Dear Families,

The Year Five students began their ‘Speaking with Power’ course with Mr T which will lead to their captains speeches on November 26 & December 3. Mr T has been preparing our students over the last five years, greatly enhancing their ability to talk persuasively to an audience. At St James, students get regular practice in public speaking, in their classrooms and during assemblies.

Birthday Party
Today Noah O in Year One celebrated his birthday with a party organised by the staff, facilitated by Elly Dillon (Parent Partnership Leader). Many of Noah’s classmates were present for the games and party food. We thank the staff for their preparation and facilitation of the party and to his family for their donation to our fundraising.

2016 Classes
Later in the term, students in Years 1, 3 & 4 (two classes) will be asked to list the names of five friends they would like to be in the same class with in 2016. Teachers will do their best to ensure, where possible, that each child has at least one friend. We do not take requests for teachers but if you would like to let me know of preferences for your child, regarding peers, it needs to be in writing by Thursday November 5th (info@stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu.au). Transition will be on Friday December 11th from 2:30-3:30pm and all students will meet their teacher and classmates during this time (This message was also in the last newsletter).

Staff Leadership
Today, Mr Buckley and myself interviewed staff for 2016 leadership roles. The depth of leadership at St James is extraordinary and about 10 staff applied. We believe strongly in surfacing the potential of our staff to better cater for the needs of our students. Staff with a whole range of experience and talents have applied for the following leadership roles: Learning & Teaching, Religious Education Leader, RE leader Curriculum, E-Learning, Literacy, Mathematics, Community Partnerships & Student Wellbeing.

Staffing
In the last newsletter, I informed you that Italian would not be a part of the St James 2016 curriculum and it would be replaced by an Asian language. In consultation with the School Board and Staff Leadership Team, a decision has been made to have our students exposed to the Japanese language and culture for 2016. Japanese is taught in more of the secondary schools that our students move to in Year 7 and it’s a language that is easier to learn than Mandarin. The Australian Curriculum only asks that students be formally assessed in a second language (LOTE) from Year Five. The aim of a LOTE program in primary school is for students to build an engagement of a second language. This interest can turn to
multiple other languages on offer once students reach secondary schooling. I thank Veronica Sciulli for her teaching of Italian over the last 12 years. Also, Sustainability will be taught by classroom teachers in 2016 (not as part of the specialist program) to allow for greater exposure to both Physical Education and Art. I thank Gwen Michener for her contribution and engaging activities she has planned with our students. Unfortunately, Mr Pearl will not be returning to St James in 2016. Many Fridays are lost throughout the year due to holidays and sporting events and Performing Arts has been moved to another day for 2016 (for structural reasons). Mr Pearl has spent five years at St James and I thank him for encouraging a love of the performing arts: dance, drama & singing. The students have loved being taught by Mr Pearl and I know he will never be forgotten.

Peace and blessings,
Simon Millar
Principal of St James

Don’t Forget tomorrow

Prep Food Day
Friday 30th October
Send Christmas cards featuring your child’s artwork and raise money for refugees this year.

We are currently seeing a refugee crisis – creating the highest number of refugee children since WWII. Let’s help raise funds for them this Christmas and send personalised cards to your friends and family this year.

Completed paperwork and orders due no later than

Look out for the order form in your child’s school bag.

Cost: $17 for 12 or $25 for 20

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**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 Bowls & 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

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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Last Friday Miss Sarah Counihan visited the Year 5 and 6 classes and taught us all about light.

We participated in many activities and learnt a lot about light.

Sarah F - Year 6
This fortnight has seen the Year 3s preparing to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last Thursday was the Information Night and last night we had Denise Arnel as our guest speaker for the Family Faith Night. We are praying for our precious students as they learn about making good choices and turning back towards God by forgiving and being forgiven. Our Liturgy is on Thursday 12th November 7pm at the Star of the Sea chapel and then an icy pole and a play afterwards.

Today saw the Social Justice Leaders raising awareness for the refugees in detention centres. The students from prep to Year 6 were invited to give a gold coin, which will be collected and given to Trudy Cook, through Jesuits Social Services and phone cards will be purchased for the refugees to ring home. $155.50 was raised, thank you to all those who contributed.

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

Reconciliation Reflection Day

JUST + SIMPLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sebastian Hall //12 until 2pm // Wednesday Nov 25
Christmas Cakes / Puddings / Rainbow Food / Super Bubble Mix / Fairy Dust + more
Lots of ideas for Christmas Presents
All stall holders will be giving their takings to local charity and outreach services
YEAR 3 CAMP ZOO
**TEACHER PROFILES**

**MISS ANNA COELLI**  
*By Sarah F (Yr 6)*

- When you were a child what was your dream job?  
  Teacher
- If you could be best friends with a celebrity who would it be?  
  Beyoncé or Barack Obama
- What is something that calms you (makes you feel relaxed)?  
  My favourite food
- If you could fly to any place in world where would you go?  
  Paris
- If you had $100 000 to spend what would spend it on?  
  Holiday around the world
- If you were an emoji what would you be?  
  Dancing girl
- If you could be in any movie what would it be?  
  Home Alone 2: Lost in New York
- What animal represents you?  
  Giraffe
- If you could be any Disney character who would it be?  
  Sleepy Beauty (my class said I sleep a lot!)

**MISS ELLY DILLON**  
*By Maddy C (Yr 6)*

- If you could be any Disney character, who would you be?  
  The Evil Witch from Snow White.
- If you could be any teacher in the school, who would you be?  
  All the teachers are amazing!
- If you could be in any movie, which one would it be?  
  Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Who is your celebrity crush?  
  Don’t have one
- If you could perform with anyone who would it be?  
  Sia
- What is your biggest fear?  
  Snakes and mice
- If you could have any talent what would it be?  
  A good singer
- What animal represents you best?  
  A Labrador
- If you could have endless amounts of one thing what would it be?  
  Chocolate - black forest
- What is your favourite movie:  
  Drop Dead Fred and also Dennis the Menace

**MR SIMON MILLAR**  
*By Belle M & Alice D (Yr 6)*

- What year were you born? 1966
- How long have you been teaching? 27 Years
- Would you rather travel into the future or the past and why?  
  Future, to know the answers to some of my questions.
- What has been your favourite part this year at St. James?  
  Our upcoming Musical and the preps starting at St. James.
- If you won $100 000 dollars what would you do with it?  
  I would like to buy a holiday for my parents and give some money to charity.
- What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?  
  At a staff meeting I said “I have an elephant like a memory” but I meant, a memory like an elephant.
- What is the happiest memory you hold closest to your heart?  
  The births of my three children.
- What school did you go to?  
  Parade College
- What was your favourite thing to do as a child?  
  Playing sport and riding my bike.
- What was your favourite subject at school?  
  In primary school it was Maths and PE. In Secondary school, Legal Studies.
- If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be?  
  My eldest daughter who is backpacking at the moment; I have not seen her in a few months. I would also like to meet Barack Obama, Pope Francis and Nathan Buckley (Collingwood football club).
- If you could be anyone in the world right now who would you want to be?  
  People should be happy being themselves.
- If you could be in any movie what movie would you want to be in?  
  The Martian.
- Do you have any secret talents?  
  Junior tennis player
ST JAMES SWIMMING PROGRAM
COMMENCES
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

HOUSE COLOURED CAPS ARE
COMPULSORY FOR THE SWIMMING
CARNIVAL

AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE @ $8 each

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 YRS 1-4 WEDNESDAY 4:00-6:15PM
3 February - 23 March (8 weeks) | Yrs 3/4 Teams compete Fridays.

TERM COST Approx $85 per child | Based on team of 8. Team Invoice $680.

COACHES WORKSHOP By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

CONTACT Ph: 9585 6123 info@playballbasketball.com

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CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES

FATHERS - YOU ARE IMPORTANT IN WAYS YOU DON'T REALISE

AUSTRALIAN KIDS SAY WHAT THEY REALLY WANT FROM THEIR FATHERS

The most important role of a father, according to young people, is to teach them how to live life. This is followed by care (22.7%), just being there (20%), love (13.3%), discipline (10.7%), and security (10.7%).

'Not enough fathers praise their kids but mums do,' said one young person.

A good relationship between a father and his child involves: talking (37.3%), loving (21.3%), trusting (21.3%), respect (18.7%), friendship (18.7%), understanding (16%) and guidance (8%).

"My Theory on Fatherhood"

WHAT FATHERS CAN DO TO IMPROVE THEIR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING:

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Knowing when not to stick their nose in and also knowing when they are needed is also important to young people.

Sixty-four per cent of young people believe that fathers should be involved in their children's education by helping with school work (20%) and going to parent-teacher interviews (27%).

AUSTRALIA'S FATHERS TELL HOW

I hardly saw my father, so how would I know how to be a good father? asked one father. If I took all the messages I get from my father, the lessons would be: never talk about feelings, don't praise kids in case they get a big head, dispense with kids every so often and, when troubled, fold your arms, place your weight on one leg and say grumpily, "Think about what it will do to your mother". That was all the fathering I ever get.

So when it came to parenting my kids, I was up the proverbial creek without even a smid of a paddle. My partner keeps looking at me as if I should know how to be a father, but really I know less than she does.

Read To Your Sons As Well As To Your Daughters

Non-Custodial Fathers Need To Be More Entertaining

It's tempting when you don't live with your kids to make every access visit party-time.

Taking kids to the movies and filling them full of junk food seems to be an easy way to be a loved father.

As one young person commented, "When you live with your dad you often want less contact and more freedom, but when you don't live with your dad you usually want much more contact."

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CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES
35 SIBLING RIVALRY

What To Do With Siblings Who Can’t Stand One Another

At some point, all young people say they hate their brothers or sisters. There are some children, however, who have almost entirely different personalities and interests. It is too easy to say ‘treat children the same’, because in many families, especially blended families, the age difference is such that it would be developmentally insensitive to do so. Conflict needs to be managed so that it leads to a positive outcome.

In families in which siblings don’t get along, a sense of justice and fairness is essential. Be even-handed and fair. Do not allow it to be a battle in which the biggest and strongest wins.

Do not side consistently with one against the other. Develop mutual respect - harsh or inconsistent parenting can create poor sibling relationships. It is all right at times to say, ‘This is my house - you both live here and you’ll do it my way.’

Sibling Rivalry
I got a new skateboard!

Mumum... it’s not fair!

Daaad... favouritism!

Aren’t I the eldest?

Come on guys, it is his birthday!

WHY DO WE HAVE SIBLING RIVALRY?

Sibling rivalry isn’t that surprising, really. Imagine if your partner came home and told you that they were about to bring a new man or woman into your home. This new person will take up a lot of their available time and affection and they may not be able to spend as much time with you as they have in the past. Also, you will have to learn how to share. Above all, they then ask you to get along with the new person, to like and even love them. This is basically the equivalent position of a child when they discover their mother is about to have a baby!

Pick At Random!

Mrs Tran of Greendale said that she had spent years playing the umpire, entering into every argument and trying to sort it out, trying to work out who started it. ‘Do I have success? Never. I don’t know why I persisted for so long. With young children, you need to intervene directly to break up disputes, but when they get older your role has to change.

So I decided to pick at random who was the “victim” and go to them and comfort them. The next day when a dispute erupted I went in and picked the eldest child as the victim and went and said, “You must be so sad to be fighting like this – let me give you a big hug,” and approached him with my arms outstretched.

The lack of honour on my son’s face was a sight to behold. And the other one looked so offended and put out. But I just persisted. After a while they stopped arguing to get my attention.’

CONTENDERS READY FOR BIG FIGHT

Contenders today were in preparation for the Parental Attention Cup.

This is a fight that occurs over an indeterminate number of rounds. While this is usually a featherweight competition, occasionally larger fighters are allowed to enter the ring.

Referees’ representative, Mr Drago, said, “It’s an umpire’s nightmare. If you send them to their corners or to their rooms they refuse to go and they constantly dispute the referee’s decision.”

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