Dear Families,

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This evening the Year Three students will be celebrating a liturgy for First Reconciliation. The students have been well-prepared and I’d like to thank Miss Coelli & Miss Dillon for their hard work with the students. At times like this we are all reminded to treat each other with care and respect as God made us all in His image. Please pray for the children as they make their sacrament over the coming three weekends. Thankyou to Fr Michel, Cathy Ferrari (REL), Robyn Hirt (Parish Secretary), Angela Franich (School Secretary), Koniji Bodnar & Kristin Bailey (Parent Reps) and the Faith Team for their part in the sacrament.

Staff & Student Leadership

Just as our current Year Five students did earlier this term, a number of staff applied for leadership roles at St James for 2016.

The Leadership Team will be: Principal (see over page); Deputy Principal / Learning & Teaching (Liam Buckley); Religious Education Leader (Cathy Ferrari); Religious Education Curriculum Leader (Elly Dillon), Student Wellbeing (Joanne Liston); Maths (Claire O’Dea); Literacy (Natalie Dodds & Jessica Chapman); E-Learning (Lucas Johnson) & Community Partnerships (Anna Coelli). The process for Year Five School Leaders begins on Monday.

New Staff for 2016

In the previous newsletter I announced the changes in staffing at St James for 2016. We have recently employed two new staff: Karlee Agnew to teach Japanese, and Kate Kennedy to teach Performing Arts.

Chromebook Update

Next year will see the inclusion of 95 new Chromebooks into the Years 3-6 classrooms, meaning that we will have a total of 153 Chromebooks available to our students. This implementation will result in our junior students having greater access to our current devices such as iPads and desktop computers. These devices have been an exciting incorporation into our teaching and learning programme here at St James and have proved to be a popular device to support authentic learning opportunities for our students. The new Chromebooks will add to our already extensive fleet, allowing students to build digital literacy skills, collaborate online and work in a contemporary learning environment.

Peace and blessings,

Simon Millar
Principal of St James

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2016 TERM DATES
For Students
Term 1 28 January—24 March
Preps commence 29 January
Easter 26-28 March
Term 2 11 April—24 June
Term 3 11 July—16 Sept
Term 4 3 Oct—20 December

STUDENTS vs STAFF Annual Netball Match
TOMORROW—FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2:30 p.m.

Living, Loving & Learning
Dear St James Community,

I am happy to announce the appointment of Mr Brendan Flanagan as the new Principal of St James Catholic Primary School Brighton.

Mr Flanagan has had a wide range of experience in various educational environments and has held a number of positions within the Catholic Education system. He was Principal at St Monica Primary School Wodonga for five years; worked for children with social and emotional challenges at Borinya School Wangaratta; taught youth at a refugee camp on Christmas Island and was the Year 7/8 Co-ordinator and the Religious Education Curriculum Teacher at Sacred Heart Corryong.

We welcome and wish Mr Flanagan every success in his new position at St James and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mr Simon Millar for his great work and leadership over the past five years. His legacy will be enjoyed by many and remembered by all.

Kind regards,

Reverend Fr Michel Corriveau
Parish Priest St James Brighton

Parish Gathering—Sausage Sizzle —22 November 2015

This is the Feast of Christ the King; the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Advent begins. This Sunday marks the end of the year as the first Sunday of Advent begins a new Church year. To celebrate this occasion we would like to invite all Parishioners to a social sausage sizzle gathering, after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday. The Gathering will be in the garden in front of the Presbytery. Looking forward to seeing you all. If you wish to help organise the Gathering, please contact Robyn in the office.

Also any children who will be attending this Mass and could assist with the singing, please leave your name at the school office.

Thank you for your help.

SIMPLY MUSIC PIANO
INFORMATION SESSION FOR 2016
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
3 - 3:30 p.m. IN THE LIBRARY
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT SHARON
Mobile: 0425 343233
Email: sharondaffypiano@gmail.com
Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

In Prep and Year 1 ICT classes we have been using the iPad app, ScratchJr, to learn how to code and create animations. It’s easy to drag/drop programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance, and make noises. We have been solving many problems.

I like using Scratch because you can make things move and change directions. I got it on my iPad at home to practice moving Scratch.
Eliza, Prep

Try Scratch because it's fun and you can design things. Tommy, 1N

You can make backgrounds and you can make Scratch do tricks and flips and handstands.
Lachie, Prep

In Years 3 and 4 ICT classes we have been using the iPad app, Green Screen by Do Ink, and green material backdrops to create news reports. We have been learning how to use the technology of Chroma key.

It's good because it's a simple app to use and the final product looks really good. Sofia

It's creative and let's you think outside the box. Daniel

It lets your imagination run wild. Scarlett

It's super easy to use and great for kids
Wednesday
2nd December
School Hall

2:30-3:00pm - Whole School Liturgy

3:00-3:30pm - Simon’s farewell

3:30-5:30pm - Whole School (parents and children surprise)

Dear Mr Millar,

RE: LEGACY WEEK BADGE APPEAL 2015

Melbourne Legacy greatly appreciates St. James Catholic Parish Primary School’s contribution of $513.83 to the 2015 Legacy Week Badge Appeal. Your contribution has assisted Melbourne Legacy in raising over $570,000 so far, thanks to the wonderful effort of all the Australian Defence Force, Legacies, community groups and schools such as yours.

We are encouraged by your support and hope that your students are proud of their efforts to assist Legacy to “keep the promise” to the families of incapacitated and deceased veterans.

Melbourne Legacy looks forward to your continued support in 2016 during next year’s Legacy Week from Sunday 28 August to Saturday 3 September.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mikaela Stafcash
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Melbourne Legacy
Monday 16th November will see our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper drive commence for 2015. Together as a whole community we will be giving 13 families Christmas. Every year I am overwhelmed by the entire St James Community’s (families and staff) generosity. Please see requirements for the hampers. Each class will have a family to provide for. The Class reps will be in touch and our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders (Belle, Coco, Julia and Sarah) will promote this worthy cause, along with the Faith Team. Your response to this Christmas Hamper drive is a privilege to be a part of and I believe our faith in action here at St James. I know Simon has mentioned it but it has also been my pleasure to work with our beautiful Years 3’s as they prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are just delightful and seeing them practice the Choices song with actions is priceless. Their language and action around forgiveness and turning back towards God is a credit to Miss Coelli and Miss Dillion.

Cathy Ferrari and the Faith Team
(Nina Farrar, Cathy Busch, Nancy Ohlert, Elly Dillon and Jo Fraser)

2015 Christmas Hampers

**We wish each hamper to include**
Timed Ham, Fruit
Small containers of fruit
Christmas cake
Christmas pudding
Fruit Mince Pies Packet
Nuts and Dried Fruits Mixes
Long Life Custard
Jelly Crystals
Christmas Bon Bons

**Discretionary Additional Items**
Biscuits sweet and savoury
Snack items – Chips, Twisties, CC’s
Confectionary
Plain Tea, Instant Coffee / Hot Chocolate
Salad Dressings
Chutney & Jam

**We request NO cordials, soft drinks or juices**

**Gift Suggestions - Adults**
Toiletries for men and for women
Skin care products for men and women
Photo frames
Wallets & Purses
LED Torches, Key Rings
Notebooks
Water bottles
Scented soaps
Toiletry bags
Coffee mugs
Diaries, wall calendars
Christmas themed: bowls, mugs, serviettes
tea towels, hand towels, decorations

**Gift suggestions – Children**
**Up to 5 years**
Small soft toys
Suitable books
Counting toys
Colouring pens, pencils, books
Fisher Price learning toys
Duplo

**6 to 10 Years**
Matchbox toys
Suitable books
Face paint
Dress up outfits
Puzzles, jigsaws
Lego
Ball sets
Disney Frozen items
Colouring pens, pencils & books
Skipping ropes
Nail polish / hairbands / brushes etc

**10 to 14 Years**
Wallets, purses etc
Junior scrabble
Diaries
Uno, Lego
Star Wars items
Books
Teenage toiletries
Jewellery, nail polish

**15 plus years**
Toiletries
Water bottles
Jewellery, nail polish
Wallets, purses
Notebooks
Key rings
LED Torches
Picture frames
Scarfes, belts, hats

Kindly ensure that each hamper code is clearly written or firmly attached.
Only 4 weeks until Seussical!

Please note the following important information:

TICKETS

You will soon receive a letter detailing how to go about purchasing your tickets.

Tickets will be sold via Trybooking and there will be an initial limit of 4 tickets per family placed on ticket purchases.

You may choose to spread these 4 tickets over the 2 nights, or use them all on one night, but any families who go beyond the limit will automatically have excess tickets returned and refunded. Please make sure that if you are purchasing for family and friends that you arrange for one person to purchase your families tickets.

After a specified time frame all remaining tickets will be released for general sale, with no limits applied.

COSTUMES

Some students are required to supply items for their costumes. Please bring these to school in a ziplock bag, labelled with your child’s name. Please ensure each item of clothing is also named. There will be a tub in the classroom to store these items, and they are required at school by Friday November 20th. Details of these items will be emailed specifically to each Year level group.

PERFORMANCE WEEK

During Week 10, students will be rehearsing for the Musical in the auditorium at Star of The Sea. General rehearsals will run on the Monday and Tuesday, with a Dress Rehearsal held on Wednesday around midday.

Details about the logistics of the Performances including; what to wear, hair, make-up, where to meet, arrival and pick up times, will all be sent out within the next two weeks.

The students are doing a wonderful job preparing and we are looking forward to sharing the final product with you all.

Dear Parents,

Our school swimming program for Year Prep to Six will commence on Monday 16th November until Wednesday 25th November. Thursday 26th November will be the St James ‘Inter-House Swimming Carnival’.

Swimming is recognised as an important part of the children’s personal development and their attainment of life skills. It is school policy that all children participate in the swimming program.

If a child has to miss an individual session, a letter will be required stating the reason for the absence. If a child cannot participate in the program at all, it will be necessary to provide a doctor’s certificate.

During the swimming program, appetites usually increase and the younger children often get very tired as there is a great deal of energy expended. During this time, it is very important that all children get to bed early. Parents are most welcome to watch the children and to help the younger students change after lessons.

More information provided via CareMonkey.
Fillies, frocks & fun at this year’s St James Oaks Day Ladies’ Lunch! The champagne was flowing as we enjoyed a fabulous Oaks Day safely out of the rain at The Great Provider. Thanks to all the ladies that came along and we look forward to welcoming some new faces next year.

From Tria, Isabel & Sarah.
We are in the middle of another busy term with our children nearing the end of their time in their present year levels. It’s a time to treasure as they make another significant step in their development... And for some... Our Year 6s... Nearing the end of their primary school years. The major part of PA fundraising is over for 2016... So the main focus is towards celebrating our community.........the Oaks Day Lunch (Thanks Tria, Isabel and Sarah), the Kids Party and Liturgy (Wed 2nd Dec) and the Parents End of Year Party (Fri 4th Dec).

Thank You to everyone for contributing in any way towards the PAs fundraising and social events this year. Whilst it is important to keep raising funds that can benefit the school and our children... it is equally as important to keep our sense of community strong and maintain a positive morale. With this in mind... The PA is looking for people to fill roles for 2016. Please consider if you think any of the roles below are of interest to you.... There will be lots of support from past members and I will be continuing as part of the PA to advise and help co-ordinate events and activities in 2016.

Jane Gale
PA President

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| SECRETARY | Jane Kanizay
| PROJECTS | Jane Gale
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| FAMILY LIAISON | 
| COMMUNICATIONS | 
| PURCHASING OFFICER | 
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| EVENTS | DISCO CREW
| EASTER RAFFLE | MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH & CREW
| WALKATHON | Katrina Muir
| MAIN FUNDRAISER & CREW | Kris Bailey
| SUNDAY’S EXPERTS | Fran Passuello
| OAKS DAY LUNCH | Jane Gale
| END OF YEAR PARTY | 
| ACTIVITIES | PANCake DAY
| KITCHEN CO-ORDINATOR | 
| GARDEN TEAM | 
| KITCHEN GARDEN | 
| WORKING BEE | 
| MANGOES | 
| FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST | Annie O’Donoghue
| CHRISTMAS CARDS | 

**ST JAMES END OF YEAR PARENTS’ PARTY**

**Date:** Friday 4th December 2015

**Venue:** Elsternwick Park Bowling Club
170 Glenhuntly Road, Brighton

**Tickets:** $35 per person
Includes Bowl & Simply Spanish Cuisine
Drinks at club prices

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Book Tickets via Trybooking by Thursday 26 November
http://www.trybooking.com/164923

**The MANGO FUNDRAISER**

Mango Orders
Expected early December
Congratulations to Nicholas P (Year 2) who participated in the Albert Park Tennis Club Under 10’s tennis tournament and became The Club Championship Winner. Fabulous achievement Nicholas!

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St James FX FITNESS students achieving their Black Belts in TAEKWONDO

Joshua Brodrick Gr 6 2014          Sarah Brodrick Gr 5 2014
Jamie Bevilacqua Gr 4 2015         Joshua Martin  Gr 4 2015
Grace Jones-Coleman Gr 4 2015

Living, Loving & Learning
Tae Kwon Do Club
at St James Primary School
Mon 4.30 & Wed 3.45-4.45 pm
First 2 lessons free
ph Sophia Heares 0419 876 187
Email: Fx.Fitness@internode.on.net
Www.Fx.Fitness.com

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through to March. Friday nights
on long weekends & a break over
Christmas holidays

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Professional Athletes

CLUB EVENTS
Optional Interclub Competitions
across the season

ONLINE RESULTS
Watch your child improve
throughout the season

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TEAM TRAINING @ GESAC
WEDNESDAY TERM 1 2016 YEARS 1-4

BASKETBALL TRAINING Playball is now taking registrations from
current Prep to Year 2 boys & girls to commence training in Term 1 at GESAC,
Bentleigh East. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children
for Wednesday competition from Term 2.

REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2016 Register a training team at
www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Teams guaranteed
commencement. Individual children can register online.

TERM 1 TIMES & DATES YEARS 1-2 WEDNESDAY 4.00-6.15PM
3 February - 23 March (8 weeks) Term 3rd before Easter.

TERM COST Approx $65 per child. Based on team of 8, Team Invoice $560.

COACHES WORKSHOP By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

CONTACT Ph: 9585 6123 info@playballbasketball.com
Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria

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CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES

SCHOOL REFUSAL

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL

Approaches If Your Child Refuses To Go To School

School refusal usually sneaks up on parents. Your child appears a bit off-colour and doesn't feel up to going to school. Being a compassionate parent, you allow them to take a few days off. Your suspicions grow as your child doesn't seem to become more inclined to go to school. Before you know it you have a problem on your hands. It's time to act. Don't delay.

1. Phone the teacher, year level coordinator or school counsellor for advice. Do not ask your child for permission to do this.
2. If you feel squeamish about contacting the school, ask yourself why you are sending your child to a school you don't trust. (If you really don't trust the school, change schools.)
3. Agree on a plan to get your child to school (regardless of how many tears they may shed or how grumpy they grip their mattress).
4. Enlist support - in two-parent families both parents may need to take a morning off work. Single parents may need to ask extended family or teaching staff to help.
5. Change the pattern. Think about what happened the last time you failed to convince your child to go to school and do something different. Get a different person to wake the child up that morning. Use a different way of getting to school.

MORE CUNNING PLANS

Mr Russel of Mossman Park said his son told him that he didn't want to go to school because he missed him too much. 'So I rang the school and took a day off work and went to school with him. At first I didn't think this was such a great way to use my annual leave but I actually had a great time. I think he's now too scared to try it again in case I do it again.'

'Most school-refusing families are very close. They display little mobility from generation to generation, often living in the same house or next door. One hundred years ago they represented the norm and are still the norm in most traditional societies. It is likely that their refusal to change with the times is an index of wisdom and health, not pathology.' Moshe Lang

Three Types of School Refusal

1. Home Addiction This is when children just won't leave the house to go to school and usually relates to fears of loss of parents or danger to themselves.
2. Shopping Mall Addiction Children don't go to school but don't stay home either. They hang out at shopping centres, often with other young people and may get themselves into trouble with the police. Usually, these young people don't feel that they can succeed within the school environment and, depending on their age, alternatives to school could be considered.
3. Fear of School Often, sensitive young people who fear school do so either because of the pressure to succeed or because of bullying and teasing. These young people often find it easier (and safer) to relate to adults than to their peers and are good at eliciting adults' sympathy. Check if bullying has occurred (see Sheet 3). If there has been no bullying, start to increase the opportunities the young person has to associate with peers and friends.
WHAT IS SELF-ESTEEM?

Self-esteem refers to being able to appreciate your own worth and importance and to be accountable for yourself and to act responsibly towards others.

There are two types of self-esteem:
1. How good you feel about yourself. This is important because it protects you against depression.
2. How able you feel you are to undertake different activities such as Maths or English or climbing Mt Everest.

Believing in your ability to succeed at school is important because the marks people get have a lot to do with the marks they expect to get. This is why it is important to help young people recognise their strengths at school early on.

High self-esteem students attribute their successes to their own efforts. Low self-esteem students pass their achievements off as luck or chance.

SELF-ESTEEM BUILDERS

- Think about how well you receive and make compliments yourself. Accept the praise you receive!
- Teach the art of self-praise - ask questions like ‘How do you do that?’
- Don't pay too much attention to despair talk – even by just trying to correct it.
- Every parent of a young person who says ‘I'm no good at ...’ wants to say, ‘Yes you are’ or ‘You have other skills’ but sometimes this just doesn’t work. Instead you could try. ‘I bet you could if you really wanted to but maybe you won’t decide to.’
- Convey caring and optimism and a belief that the young person will choose the right things to be good at.
- Self-esteem is contagious - if one person has it, the people around them are more likely to feel better about themselves. One way to help your children to have high self-esteem is to build your own self-esteem.
- Success in one area has a ripple effect into other areas.

Long Range Weather FORECAST

Seasonal variability is likely to be unseasonal. A high pressure system with a moving depression may bring cyclonic activity.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.
Eleanor Roosevelt

My inferiority complex is bigger than your inferiority complex.
Anon.

Join a forum to discuss these issues on www.andrewfuller.com.au

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