



ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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1st November, 2019

Tuesday 12th November—Year 6 Orientation Day at McAuley Catholic College

Tuesday 12th November—2020 Year 7 Information Night—McAuley Catholic College—7pm to 8pm

Friday 15th November—Awards Assembly— 9:00am in Hall

Tuesday 17th December—Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 17th December—End of Year School Mass and Assembly—12pm

Wednesday 18th December— Grafton Pool Excursion for all students and staff

Wednesday 18th December—Last Day of Term 4, 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

There are only 5 more weeks of our Little Js transition program left this term. It has been wonderful getting to know the new parents and reconnecting with existing parents. We look forward to welcoming all the new Early Stage One students and their families to our wonderful school community. Let us pray that the warm welcome they receive will help them to feel that they belong here.

Premier's Reading Challenge(PRC)

Well done once again to students who completed the Challenge for 2019. Our excursion to the Grafton waterslide will take place on the last day of term, Wednesday 18th December to congratulate these students. Have a great time and keep reading!

S3 Weekly Radio Show

Stage 3 students from St James School participate in the **TLC100.3 FM/ the Lower Clarence Community Radio Inc.** each Friday from 11am-12pm. Anne-Marie Wardrop, a local radio announcer has offered her time as producer, so that the sound and show runs smoothly. Students prepare a playlist, school news and announcements for each show. Parents and friends are encouraged to ring the station on **6646110** during the show and request songs. Children are rostered on each week, so stay tuned to hear the latest news from St James School!

2020 Class Planning

As planning for 2020 is already underway, it is very important to ensure you have notified the office of any siblings that will enrol next year or if you are moving. Your prompt attention to this information is appreciated.

Yours in Education,
Christine Jeffrey
Acting Principal



EXURO

Last Friday, 25th October, Year 5 students travelled to McAuley College for the Exuro Catholic Retreat. The one day retreat experience gives students from around the Lismore Diocese the opportunity to come together with Year 5's from other Catholic schools, to celebrate their faith through participation in games, reflective writing and prayer. All students showed great leadership and represented St James with pride.



School Banking

There will be **No** School Banking:

**6th November
13th November
20th November**



Book Conversations

Comprehension is an essential element in the 'learning to read' process and is central to a child's reading development as the ability to decode words.

Talking about books is one of the ways parents can engage a child in their reading and encourage comprehension of what they have read. Reading with your child should not be a formal learning experience, however, creating dialogue about the literature your child is reading is a good habit to nurture. Asking questions and having informal discussions about the content, context or connections you have or can make with a book are all great conversation starters.

The following questions or conversation starters can be used with toddlers right through to independent readers. These are just a few ideas that can be modified or added to as conversations about books develop. The idea is not to ask every question about the book. Depending on your child one or two is plenty.

Book conversation ideas:

- Can you find the author's and illustrator's name?
- What do you think about the illustrations in the book?
- Look at the cover. Did it give you clues about the story?
- Are the illustrations painted, drawn, collage, photographs?
- Which is your favourite illustration?
- What do you think might happen next?
- What did you like or dislike about the book?
- Which character was your favourite? Why?
- What part of the story was the most exciting or interesting?
- Did any of the characters remind you of anyone you know?
- What is the setting of the story?
- Can you retell the story?
- Who is telling the story?
- Can you ask me a question about the book we just read?
- How did this book make me feel? Was it a happy, scary, thoughtful or an adventure book?
- Look at the cover. Did it give you clues to the story?
- Can you think of any other books that are similar to this one?

Judy Rogers
Instructional Leader K-2



Sport News

School Sport

Our School Sport program for Term 4 started last Friday. K-2 students are participating in a water safety program at the Yamba Community Pool and Stage 2 and 3 students have started a Futsal and Basketball program at the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre.

Summer Sport Trials

Several year 4 and 5 students from St James have been selected to represent both our school, and the Clarence Zone, at the Diocesan Summer Sport Trials to be held in Lismore on the 29th November. They will be competing with students from Tweed, Richmond and Hastings zones for selection in the Lismore Diocesan team to compete at the Polding carnival early next year. Well done to:

Basketball - Oscar Enns, Jesse Daley-Malone, Millie Day, Eve Van Leest, Taya Murphy

Touch Football - Frazer Stokes, Beau Edwards, Kai Brossman

Year 6 Graduation Dinner Preparation

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who were able to attend the Year 6 Graduation meeting last week. Any Year 6 parents who are able to assist with the organisation of the dinner are encouraged to contact Stacey Olsen or the School Office.



Gemma Hollington—12 November



Stage 1 students began their swimming program last week and managed to make it back to school with all shoes, socks and goggles accounted for! While students participated in small group lessons, others enjoyed relay races in the small pool, poolside card games and shared reading with friends. If you ask us, there's no better way to end the school week!



Swimming Checklist

- ◇ Towel
- ◇ Goggles
- ◇ Rashie
- ◇ Swimming costume