Dear Families,

Last week was the funeral of Jan Ross, a parent and educator from our St James community. A para-liturgy was also held for our students, staff & parents unable to attend the funeral. Jan has left an indelible mark not only upon our community but with everyone she encountered in her life. Jan was a friend to many, including myself and will be sadly missed but remembered for her positivity and love for others. Just as Jan had supported many others in her life, the St James community rallied around Jan and her family, particularly in recent times. Parents from our school supplied and served all of the food for the wake and helped out in many ways. Please keep her family in your prayers. Jan was an inspiration to many and at an appropriate time, plans for a memorial will be communicated to the community.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

Our annual Father’s (significant male) Day Breakfast will be held this Friday from 7:15am at a cost of $7 per person. It is a wonderful opportunity for dads to spend with their children. If possible, it is really worthwhile attending as it is an experience that your children will treasure and remember for many years. Thankyou to Annie O’Donoghue and other helpers for again organising this event.

It is a time to reflect upon the relationship that fathers/significant males have upon their children. Being involved in your child’s life on a regular basis is important in the development of their sense of security. Time spent with your children while they are young, will assist in maintaining a good relationship through the adolescent years. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to spend with your children while they are young. Michael Grose (author of Parenting Ideas) states the importance of how fathers/significant males teach their daughters how they should expect to be treated when they are older. The way you interact with your daughter will very much influence how they expect to be treated by adult males later in life. Children learn many of their life skills from the role modelling of their parents. This can be challenging but also exciting as we have the opportunity to positively influence the values and attitudes of our children. I hope you have an enjoyable Father’s Day on Sunday.

**Thursday’s Experts**

Tonight is one of the most exciting social events on our calendar, Thursday’s Experts, featuring: Damian Hardwick, David King & Gerard Healy (hosted by Anthony Hudson) from 7pm in the School Hall. Tickets are a very cheap $50 and it is not too late come along. We are so fortunate to have access to such high quality football personalities and I again thank the Hudsons, Gales, Rogers-Wilsons, Longhursts and other helpers.

**Curriculum**

According to an OECD survey, Australia is ranked 13th out of 23 countries on adult numeracy, but ranked fourth in literacy. Recent NAPLAN results across the country showed Numeracy as the lowest. What was pleasing about our Numeracy results was the high number of students who achieved a ‘high’ growth rating. To improve our student learning in Mathematics, Mrs O’Dea (Maths Leader) has introduced the Number Intervention Program. So far student growth has been outstanding, thus validating the investment we have made in this program. Parent are encouraged to speak positively about Mathematics to their children and to avoid statements like ‘I was no good at Maths when at school’, as you have an enormous influence over your child’s attitude to learning.

**Staff**

Last Tuesday the staff organised a special Hi-Tea at lunchtime for Miss Chapman who will be getting married this Saturday. She will be replaced by Miss Bailey & Mrs Asquith. Miss Chapman will be marrying Vince Ruffolo and I wish them a wonderful day and honeymoon. I thank the parents and the St James community for the support they have shown Jess in the lead up to her wedding.

**Parent Survey**

We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding St James’ current Homework Policy and our recent Student Learning Conferences by completing a survey. At the end of the survey, we have included a question relating to our building program and what you value. Please complete this survey (the link is listed below) for one child in your family. You can complete the survey more than once for other children in your family, by opening this link in Google: http://goo.gl/forms/HoI1QnZeb3

We appreciate and welcome your feedback. Elly Dillon (Parent Partnerships Leader)

**Peace and blessings,**

Simon Millar  
Principal of St James

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We would just like to take the opportunity to pass on our heartfelt thanks to the St James community for the comfort and support provided to Jan and our family throughout Jan’s journey with cancer.

Jan loved the School and the community and St James continues to provide us with a shining light as we come to terms with our loss.

'When it rains, look for rainbows. When its dark, look for stars'

Kindest regards,

Gerard, Bridey and Angus.

Jan had passed on a huge thank you to the Students, Teachers and Friends at St James for the beautiful framed picture of the Dendrite Learning.
St James School Captains’ Report

A Day in the Life

In Year 6 today we had a Science Expo expertly led by Miss Counihan

In Year 5 the students were presenting their learning on the ‘Human Endeavour’ aspect of science.

In Year 4D the students were learning all about angles in Maths and were finding and measuring angles in the playground

Year 4J were creating poems in the future tense

Year 3 were learning multiplication strategies

Year 2 were composing ‘Moral’ narratives. Zoe R’s moral was ‘Sulking won’t solve anything’
And Indie H’s moral was ‘Don’t get too crazy in class!’

Year 1 were very busy preparing Miss Chapman for her wedding on Saturday

Preps had a science incursion.... More info elsewhere
ICT PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 9th September
Year 4 Classroom
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

To discuss the future state of technology at St James.

Teaching staff will be available to supervise any St James students whose parents wish to attend the session. Please book via CareMonkey.

We are pleased to introduce new members of the St James community who are all CAVOODLES

- BOOMER WILLIAMS
- LEO DODD
- BLUEY JOWETT
Okay... End of term is looming... And there are just a few PA events to go before the end of term.
TONIGHT ... Some of our parents have pulled together a fantastic night of footy, stories and laughs... An enormous thank you to Anthony and Eloise Hudson for their expertise and contacts... As well as many others for their co-operation through set up, serving, cooking, clean up and attendance.

We have a Food Day run by Year 6 next Friday 11th and a Morning Tea for 2016 Prep Orientation ... Hosted by Yr 5 and food plates supplied by Yr 2... Wednesday 16th. Many families and friends will have enjoyed the Father’s Day Breakfast.... Annie O’D does it again... And much gratitude to all helpers. Dad’s Catch up on Thursday17th.

Don’t forget that the last PA meeting for Term 3 is on Thursday 10th . There will be a run through of reports from committee members and also information provided about joining the PA in 2016. Details can be shared going forward ... Especially for anyone interested in taking an active role such as Treasurer and President or Main Event organiser/s. Support will be given with hand over and during Term 1. Please consider what you /and friends can do for St James. Be great to see some new faces.... Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

In case you didn’t receive the Thank You notice last week.... It was a very special and massive show of love and caring provided to one of our St James families...with so much generosity in both spirit and providing refreshments for the celebration of Jan Ross’ Afternoon Tea... Thank you all again.

Jane Gale
PA President

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ST JAMES PARENTS ASSOCIATION

DONATIONS OF SMALL WIDE JARS (i.e., salsa jars)
To be used for KITCHEN GARDEN GOODIES
OF WHICH THERE WILL BE A SALE AFTER SCHOOL
FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

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PREPS FIRE EDUCATION
B PLATOON ACTUALLY CAME

PREP WILDLIFE INCURSION TODAY
WHICH RELATES TO THEIR SCIENCE UNIT LOOKING AT ANIMALS, HABITATS AND WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE
(PARTICULARLY WHEN CREATING A NEWSLETTER)
Dear Parents,

In Religious Education at the moment, each class is working hard. Wandering through the school the Preps, Year 1s and Year 2s are learning about God the Creator and the world around us.

In Years 3 and 4 the children are learning about Making Choices. They are meeting characters in books and investigating their choices and the consequences of their choices. In particular they have explored “Rose meets Mr Wintergarten” by Bob Graham. In addition to this unit the Year 3s are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Years 5 and 6 the students are learning about 'People of God in Australia'. They are investigating the different Religious Organisations in Australia and their history and the impact they have had on the Catholic Church in Australia.

Last week the Year 5 and 6s were privileged to meet Nur from Darfur, Sudan. This special visit was through Trudy Cook’s work with Jesuit Social Services and the refugees arriving in Melbourne and helping them to learn English.

Meeting Nur and hearing his story and the circumstances that have led him to be here was truly amazing. Instead of reading or hearing about refugees, we listened to and spoke to Nur. From this session what stood out to me, was the three things he treasures most about Australia; it is safe, clean and has medicine. We take all of these completely for granted. This coincided with last Sunday where parishes across Australia celebrated Migrant and Refugee Sunday. We were called to reflect on the Pope’s message for the World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

This year, the theme is ‘Church without frontiers, Mothers to all’. The refugee and Migrant issue is a complex one, but meeting Nur and last Sunday’s theme brings home to us all that at the heart of these issues and themes are people just like us and the only thing separating us is geography!

Cathy Ferrari
REL, Year 6 Teacher,
Acting Deputy Principal
Our beautiful Miss Chapman has been well prepared for her upcoming wedding this weekend. She has had a wedding feast, cut the cake, thrown the bouquet, received beautiful gifts, received and delivered numerous speeches and was finally given away by Thomas R.

We wish Jess and Vince a magical day and every happiness in their future life together. xo
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TIME: 9am - 12 pm

COST: $150 Per child
(10% family discount)
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• Each day guest expert coaches in variety of sports including football, soccer, basketball.

• High performance coaches at all venues.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9 - 9.15 am - Group Warm up
9.15 - 10.45 am - Tennis skills / games
10.45 - 11 am - Morning tea break
11 - 12 pm - Different sport training in either Basketball/Soccer/Football/fitness

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564 Balcombe Road, Black Rock
Phone 0417 543 087

Hampton
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Phone 0417 543 156

$71.50 per child per day

Julie Bocchini (0) additional $81

Child Care Benefit will be accepted for eligible families at the time of enrolment.
Cost includes a healthy afternoon tea.

Bookings open

Bookings open according to Commonwealth Government Priority of Access Guidelines.

Priority 1: Children at risk - bookings open Tuesday September 7

Priority 2: Children of working parents who are working or studying - bookings open Tuesday September 7

Priority 3: Other children attending school in Blackrock - bookings open Tuesday September 7

Priority 4: Any other children - bookings open Monday 7 September

N.B. All bookings close at 12 noon on Thursday 17 September.
Bookings will re-open on Monday 21 September and will need a licence.

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