SACPSSA Swimming

A big congratulations to our SACPSSA Swimming Team (Wilbur A, Archer C, Denzel F, Daisy H, Frankie H, Fletcher W, Ethel A, Elkie C, Bentley C, Hamish S, Indy F, Rosie R, Eddie D, Harriet S, Alayla K, Hugh S and Sadie R) who last Friday won the MN/YP SACPSSA Swimming Carnival in Clare. A great carnival with wonderful sportsmanship from our students and support from our parents. A special thank you to Lenny Amey for his full day of assistance as the Place Martial. An extra congratulations goes to Harriet S for taking home the Individual Champion Medal for Year 6 and the Year 4 Team (Frankie H, Fletcher W, Ethel A and Elkie C) for winning the most successful Year 4 team on the day. Well done to everyone involved.



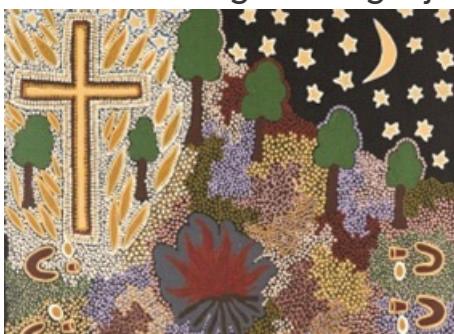
CLASSROOM SNAPSHOT - Reception / Year 1 Class

We have had a big term so far in Reception and Year One! We have enjoyed exploring, building, creating and writing. Our focus this term has been on working as a community, being kind to ourselves and to others. Our 7 Receptions have done a wonderful job settling into the routines of school and our Year ones have been brilliant leaders.

We loved having Zoe Sheridan join our class last week and teach us about meditation and well-being. It teamed well with our nature time we have enjoyed this term which has also helped build resilience, problem solving, creativity and connection.



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



Tuck Roster



TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

Convenor: Tammi K

Worker: Kate L

Cakes: Hayley C & Tash D

MONDAY 8TH APRIL

Convenor: Jodie T

Worker: None required

Cakes: Kelly M & Debbie M

Parish Mass

SUNDAY 31st MARCH (Easter Sunday)

Welcomers: Anne R

Servers: Charlotte R, Rosie R & Frankie H

SUNDAY 7th APRIL

Welcomers: Alice P & Family

Servers: Indy F, Alexis F & Grace S

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

<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





JAMESTOWN FUTSAL 2024 – Junior & Adults

Registrations for Season 2024 are now open for junior and adult futsal.

Juniors born in 2018 and older are eligible to register and adults can register by team or individually.

Please use the links below to register:

<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=75897&save=0>

Juniors and Adults play Friday nights, in 'The Big Shed', Jamestown, from 5.00pm.

Please note, the first game of the season will be held on **Sunday, 28th April 2024 at 2pm.**

'COME & TRY FUTSAL' in 'The Big Shed' for juniors will be held on:

- Friday, 5th April – 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

There is no charge for this session. It's an opportunity to learn some basic skills and an introduction to playing futsal.

The Jamestown Futsal committee will be available to assist with registrations and any questions.

Season commences May 2024

Register your interest now!

Junior teams play Saturday morning at Senate Road grounds, Port Pirie.

Senior teams play Monday night at Northern Demons or Savoy Soccer grounds, Port Pirie.

For more information contact Steve 0427 272 344.

