Dear Families,

Yesterday our Year 5/6 students participated in our Brighton Cluster across four schools broadening their friendship connections, while enjoying fun and challenging activities such as: soccer, ‘fair play’ and a guest speaker (Kate Steains). I thank Mr Buckley, Mrs Ferrari & Miss Bailey for their organisation and thoughtful planning.

Wellbeing

Today I sent an email regarding the health of one of our parents from the St James community who has been an inspiration to many. More information has been provided, with the permission of a family member, in the email. I would like to thank some of the amazing parents who have been providing support. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

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)

School Closure Day

Last Friday the staff worked on a scope and sequence curriculum plan for 2016/17 being expertly led by Mr Buckley, Mrs Dodds & Miss Liston. The planning means that our curriculum will continue to engage the students and prepare them with the skills required for life and future careers.
On Wednesday we will be celebrating **Book Week** with a parade from 9:00am. Students are reminded to come dressed as a favourite book character. Students have been reading shortlisted books and the theme for this year is ‘Books that light up our world’. Please check out the books identified by staff, on display beside the stairs. Scholastic books are still on display in the foyer for ordering.

**NAPLAN**

Today, NAPLAN results for individual students, in Years 3 & 5, were been sent home. Results for individual students can fluctuate and may not accurately reflect your child’s progress. If you are unsure of what the results mean, please contact your child’s teacher by making an appointment. Below are the graphs that show the collective results of our students in Years 3 & 5. Our results are very high and **well above** the state average in all tests. The horizontal line in each box shows the **mean**, with St James being in red. As you can see, some of the results are so high that do not fit onto the table. What you cannot see here is the individual growth of our Year 5 students from when they were in Year 3. Staff have been focussing on improving student GROWTH and it is pleasing that it is evident in the NAPLAN results.

Peace and blessings,

Simon Millar
Principal of St James
St. James will be celebrating all that we love about reading during Book Week. This year’s theme is ‘books light up our world’.

We hope that during the week you will make a special effort to connect with reading. Read with your family and share your favourite stories!

We will be reading some of the shortlisted books in our classes. We will delve into each book through activities and discussions.

On Wednesday the 26th of August, everyone will come to school dressed as a book character. We will have a whole school parade at 9am for everyone to share the characters they love to read about.
Last Thursday Year 1 had a very special visitor.

A lady called Sally came to our school. She is a scientist from Monash University.

- **Stella**

  We learnt about light and that light is made up of different colours.  
  - **Hamish**

  We all thought it was really fun. Light has seven colours.
  
  – **Evie**

  We made spinners that had all the colours of the rainbow on it. When you spun it, it was all white.  
  – **Milly**

  We wrote our names on a piece of paper by looking at a mirror. If you look at something in a mirror it is the other way.  
  – **Matty**

When light goes on you it can’t go through you so it makes a shadow.  

– **Jesse**

When we poured water over a coin stuck a bowl it looked like the coin floated up.  

– **Bella**

I liked when you could see a rainbow with the special glasses.  

– **Indi**
Great Excitement!

Claire is delighted to welcome a new addition to the O’Dea family. Josephine Ruby was born on Thursday 6th August at 6.03 pm (at the beginning of the Maths Contemporary Learning Night!). She is a beautiful little sister for Darcy.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

WHEN: FRIDAY 3rd September
TIME: Breakfast is served between 7:15-8:00AM (concludes at 8:30am)
WHERE: ST. JAMES’ PARISH SCHOOL HALL
INCLUDES: TEA, COFFEE, JUICE, EGG AND BACON ROLL AND CEREALS

Please fill in slip below with money included and return to clear box outside office.
Alternatively book online using flexischools.

SRC BOOKS & COOKS MINI MARKET

A very big thank you to all our wonderful cooks, both students and parents, who baked such delicious cakes and treats for our very first Cooks and Books Mini Market last Friday! We managed to fill three trestle tables with homemade goodies to sell, and as a result we were able to raise $532.85 for classroom resources. Thank you to all students, parents, friends and staff who contributed by making purchases. What a fantastic effort from our St James School Community!

The SRC team and SRC Captains Alice D, Kate D, Miriam S-B and Charlotte B should all be commended for organising such a successful event. Well done team!

A special thank you must also go to Bernie Dodd for helping in the lead up to Friday, and to Catherine Dawson and Kate, Danielle Rohan for assisting on the day by helping Mr Buckley set up and ‘man’ the Scholastic Book Sale. The book sale continued during the week and I look forward to updating all of you on the success of this next week.

Miss Susannah Bailey (Year 5 Teacher)

Please note that the Scholastic Books will be on sale throughout next week at school.
We are looking for an old or costume Judges or Barristers wig that we could have. This needs to be one you are happy for us to have as we would like to dye it green! Also calling for any parents who have skills in sewing, carpentry or painting who are able to help with costumes or sets where needed.

Please contact Kate at smakkennedy@optusnet.com.au if you can assist with any of the above.

St James Musical Soiree
Thursday 27 August, 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.

Any students learning outside of school that would like to play should contact Kate Kennedy via email smakkennedy@optusnet.com.au

Top Secret Business! The Grade Fives have been helping their Grade One buddies prepare a surprise for Miss Chapman as she prepares for her upcoming Wedding.

The August Dad’s gathering will be held at the Wine Larder on Martin St from 7:30pm on Thursday 20 August 2015

Please contact Dad’s representative Jarrod Harrington (jarrodvh@yahoo.com.au) for any enquiries.
It’s nearly September... We know what that means?
SUNDAY’S EXPERTS... On Thursday this year...3rd Sept 7-7.30 start. A double whammy with the Father’s Day Breakfast the next morning on Fri 4th Sept 7.30am. Lots of opportunity for male bonding ... but no one will be turned away if you love getting your footy updates live and exclusive. Once again we have stellar AFL media celebrities and stars... You would be paying big bucks in the city for this panel... So bring a few mates and have a great St James night ... Raising funds for our children’s education going forward!!

Speaking of fundraising... A mammoth effort by St. James families to get to an amazing total for our annual Major event. Such a professionally run function.. Heaps of fun and FUNDraising! Congratulations to the girls.. Connie, Kate, Donna and Belinda .. As well as Nicole and Mel H pitching in on the day. Thanks to all parents for set up and clean up... And all other contributions to make The Monte Carlo night a success. I love seeing all the parents from throughout the school mixing and having a good time.

Spring is beckoning and school holidays fast approaching. Last term goes so fast... And so the last PA meeting for term 3 will be a little different. We hope to see many extra faces.... Plus all committee members from 2015. There will be complimentary drinks and refreshments available with extra tables so you can sit with friends. Come see what we cover at general meetings and also hear details about the roles. It would be great to sort out positions and have the support from interested parents in Term 4 as we face the challenges of 2016. I am happy to speak to anyone if there are any enquiries. (Gales295@bigpond.net.au)

NEXT PA MEETING. THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM in SCHOOL HALL

Jane Gale
PA President

SUNDAY’S EXPERTS IS BACK ...

BUT ON A THURSDAY NIGHT!

AN INTIMATE AND ENTERTAINING EVENING WITH SOME OF SPORT’S BIGGEST NAMES, HOSTED BY ANTHONY HUDSON

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
TIME: 7 FOR 7.30PM
VENUE: ST JAMES PARISH SCHOOL HALL
PRICE: $50 PER HEAD (inc food, drinks at bar prices)

OVER 18s EVENT ONLY

Book your tickets via Trybooking
http://www.trybooking.com/154473

For those new to the school it’s an intimate and entertaining evening with some of footy’s biggest names sharing their experiences from a lifetime in sport.

This year we have another stellar line up:

**Damien Hardwick**
Richmond Coach

**David King**
North Melbourne Dual Premiership player and Fox Footy analyst

**Gerard Healy**
Brownlow Medallist and Fox Footy Commentator
GOLF

On August 6th, Leo (Yr 1) competed at Woodlands Golf Course in a Golf Victoria junior tournament for schools.

Leo was by far the youngest in the competition (most children being in Year 5 and 6). He came first in his group of 4 but 20th out of 30 overall. This is a great result for anyone but considering his age, it was amazing. Congratulations Leo and we can’t wait to see you playing in the Australian Open one day.

HOLT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the 72 children from yr 3-6 who represented St James and competed in the Holt Athletics yesterday. Every child did their best, despite the nerves, and they should be very proud of themselves.

St James finished 3rd out of 12 schools from the Holt District.

It was a great day and a huge thank you to the parents who came along to support their children and the staff (spoiling them with coffees and pizza).

A big thank you to the staff and the 6 student teachers who helped with the children and the boys discus events.

The Beachside Division Athletics will be held on Tues 1st September at Duncan MacKinnon. I will get a note out to all those children who qualified from todays events.

SOCCER

Subsequent to winning the Beachside Division, we would like to pass on congratulations to our St James Girls Soccer Team, who were Runners Up in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Soccer Match last Wednesday.

They were beaten in the Grand Final by a penalty shoot out.

Fantastic effort girls!

Jo Fraser
Physical Education (3-6)
Holt Interschool Sport
Sandringham & District Netball Association
1-2 October
2 Days = $150
9am - 3pm
Netball Stadium
Thomas Street
Hampton
FOR MORE DETAILS:
juliecorletto@jeanieboy.com.au

Getting into Better Basketball
The Melbourne Tigers will be running development sessions for players wanting to improve and learn more about basketball

This is for Girls and Boys in Grades 1 to 5
Sunday Afternoons
12:00pm to 2:00pm
Starting 19th July - 13th Sept
Cost $5

Sessions at Oakleigh Rec Centre,
Park Rd, Oakleigh, Mel 69 H6

ALL Enquires:
David Watson 9380 4474

RBYC Tackers Program
Tackers is a national program governed by Yachting Australia with an aim of getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

WHEN: Sept 29 – Oct 2, 9am-1pm
WHERE: Royal Brighton Yacht Club
WHO: School Children aged 7-12 years
VISIT: www.rbyc.org.au/tackers
CONTACT sailing@rbyc.org.au
MOREY TENNIS SUPER TENNIS/MULTI SPORTS CLINICS

DATE: Mon Sept 28 - Thurs Oct 1

TIME: 9am - 12 pm

COST: $150 Per child
      (10% family discount)
      $50 any day rate

VENUES: ST JOAN, ST JAMES, BLACK ROCK TENNIS CLUBS

• The perfect School holiday activity for children all ages and standards. Tennis clinic with emphasis on technical, physical and fun for all.

• 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 - 12pm     -   Different sport training in either Basketball/Soccer/Football/fitness

Please return form with payment to: Morey Tennis 54A Centre Rd, East Brighton 3187
Nik Morey 0417 508 400
moreytennis@gmail.com
www.moreytennis.com.au
Program Update – Week 06  Week beginning 17/08/15

This week we had to say goodbye to our lovely OSHClub coordinator Steph! Anyone who has used the program in the past two years will know she was an asset to the program and the school, and her friendliness and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. She has left big shoes to fill, but OSHClub is hiring a new person to take her place. In the meantime Sophia and I (Hilary) will be working together to coordinate the program. We are both very excited to take on this role.

This week’s theme is “Things we love to do at OSHClub”. We are playing some of our favourite games, such as Run the Gauntlet and Catch/Heads, as well as doing some fun craft activities. See next week’s Book Week planner below, as well as an easy and fun recipe for fruit kebabs!

Just a Few Reminders:

- For any bookings please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au. Any issues with your online account please contact the St James account manager, Ambika, directly. You can email her at ambika@oshclub.com.au or phone her on 0407 856 9927.
- For any on the day bookings please call the program phone on 0412 570 934 and leave a message or send a text.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,
Hilary

This week’s goal is: engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts

This week’s theme is: Book week!