Dear Families,

It’s wonderful to be back at St James after spending time overseas with my family. Although in Bali, I managed to meet up with St James families (O’Donoghues and Smiths). The time I spent with my own children was rewarding and I thank Fr Michel for the time. I also thank Mr Buckley for admirably fulfilling the duties of Acting Principal in my absence. He worked hard while also teaching Year Six.

Mr Buckley and Mrs Ferrari briefed me on what has happened at St James over the past three weeks and it has certainly been a ‘hive of activity’ with: Learning Conferences, the birth of baby Clara Quinn, Year 5/6 Hoopetime, Circus workshop, Seussical rehearsals, Confirmation, Bishop Elliott visit, athletics trials, Grandparents Liturgy, Literacy & Maths and much more.

Confirmation

I congratulate our Year Six students for the completion of the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday in Sebastian Hall. Mrs Ferrari & Fr Michel, together with Year 6 staff and parents, did a wonderful job in preparing the students and Bishop Elliott was very impressed with the students and their knowledge of the Sacrament. An estimated 400+ people attended Confirmation and I congratulate Fr Michel, Mrs Ferrari and the Faith Team on their organisation.

Major Fundraiser

The major fundraiser will be on this Saturday August 8th at the Brighton Town Hall with the theme of ‘A Night in Monte Carlo’. It promises to be an incredible evening and I thank the organisers for their exhaustive work in preparing for the event over many months. A strength of St James is our ‘sense of community’ so I strongly encourage all families, who are able, to attend. Approximately 120 tickets already having been sold. I hope to see you there.

School Improvement Surveys

School Improvement Surveys (150) have been sent home randomly and need to be completed by no later than tomorrow, Friday 7th August. The surveys have been completed by staff and students from Years 3–6. Parents are encouraged to complete the surveys as they provide valuable information for future planning and communication. Another survey will be sent home soon about Homework and the Learning Conferences.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results across Australia have been published with the results available in the table below. Victoria has finished either first or second in all tests for Years 3 & 5. Each year our students at St James achieve higher results than most of our surrounding ‘like’ schools and student achievements will be sent to us soon and passed onto families.

Peace and blessings,

Simon Millar
Principal of St James
World of Maths

On Wednesday 5th August the Year Ones enjoyed participating in a range of Mathematical activities!

I liked the apple counting game in Maths.
- Ada

I liked making a person. You had to follow instructions to make it match. Once you followed the instructions the person has a name.
- Oscar W

I liked when you had to roll a ball and get it to the farm.
- Dylan

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

IC had a wonderful time inviting their grandparents and special friends into the classroom and sharing all their wonderful learning!

My grandma is special because she makes me dinner.
- Conor

My grandparents are special to me because they look after me.
- Ruby

My grandparents are special because they always sneak me treats!
- Tom
Dear Families,

Last Sunday saw our beautiful students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They were well prepared by Mr Liam Buckley and Mrs Sandra Renehan; and received the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit prayerfully and maturely. It was a privilege working with these students as they prepared for this Sacrament. So many people helped to ensure the Sacrament was the success it was. Father Michel, the Faith Team (Nina, Jo F, Elly, and Cathy B) and Robyn Hirt were an amazing team to work with and together we accomplished a great deal.

Last Thursday’s Reflection day lunch was superb (especially the dessert bar!) and a huge thankyou to Sam Taranto, Liz Nekic and Marcia Walsh for being in charge of ‘comms’ (communication) with all participating families. It is now back to work in Year 6, as they complete their last semester of primary school and they gear up for Seussical, Graduation and lots more.

Last weekend also saw the parish visit from Bishop Elliott. Thank you very much to Kris Bailey, Jane Gale, Fran Passuello, Angela Hallam, Ange Hayden and Kate Tunney for preparing and serving after the 9:30am Mass. It was lovely chatting to some of our families and meeting many of our parishioners. Bishop Elliott’s message was one of hope for our church and our community and that we are all part of the Church today, especially the children and that the Church is made up of people not bricks and mortar.

It seems a while ago now, but on Friday 24th July, we celebrated Grandparents and Special Friends Day. It was a morning of warmth, love and gratitude for these wonderful people in our lives. Please read Susie and Gerard’s insightful words on behalf of the grandparents and special friends and more wise words from Samantha H in Year 6.

Finally I wanted to congratulate Mr Liam Buckley for his Leadership over the past three weeks whilst Mr Simon Millar was on long service, he has done a terrific job and was a pleasure to work with.

*Cathy Ferrari and the Faith Team*

(Nina Farrar, Cathy Busch, Nancy Ohlert, Elly Dillon and Jo Fraser)
Grandparents Day was wonderful; the feeling of warmth and love was palpable. We would like to thank Claudia and Will’s grandparents, Susie and Gerard, as they spoke beautifully.

GERARD

Susie and I thank you for asking us to speak with you at assembly today about being grandparents. It is a privilege to be a grandparent and we feel very lucky to have Claudia and William in our family. We have loved and enjoyed them since they were born; watching them grow and develop is wonderful. We have had fun going on holidays with them, we enjoy movie nights at home with lollies and popcorn. They stay overnight, we all play chasey around the big tree in the front garden, card and board games are always favourites. We kick the footy and soccer balls. Will likes to practise kicking the footy with both feet, kicking around the corner and dribbling goals. Claudia has spent hours in the garden on the monkey bars and often demonstrates her gymnastic skills for us. Whilst I can kick further than Will, I certainly can’t chase and tackle him. I also have problems beating them both on computer games. Will and Claudia love food and Susie always cooks their special requests like pesto pasta, tomato basil and boconcini soup, grilled haloumi veggie bake, and homemade ice cream. William has a sweet tooth but Claudia has more savoury tastes. Watching her culinary tastes develop is fantastic.

Seeing Claudia and William grow and develop into the beautiful people they are is wonderful and is a credit to their teachers and this school who, together with their parents, guide and nurture our grandchildren. We thank you.

SUSIE

When I was a little child one of my teachers did this with me what I am sure you have all done... Lie down on a large piece of paper and draw around your body so you have the outline, the shape of you on paper. Next my teacher drew a dotted line all the way around on the inside of my body shape. This she told me represents your soul.

We all have this part: this is our soul or our spirit. All of you have it. It is in you from the beginning of your life until you are not on earth anymore. You cannot see it, feel it or smell it, it is not your bones or your skin or your blood. It’s in you. It’s the real you.

If you ask your grandparents they will probably tell you that they don’t feel any different on the inside than they did when they were as old as you are now... I know that I am the same on the inside now as I was when was a little girl.

The outside of us changes a lot. When you are grandparents your skin is wrinkly, your hair can be grey and thin. Your muscles may not be as strong as they once were. Your eyes don’t always work so well and sometimes you cannot hear properly. But your spirit, the inner part of you from when you began is the same when you are 5 or 7, is the same when you are 15 or 17 and is still the same when even when you are 60 or 70.

When an apple begins to grow on a tree the core is in the middle and the apple grows bigger and bigger around its core. The core of the apple stays strong and doesn’t change. Your spirit, your soul is like the apple’s core, it is your core.

You are all very lucky to be in this school with loving caring teachers who are guiding and teaching you, developing your brains, the learning part of you, playing and exercising with you to teach you to care of your bodies and respecting and nurturing the most important part of you, the inner you...your spirit.

When you are thinking about or talking with your grandparents today remember that that they know a lot of things. They were children like you; they have learnt a lot and even if they look a bit old and have forgotten a few things, there is that inside part of them that hasnt changed. The inside part of them, their spirit, is just like the inside part of you.
GRANDPARENTS DAY SPEECH
by Samantha H

We all think she must be a saint to put up with our grandad and all his nonsense, but that’s a whole other story in itself….

She has so much energy, that she has cleaned the house, done the shopping, finished a workout and varnished the stair bannisters all before recess!

My Nan is truly special, she makes time for all her grandchildren and I really appreciate that she could be here for my last Grandparents day!

You know that warm fuzzy feeling like excitement, joy and happiness, but all at the same time. This is the feeling I get when I am with my Nan, for so many reasons…..

For starters, she arranges the best sleepovers with my cousins, and never gets mad when we stay up all night talking.

Nan is the most amazing cook, you should check her cakes on Instagram. Just google Angela Riches. Our birthdays are always really special.

ST JAMES PARENTS ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU.
So many kind, generous people at our school.
Lovely Yr 6 mums who helped organise such a great lunch for the Yr 6 students on Reflection Day. Fantastic Yr 1 mums who fed our children last Friday. Parents who helped with the post Mass gathering and donated a plate or packet for morning tea. Even getting your kids dressed to celebrate 100 days.. It all takes extra effort and energy.

There has been amazing comfort and support around the school as well. Meals have been planned to assist our school families. (If you can help.. Contact Amanda Mack). There is always goodwill and love sent to our St James families, with parents and children ready and willing to contribute. Sometimes just a kind word or a listening ear is all that is needed.

I hope you are looking forward to our major fundraiser this Saturday at the Brighton Town Hall. There is so much work behind the scenes and co-ordination going on to pull it all together. Connie, Kate D, Belinda and Donna A have been such troopers, please support them on the night by having a wonderful time with friends and spending $$$… All fundraising is going towards the improvement of the school gardens and other resources that assist our children’s learning and educational experience.

You can purchase tickets on the night… But it is important to know if you are attending for catering purposes, with over 120 people ready to party Monte Carlo style. You can check out the auction items (see email sent earlier this week) and still get your raffle tickets in, leading up to and on the night…. Who doesn’t want a night away at the Crown Casino! Why not get with a friend and bid hard for the live auction items… “Teacher’s Birthday Party” or "Holiday in Noosa”!

Next PA meeting is on in the school hall Thursday 13th. (Parish planning meeting is on the 12th)

Jane Gale
PA President
NUDE FOOD TUESDAY

This semester St James is trying to be a healthier and happier place.

We can do both these things by having a Nude Food day every Tuesday and you will be updated weekly by your Environment Captains.

This means that on Tuesday every week, students are encouraged to have no wrappers.

Your Environment Captains will come around and tally classes each week.

The class with the least wrappers at the end of Term, will win a special prize.

Thank You,

From your Environment Captains
Allegra D, Charley H, Samantha H, Sandrine F and Sophie F.
Book Week 2015
Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August

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.
PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

The costumes were amazing! It was such a great celebration. Congratulations to the Preps and Mrs Busch. Here is a ‘snapshot’ of the day.

Ol’ Blue Eyes was born 100 years ago – ‘Start Spreadin’ the News!”

Two film stars from 100 years ago.

100% happy!!!

100 cents = 1 dollar

100 excuses for NOT coming to school!!!

50% + 50% = 100%
STUDENT AWARDS

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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

FREE PETS TO GO TO A GOOD HOME
- White (in-house) Rabbit
- Black Guinea Pig
- Beige/Rusty/White Guinea Pig

PLEASE PHONE 0447 741827 IF INTERESTED

URGENT REQUEST
If anyone has a PORTA COT which they no use and would like to donate it to a good cause; Ann Nicola knows of a Wild Life Carer who has just been delivered two baby orphan Wombats.

Your help would be most appreciated. Thankyou.

Please Contact
Ann Nicola

Dear parents

I would like to draw your attention to the ‘Help Me’ app which is free on both apple and android platforms.

‘The Daniel Morcombe Foundation ‘Help Me’ App is a great way to not only help keep kids safe, but assist people of all ages, from 7 to 97, covering all kinds of personal emergency situations!

Major Safety Features
The ‘Help Me’ button sounds a warning and allows you to send off an SMS text to two (2) nominated ‘safety’ numbers, as part of your Trusted Safety Network. Included in the text are GPS co-ordinates from where the text was sent, so the sender can be located or a last known place of contact is indicated.

Creating Your Safety Network...It’s Easy!’
I have personally installed this app on my daughter’s phone and would suggest that you consider this or a similar app especially if your children walks / rides to school on their own.


Liam Buckley
Congratulations to Grace T (Yr 6) for being selected into the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Victorian Soccer team. Grace is an all round sports person but she excels in soccer. She displays amazing sportsmanship and is a fantastic role model to her peers and younger children. We wish her and the team every success when they play in Adelaide in November.

Hoop Time
Congratulations to the 5 teams from Yr 5/6 who participated in the Holt Hoop Time Basketball Competition on Tuesday. All teams played well and were wonderful representatives of St James, displaying great skill and sportsmanship. All teams achieved some success on the court, with one team winning the Grand Final and progressing through to the next level. Well done to all, we are very proud of you.
Many thanks to the parents who coached and scored- Marcia Walsh, Catherine Dawson, Bernie Dodd, Michelle Zgalin, Konji Bodnar and Derek Stewart. Without these parents we could not have participated in this event.
We are always so grateful for the help we receive from our parents at St James. Thanks also to Mr Johnson and Mr Quinn, who also helped support and encourage on the day.

Athletics
By next Tuesday we are hoping to have finalised the selection of the St James Athletics team. There will be notes sent home to the successful athletes later next week.
The St James team will compete at the Holt Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 19th August at Duncan MacKinnon Athletics track in Murrumbeena.

Lacrosse
Recently the yr 5/6 children participated in 2 weeks of lacrosse clinics during their PE sessions.
Kevin from Lacrosse Vic taught the children the skills of lacrosse, using many enjoyable games. There was much laughter and I think the children had their eyes opened to how difficult lacrosse is, but also, how much fun it can be. Many children showed great talent and picked up the skills very quickly.
I will give out information flyers to each child and please consider contacting your local club and find out when their ‘Come and try’ sessions may be.

Jo Fraser
Physical Education (3-6)
Holt Interschool Sport
SRC BOOKS & COOKS
MINI MARKET

On Friday 14th August, the SRCs will be holding a BOOKS AND COOKS MINI MARKET.
It will commence at 3:30pm and go to 4:00pm, so please come along, we would love to see you there!
Each year level will need to bring in cakes and treats to raise money. They will have a table filled with cakes and treats.
There will also be a book stall run by Scholastic.
Money raised from the Bake Sale will go towards Games / Play resources for the classrooms, which will be put to great use on Wet Day Programs.
Money raised from the Book Stall will be used to purchase Big Picture Books for the Prep and Year 1 Classes.
Please stay tuned for further information.

THANKYOU.

PREPS
FIRE EDUCATION
B PLATOON ARE COMING

MONDAY 24 AUGUST 10:00 am
AND
MONDAY 31 AUGUST
Sandringham & District Netball Association
1-2 October

2 Days = $150
9am - 3pm
Netball Stadium
Thomas Street
Hampton

FOR MORE DETAILS:
juliecorletto@jeanieboy.com.au

Book Now Online Via:

Jeanieboy.com.au  JulieCorletto.com

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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

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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
Program Update – Week 04! Week beginning 03/08/15

Week Four already! So far this term we’ve set up the OSH room in Week 1, discussed sustainable practices in Week 2, made ourselves into superheroes in Week 3 and now we’re celebrating the Seussical in Week 4. Check out the recipe below for Homemade Apple chips – yum! Also, next week’s planner. Our goal is

New coordinators: As you may have heard, I have decided to step down as program coordinator at St James to focus on teaching and returning to study in the new year. I will miss every one of my OSHies and I’ll cherish the memories of the last 2 years at St James OSHClub. My final day will be the pupil-free day on Monday 17th August. I hope to get the chance to say goodbye to you all before then!

OSHClub is hiring a new person for the position but in the interim Hilary McGuire and Sophia Cave will be coordinating with Laura assisting.

Have your say: We are creating a new service philosophy that is specific to St James OSHClub. Please come in and add a few words or phrases to our “brainstorm” on the sign-in desk.

Assessment & Ratings: On Monday 10th August, St James OSHClub will be having an Authorised Officer from the Department of Education and Training visit to conduct an audit of the program. Thank you to everyone who has said kind things and given great feedback about the service. We are nervously excited to see how we perform. For further information visit: http://www.acecqa.gov.au/families

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

Homemade Apple Chips

With only two ingredients, this is an easy recipe for snacks at home. Extra tip: why not make an apple necklace to munch on while finishing homework off!

This week’s goal is: Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.

This week’s theme is: Creativity and construction!

Who do I contact?

**My child is booked in but will not be attending before or after school care.**

Contact Stephi 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@hostclub.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.hostclub.com.au to create your free online account.

Please contact Stephi with any questions!

Program phone number: 0412 570 934

Program email address: oshclub.stjames@gmail.com

Feedback (Head Office): 8564 9000