**MAY HIGHLIGHTS**

**St James Musical Soiree**

**Thursday 7 May (TONIGHT)**

6:15-7:15pm  
St James School Hall

A soiree is an informal concert that is a great way for students to practice in a relaxed and supportive environment. **WELCOME!**

Please note that the St James School Choir will be performing at this event.

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**Mother's Day Lunch**

**TOMORROW!**

12 Midday to 3:15pm  
The International Brighton  
81 Bay Street, Brighton.

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**ITALIAN DAY**

**TUESDAY 19 MAY**

It's time to celebrate the passion and vibrancy of the Italian culture!

Get into the spirit and dress up with Italian flair! Tri colori green, white and red are the national colours of Italy, so wear them loud and proud on Italian Day! Alternatively you could get really creative and dress as your favourite Italian hero.

Captain Nutrition will make pasta on stage in the ‘Spectacular Spettacolo’ show called “Tasty Tunes”. Be sure to plan an Italian colours themed menu for the lunchbox.

Lots of exciting activities are planned focusing on Italy's culture and love of food and of course, there will be gelati for everyone!

(Please contact Ange in person or phone 95064766 this week if there is a problem with food allergies).

Please encourage your child to get involved to make this day another huge success!

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**2015 TERM DATES**

**Term 1**

29 January—27 March  
Preps commenced 30 January

**Term 2**

13 April—26 June  
14 July—19 September  
6 October—16 December

**2015 School Closure Days**

5 June  
17 August  
2 November

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**RAZZAMATAZZ IS THIS WEEKEND AND THERE ARE STILL COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE**
SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for 2015 School Fees were sent out on 20th February with a reminder email sent on 27th April. Please make a payment (or contact the school office) by no later than Monday, May 11th.

Thankyou.

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

BULLYING: Prevention and coping skills for children and their parents

Examination of 23 prevention skills and 10 coping skills to empower you and your children

Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Location: Rosstrevor Hall, Brighton Grammar Old Middle School, entrance off Allee St, opposite the new Middle School and the Girrawheen Chapel

Presenter: Melissa Anderson – Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER for boys, resilience coach, counsellor, pharmacist

Cost: Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed

Bookings: 9592 4948 or email your booking request: info@shineacademy.com.au

On Saturday 8th of August we are raising the stakes....

Preparations are in full swing for the St James Major Fundraiser ‘A Night in Monte Carlo’ and glamour is on the cards...

The aim of the evening is to have fun, socialise and have a great night but also raise money for our fabulous school, so please consider if you, your business, family or friends might be able contribute to our auction items for the event.

We would love to hear from you by contacting Connie Sands on conniesands@bigpond.com or Phone: 0416 24 0767 and of course we look forward to seeing you on the red carpet.

The incentive you were looking for, to clean up those Autumn leaves!

We are studying waste management and recycling in term 2 and I would like to set up a composting system at the school. To make successful compost, you need a ratio of 25 parts of Carbon to one part Nitrogen. As schools produce a lot of green, moist waste (Nitrogen) we will be in need of brown, dry materials (Carbon) to get the Carbon: Nitrogen ratio correct. Brown, dry materials include dry leaves, grass, straw, hay and leaf litter. I would very much appreciate it, if you could donate any brown, dry materials to the school for the children to learn about composting. Carbon also includes paper and cardboard, but we will probably have enough of that and it can also be put in the recycled bin at home. Please leave any Carbon materials in heavy duty garbage or garden bags against the fence near the Year 4 classrooms.

Thank you!

Gwen Michener (Sustainability Teacher)