Dear Families,

It has been another busy week of learning, social justice, musical auditions, bike riding, Catholic Education visit, Communion Reflection Day and staff professional learning.

Parents Association

For our Cancer Council Morning Tea we celebrated our 16th morning tea for the Cancer Council and raised $1,290. Our students wore beanies and contributed a gold coin towards a hot chocolate. This initiative began in 2000 to support one of our parents, Rosemary O’Sullivan on her cancer journey. The angel statue in our front playground is in memory of Rosemary. We thank the organisers of our morning tea, Konji Bodnar and Georgia Sagidellis and all those who attended.

Staffing

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I announce the permanent departure of Pat Berlingeri (AKA Mr B) from St James. He was Deputy Principal (and many other roles) at St James for six years before accepting the Acting Principal role at St Joachim’s in 2015. Last Friday, Pat was announced as the new Principal at St Finbar’s, East Brighton, beginning in Term Three of 2015. Pat made a significant contribution to St James being responsible for the introduction of Bounce Back and Circle Time. Student wellbeing was always at the forefront of his thinking and he developed a wonderful rapport with the students, staff and parents. Pat also taught Years 1, 5, 6, PE and was Assessment & Reporting Leader. In his new role, Pat will be a part of the Brighton Cluster and will continue to have contact with St James. From the beginning of next term, Pat will have worked at all three of the Brighton Catholic primary schools. Pat will be a great acquisition for St Finbar’s. We have planned a farewell for him on Friday June 12 from 2:30-3:30pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend and celebrate Pat’s new position and his contribution to St James.

The current Acting Deputies, Liam Buckley & Cathy Ferrari, have performed the roles admirably and I congratulate them on their administration, dealings with the students and new pedagogical initiatives. A process for replacing Pat will be determined later this term.

In other staffing news, Mrs Annie Kay has finished up at St James due to the serious illness of her mother and father-in-law. Annie taught Physical Education last year and Year Five (two days a week) this year. Annie is needed to care for her sick relatives and we ask that you keep her and her family in your prayers. I thank Annie for the terrific job she did as Physical Education and classroom teacher. Annie has been replaced by Miss Susannah Bailey who will teach in Year Five for two days a week for the remainder of 2015.

First Communion

Our Year Four students participated in a reflection day in preparation for their upcoming sacrament on June 14th at the FayByrne Centre from 11:30am. The students have been working closely with their teachers, Mrs Ferrari & Fr Michel. A highlight of the day was a superbly-prepared lunch with tables placed in the shape of a cross. Students were served pizza and finished with tasty desserts such as a marshmallow cake, slices, lollies and chocolates. The Preps made beautiful cards for the Year Four students making their First Communion. The students have been attending Mass at 9:15am on Thursdays and parents are welcome to attend. Students in Years 5/6 have been sent an invitation via Caremonkey to sing in the Choir.

Working Spaces

Last week a group of parents (from the School Board) and myself visited several contemporary building sites around Melbourne looking at ideal settings for student learning. We are currently in the process of getting ideas from students, staff and parents (PSEAB) to compile an educational brief for a potential future building program. I thank Jan Ross and Maria Hede for their time and expertise.

Seussical

Last Tuesday our Year 5/6 students worked with a professional choreographer in the morning and then did group and individual auditions throughout the day. We look forward to an amazing musical at the FayByrne Centre on December 9 & 10 with Kate Kennedy as Director, being assisted by Cathy Ferrari.

Curriculum

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday June 5th for staff professional development. Our facilitator will be Dr Susan Nikakis, who is the Gifted & Talented Education Officer at the Catholic Education Office. Susan is a highly sought after

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speakers as we work to cater for all of our students, including those achieving well above standard. The staff regularly analyse student data to discuss ways of challenging our students in their learning.

Last year, St James was formally reviewed as part of a four year cycle facilitated by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) and again we received an official visit as part of a one year review. The CEO staff present were Maree Holmes, Andrea Kershaw and Margaret Waldeck. They met with the school Leadership Team (listed below) and walked through all of the classrooms engaging with students and staff. Some of their observations were: staff and students enjoyed a positive relationship, students could articulate the purpose of their learning, student behaviour was extraordinarily high, learning was student-centred, differentiation of tasks was evident, displays were a mixture of student work and learning prompts, students were very happy and engaged in their learning...

St James leadership Team:

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Learning and Teaching News by Liam Buckley

On Monday June 1st at 5pm - 6pm, Natalie Dodds, our Literacy Leader, will be facilitating another Contemporary Learning Night with a focus on Literacy in the Year Four area. The aim of the session is to share and discuss some of the strategies that we use at St James to support the development of literacy in our students. It will be a valuable experience for parents who wish to help and support this critical aspect of learning. Although the session is aimed mostly at parents of our younger students - the strategies are still effective and useful for engaging older students in their literacy too.

Reporting

At St James we are working towards developing a more effective and valuable reporting system. We are responding to feedback from parent surveys and have recently held a parent forum on reporting. We are also responding to developments in our ability to share and communicate your child’s achievement with you via digital technology.

At St James we will be reporting to you in June about your child’s progress in relation to the curriculum, their behaviour and their effort.

Children who receive the grade ‘C’ are operating at the level expected at that time for that age group.

Children who receive the grade ‘B’ and ‘A’ are providing evidence that they have ‘mastery’ of the knowledge and skills expected at that time - and are also providing evidence in a number of other ways e.g. formal testing scores, teacher observation, the ability to synthesise and connect their learning, and with evidence of being able to operate at the curriculum level 6 - 12 months beyond.

The difference between an A and a B is based on consistency and the level of mastery that is demonstrated by the student.

We strive to give all students the opportunity to be challenged in their learning and teachers are providing a differentiated curriculum.

A example of how this works in a normal classroom setting would be where a student completes a Pre Test in Maths which provides the teacher with information about ‘what the student already knows’ and ‘where to next.’ Normally in each class there would be approximately three levels of teaching - or entry levels of learning for the students - which the teacher sets based on the data collected in the Pre Test.

The unit of work would continue and the students are given the opportunity to learn and develop their skills and knowledge at a level appropriate to their need. A Post Test would then be taken to measure the learning (growth) that occurs during the unit.

It is important to realise that students can come to some concepts (Maths for example) with a high level of understanding but not necessarily bring the same level of understanding to the next concept. It is therefore likely that individual students will move between groups of: enrichment / extension to groups of enabling and support.

At St James Grades B and A do not mean that the student has covered or been taught all of the curriculum 6 months to 12 months beyond their current year level respectively. It is an evidenced based judgement as set out above.

More information will follow as we draw nearer to our reporting period and into Term 3 where we will be hosting Student Learning Conferences with you as partners in your child’s learning and development.

Peace & Blessings,

Simon Millar -Principal of St James
Dear Families,

It was lovely having the opportunity to work with the First Communion students today. Their preparation was evident as they participated in all aspects of the day. Thankyou to all the parents, Jo Fraser, Jo Liston, Lucas Johnson and Natalie Dodds.

Of course our lunch was truly amazing and thankyou to so many for making it so special for the children. In particular thank you to Amanda Mack for being an email away and coordinating everyone for the lunch.

I look forward to seeing you all, this evening at the Family Faith Night this evening at 7pm in the Year 4 area.

Arrangements for Sunday 14th June will be sent out shortly.

Cathy Ferrari and the Faith Team

On Monday 25th May we started our Winter Food Appeal. Could all families bring in non perishable foods and put in the St V de P baskets in each classroom. This drive will culminate in a Liturgy on Friday 12th June. Please see below food list.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Winter Appeal Donations of Food

These are a few ideas for the hampers:

- Dried Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Grated Parmesan style cheese
- Baked beans in tomato sauce
- Canned Spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables (not beans or chick peas)
- Canned meats
- Canned Salmon & Tuna
- Packet soups and noodle meals in a cup
- Biscuits – Sweet and savoury
- Canned Fruits
- Packets of Jelly crystals
- Long Life Milk
- Breakfast Cereal
- Vegemite
- Instant Coffee and tea bags
- Jam

Note.
Please check use by dates as we cannot pass on out of date items to those we help.

Thank you all so much, St James families are always incredibly generous.

Mrs Ferrari, Coco, Belle, Julia & Sarah MK (SJLs)
HOLT DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the children who participated last Friday at the Holt Cross Country event.

The weather was fine and the track was dry, which assisted us in achieving some fantastic results.

All the early morning trainings paid off with St James finishing second (2nd) out of twelve schools.

Eight children progressed through to the Beachside Division Cross Country, to be held on Tuesday 2nd of June.

Congratulations to:
Amelie S, Orlando M, Sophie P, Lily G, Leni N,
Patrick B, Riley W and Grace T.

We wish them well next Tuesday.

Thank you to the Parents who supported our team, especially Jane Kanitzay and Marcia Walsh, who were Course Marshalls.

Jo Fraser – PE Co-ordinator

We would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets, attended the morning tea and donated gifts. We would also like to thank Ange and Imelda for contacting all of the raffle winners and helping us over the last couple of weeks. This year we raised $1290.00. The money raised can fund the training of a volunteer to help patients through their cancer journey.

Georgia Sagiadellis (Elisa Yr 5, Adam Yr 1N)
Konji Bodnar (Layla Yr 5, Vaughn Yr 3C)
Congratulations to James in Year 4 who was presented with the above award at the Beaumaris Library, for his story ‘The Cold, Hard Ground’.

The Cold, Hard Ground.

As I sit under the shade of an old, tall, Banksia tree, waiting for food for the Boomerang tribe, I wonder, is father really up in the clouds? Is mother really resting at the bottom of the deep, blue waters? The hunters are arriving, looking tired. They argue, as they don’t seem to have much food. “What happened?” I ask in a different language we speak. “Another tribe has taken our food.” One replies.

“We will have to fight them!” says one. “Which tribe?” I ask. “We are not sure.” Says our leader, Akana. “All hunters can fight. Gather here, can aid the injured.” He explains. “What about me? I can fight!” They laugh. Akana continues, “Get your weapons ready.”

As night fell I promised myself not to fall asleep. Then I saw them go off, so I went off as well. They climbed over a rock. So did I. They ducked. So did I. They stopped but I kept on going. Oh no. One of them fiercely pointed to the way we came. I began to walk back in that direction, feeling terrified. But I didn’t go all the way back. I wasn’t giving up. I hid behind a bush where I am out of sight. But feeling tired, I collapsed on the ground.

I woke to the sound of an animal rustling in the bush. I run to the field where the fight is taking place. It’s horrible. Just like when my father died. The thought of him makes me shiver. I miss him. As I crawl onto the field I see the wounded bodies on the ground to hide myself. Akana is fighting incredibly. All is well until he trips over. I seize the opportunity to help. I take a small stick of a broken tree branch and gently rover it in front of the enemy’s feet. He trips. Akana leaps up and attacks him. But he does not notice me.

I am determined to show Akana that I’m brave. I search for a dangerous situation. I glance at a brown dilly bag noticing that there are enough seals to feed the whole tribe. A plan forms in my head. I begin dragging the sack along.

It’s heavy, but I can manage. A tribe member notices me and tells Akana what I’m doing to retreat. But our troubles weren’t over yet.

The tribe celebrated victory that night. As I was first to awake I tried to catch some food. And then it came. A huge thing. Like a boat! With ghosts. “Getting!” I yelled as I ran back. I woke them up and they scrambled to get their spears. By the time we were ready they had arrived. They shook a flag into the soil. We knew exactly what this meant. “Thieves!” We yelled as we attacked them but they were too good. So I tried to run but I lost confidence, and fell on the cold, hard ground.
‘Why fit in when you were born to stand out!’ Dr. Seuss

Musical Auditions were held last Tuesday 26th May.

Cathy Ferrari and Kate Kennedy were assisted with the auditions by Jana Davies—Dance/Drama Teacher and Director/Choreographer and Kara Wilson—Musical Theatre Student

Every child is in the musical and the roles for Years 5 & 6 will be announced in coming weeks.

The talent within our school is extraordinary!

Cathy Ferrari & Kate Kennedy

Please Note that the STAR Canteen will be closed on the above date 12th June, therefore there will be no lunch orders.

Keep up to date with events by accessing the School Calendar via the St James Website

We also recommend you adding it to your phone to increase communication and your knowledge of school events.

On your mobile device, choose one of the links below, appropriate to your device:

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If you are experiencing any difficulties when installing the calendar, please firstly ask another parent who has successfully added the calendar before contacting the school office (we will consult our computer technician).

We hope this increases your knowledge of school events.
Hi everyone...

Mostly reminders today.

Good luck with the Walkathon tomorrow.. Sunny morning please Boss!
Come and enjoy seeing the kids make money for the school and exercising with friends..
Great way to start the day.

Year 4 Food day coming up... make sure you get your order in to enjoy a burger and bickie.

Sacred Heart Winter Appeal is in June... look out for baskets in classrooms to give your donation of non perishable food for those in need of support at this time of year. Thank you.

The Monte Carlo event is getting closer by the minute. Keep up to date via your rep emails and look out for PR signs around the school... now is the time to tell everyone about your business by donating an item or experience and receiving great appreciation through the newsletter and on the night. Every little bit counts ... so all donations are gratefully accepted. Who doesn’t love grabbing a bargain at the silent auction?

Being at St James... we are constantly reminded of the effort that goes into making our school a connected and loving environment. Konji and Georgia providing a wonderful morning tea on Tuesday. Jan sharing her knowledge and experience in the kids classrooms, Fran, Katrina and Kris ensuring the walkathon takes place and runs smoothly, the mums assisting on the Year 3&4 excursion and busy bees Connie and Kate covering all businesses around Brighton... getting donations and support for our main event.

Sometimes it’s the small things too... a mum helping another mum take a child into class, listening to another mum or dad’s story about the weekend ... or offering comfort when everyday life seems a bit hard. You never quite know what path another person is travelling... with an illness, or grief or other struggles... so it is good to know... that if you need help or a friendly shoulder... there is always someone at St James. ..... And there is always Angela in the office... if your child needs morning tea, a band aid.. Or a little cuddle...she is there to help.

On behalf of the PA ..Thank you to everyone who does their bit around school. On that note .. Have a good weekend...
And please Tigers... teach those Bombers a lesson!!

(apologies to Essendon fans... but if you want to be president next year.. You can write about your team)

Jane Gale
PA President

You may have heard, preparations are in full swing for a Monte Carlo Gala evening on Saturday the 8 August at Brighton Town Hall, to come together and have fun but also to raise money for our school.

This is our main fundraiser for the year and will go to projects such as the ongoing garden project, new technology and possible water tanks for the school.

This is going to be a great party and to make it even better, we need your help.
So if you could please consider if you, your business, family or friends can contribute to auction items for our event. We are preparing an auction booklet to go out to all parents before the event this year and we would like to distribute this soon.

Items such as holiday houses for the weekend/week, vouchers for stores or activities, items (such as bottles of wine/champagne/spirits, chocolates, candles, platters, toys, books and so on) hotel or shopping vouchers and so on. We will leave the buckets/hampers outside the children's classroom doors to start collecting. if it is anything that cannot be left outside the door, you can please give it to the school reception and address it to me.

Let's make this an amazing night and the real winners will be the children.

If you would like to help organising the night, can you please contact me as well. We particularly need people to help set up on the day and to organise the main raffle for us.

Thanks for your help, it is greatly appreciated and for any queries, please contact me on 0416 24 0767 or conniesands@bigpond.com

Connie Sands - Mum of Isabella Sands (Grade 1N) and the twins - Nicholas and Sienna Sands (17 months)
Living, Loving & Learning
Program Update – Week 07! Week beginning 25/05/15

Wow is it Week 7 already? Please see below for important updates:

Upcoming school closure day: The school is closed on Friday 5th June. OSHClub will be running a pupil-free day from 7am-6pm. Please log on or create an account and book under After School Care. Children need their own morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Holiday Program: Holiday program is coming! The nearest programs are located at Firbank and Elsternwick (this is where Laura & I will be). There are exciting excursions and incursions as well as fabulous staff and tonnes of activities to keep your children busy and having fun. Please login to create a booking. Contact Ambika with any issues.

Change of plans: Next term OSHClub will be visiting the library on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. This will be easier for all due to assembly and Tae Kwon Do. I welcome any feedback on this change.

Next Week’s Theme is Games We Love. We will be doing activities related to our favourite games including Minecraft, Chess, Downball, Zap Zap and the Footy! See the planner below for more information.

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 03 8564 9027.
- For any on the day bookings please call the program phone on 0412 570 934 and leave a message or send a text.

Come by and have a chat anytime! See you soon,

Steph
Who do I contact?

My child is booked in but will not be attending before or after school care.
Contact Steph on the program phone directly (text or phone call).
The program phone is checked 7-9am and 3-6pm. Please leave a voicemail or text the phone and I will get back to you during program hours.

My child is not booked in but will be attending before or after school care.
For staffing reasons, I need to know in advance if your child will be attending as a walk in. I understand it’s not always possible for you to tell me though. In this case you can again call or text the program phone. There is a book on the sign in desk that you can write your child’s name and grade (if they are prep or need to be collected) and this is checked as soon as I arrive. Alternatively you can email the program and I will get back to you during program hours.

Someone not on my child’s enrolment form is collecting my child from after school care.
In this case I need written permission for this person to take your child. I ask that you either email me or text the program phone with your name, your child’s name and the full name of the person collecting them.
Please let that person know that I will need to check their identification. A contact number for the person is always handy also!

I am having issues with booking/I have forgotten my password
In this case please contact the St James account manager Ambika Sivan directly at ambika@oshclub.com.au or 8564 9027

PLEASE NOTE: All children need an enrolment form to attend the program. It is a good idea to have this completed in case of an emergency. Visit www.oshclub.com.au to create your free online account.

Please contact Steph with any questions!

Program phone number: 0412 570 934
Program email address: oshclub.stjames@gmail.com
Feedback (Head Office): 8564 9000
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for 8 to 16 year olds

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Submit an entry for your chance to win $500!
Submissions close 19 June 2015

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