



St James College

Global Learning, Achieving Aspirations

NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, the traditional custodians of the land our College calls home. We commit to walking with their leaders towards true reconciliation.



Dates for Your Diary

February 2021

- 6 Family Day at Jimmies on the Dam
- 8 Hogan House Breakfast
Enrolment Information Evening
- 9 Mary Rice House Breakfast
- 10 Year 7 Parent Night
- 10-12 Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 11 Long House Breakfast
Observance of Anniversary of National Apology Day, Brunch
- 12 Carey House Breakfast
International Dinner
- 16 P&F Meeting 6pm
- 17-19 Yr 12 Formation

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Friends, Staff and Students

This week has seen school settle into their learning, with the highlight being the Inaugural Opening Mass lead by Auxiliary Bishop Ken Howell, Year 12 Leadership Badging Ceremony and Parents/Carers Morning Tea. This ceremony celebrated and blessed the year ahead, with great optimism around the journey to come! We thank Bishop Ken for his time and commitment, which is very special for us as Bishop Ken is a very honoured past student of St James College. Other honoured guests, such as Dr Marie Siganto, Ms Lisa Siganto, Ms Yvonne O'Neill, Br Michael Talty, Br John O'Leary, Mr Robert Lamberth and Ms Barbara Grieve were very welcomed, as we truly value their presence. We were so thrilled with the music, singing and participation in our ceremony and would thank our Assistant Principal, Identity and Global Advocacy, Mr Isikeli Kubunameca for his leadership and coordination of this event, along with our wonderful musicians and choir, Campus Minister Ms Rachel Pelser, Ms Erin Johnston, House Deans and Well Being staff, Ms Louise Pope and Catering team for the delectable morning tea, Facilities Team, Audio Visual and Stage Crew, all other Staff, Students and Families. It was uplifting in its essence, recognising and congratulating our student leaders. Moreover, we keep the Reading from the Book of Hebrews in mind – "Let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us."

ST JAMES COLLEGE ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS 2021 - 2022

Enrolment Interviews for 2021 through to 2022 are now taking place, with vacancies available in all Year Levels.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact Mrs Maria Young at the College on 07 3230 8600 or at MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au



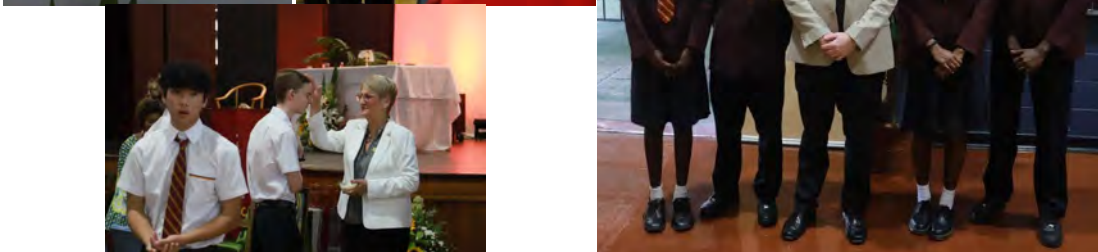
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ABSENTEE LINE 3230 8655

Please clearly state student's name, year level, homeroom and absence reason.



Year 11 Parent Evening

On Wednesday evening parents and students learnt more about our Pathways at the College and the opportunities available. They were encouraged to take advantage of our supportive team and gain advice about the goals for our students. Our College has an enormous array of offerings including ATAR General subjects, 14AQF Certificates, Links with Universities for Step Up Programs, School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship facilitation and support, along with work experience and shadowing opportunities. We congratulate our Year 12 graduates from 2020, who were very successful in gaining places in University courses of choice. The successful completion of an ATAR is one way depending on score but there are many others. In fact, two recently graduated students visited us yesterday, who were accepted into Griffith University with their Certificate 3 completion and Essential English upgrade through their successful completion of a University Bridging Course in English in January. Only 25% of University students in Australia are at University through ATAR selection (Mitchell Report). Our mantra of "Choose, Connect, Commit" applies to every student – choose subjects and pathways, connect to others at school and in community, and commit to your studies and cocurricular/work programs to achieve your outcomes. Our Basketball program is a great example of a mentor program that involves much more than basketball. It is a program lead by Director Mr Kirron Byrne which encompasses high expectations in a range of areas emphasising that goals and dreams can be achieved if you believe in yourself and work consistently towards that dream.



Pacific Islanders and Indigenous Camp at Maroon Dam – Family Day

An excited group of students headed out to our Maroon Dam Outdoor Education space this afternoon. This provides opportunities to develop their friendships, cultural knowledge and identity and we welcome all to visit on Saturday. Appreciation for organisation and support must go to Mr Jonathan Reuben, Mr Isikeli Kubunameca and Mr Ryan Chapman in facilitating this event, along with the generous giving of their time.

Coming Events

- ◆ Saturday 6 February—Family Day at Jimmies on the Dam.
- ◆ Monday 8 February—Hogan House Breakfast.
- ◆ Monday 8 February—Enrolment Information Evening, commencing at 6pm in the College Library.
- ◆ Tuesday 9 February—Mary Rice House Breakfast.
- ◆ Wednesday 10—Friday 12 February—Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp.
- ◆ Wednesday 10 February—Year 7 Parent Night, commencing at 5.30pm in the College Library.
- ◆ Thursday 11 February—Long House Breakfast.
- ◆ Thursday 11 February—Observance of the Anniversary of National Apology Day, 10.30am to 1.30pm in the College Library.
- ◆ Friday 12 February—Carey House Breakfast.
- ◆ Friday 12 February—International Dinner celebrating Chinese and Vietnamese New Year.
- ◆ Wednesday 16 February—P&F Meeting commencing at 6pm in the St James Room.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following Year 12 Students Leaders:

- ◆ **College Captains:** David John, Rosemary Maina
- ◆ **College Vice Captains:** Mibaraka Ruhirika, Nyakiir Chol
- ◆ **House Leaders:**
 - ◆ (Carey House) Mahlatse Choma, Azariah Taulia, Jamieson Albrecht
 - ◆ (Hogan House) Cheyenne Pickering, Ethan Avery, Chantal Kalunga
 - ◆ (Long House) Kaylee Naoupu, Godwill Thomas Remijo, Wilson Kisembo
 - ◆ (Mary Rice House) Benjamin Ogden Bailey Gillogly, Aboubacar Kamara
- ◆ **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Ambassadors:** Cheyenne Pickering, Colin Joseph James Barney

Congratulations to Gibson Gray, Year 11, who competed in the Queensland State Rowing Championships in the Under 17 Single Scull. The course was 2000 metres—Olympic race length! Gibson placed 3rd in his heat, narrowly missing out on 2nd place, but still made the State Final placing 8th. Gibson will compete in the Queensland School Championships in September 2021 representing St James.



Enrolment Information Evening

The College is hosting two Enrolment Information Evenings in February and March. Should you know of anyone seeking a secondary education for their son or daughter, please pass on the following information or invite them to contact the College on 3230 8600.



St James College
Catholic Co-education for Years 7 – 12
in the Edmund Rice Tradition

Enrolment Information Sessions

Register to attend or watch the livestream

📍 201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill Q 4000
☎ 3230 8600

Register at
www.stjames.jointheadventure.global



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FINALISTS
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOMED


MONDAY
8 February & 8 March
6.00PM




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In closing, we wish all of our students, families and community a great year ahead in 2021!

Take care, and blessings for the week.



Ann
Ann Rebgetz
Principal



Opening Prayer

As we gather here in the harbour of your safety, we thank you for fellowship and family.

We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love.
Lord, would you fill us with your peace
So that as we journey onwards
We would pour out your love and grace to others.

We ask that our souls would catch the wind of your spirit
so that we would take your promises to all the earth.

Amen.

www.lords-prayer-words.com

Deputy Principal

Mr Martin Wiseman

Year 11 Parent Night Takeaway Points

It was a great turn out of parents and carers of the Year 11 students this week. Whilst the focal point was with this group, there are plenty of takeaways for all parents and carers.

- * Encourage your children to accept leadership and responsibility roles around the house
- * Demonstrate anger control and negotiate conflict resolution at home. You can be angry but don't leave things unresolved
- * Support involvement with peers
- * Help them become better organized
- * Have them assume greater responsibility for their personal hygiene
- * Encourage them to take on non-gender typical tasks
- * Encourage them to participate in a range of activities - sport, music, culture, academic.
- * Manage your children, don't be their friend
- * Network with your child's friends AND their parents/carers
- * Familiarise yourself with SchoolTV via the following link: https://stjamescollege.qld.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news

Assistant Principal Identity & Global Advocacy

Mr Isikeli Kubunameca

Identity and Global Advocacy

Today, Friday 5 February, we celebrated our Inaugural Mass, presided over by past Jimmies alumni, Bishop Ken Howell. Our Mass is not only an opportunity to badge our new leaders for Term 1 and 2021 but it is an important time to gather as a community to celebrate new beginnings for our new staff and students. We look forward to what the year has to bring.



Some markers for your calendar in the up and coming weeks:

- ◆ Saturday 6 February – Family Day at Jimmies on the Dam: 556 Burnett Creek Road Maroon Dam (10am – 2pm) – All welcome
- ◆ Thursday 11 February - Observance of Anniversary of National Apology Day – Invitation only, invitations have been sent out via email and sms
- ◆ Friday 12 February – Chinese and Vietnamese New Year International Dinner - Invitation only, invitations have been sent out via email and sms

Religious Education - WTE

'My heart pounded as I entered the school gates for the very first time. One, two, three I counted as I steadied my breathing. I felt the sweat begin to slowly drip down my back. People swarmed the courtyard from every angle. I could feel the staring glances from my fellow students as I walked past the possies one by one. The looks were intimidating and fierce. All of a sudden tigers weren't my biggest fear!' - *Sophie Pagano*

'Waking up again. John began his day as he usually would. However, little did he know that something extraordinary was going to come his way. Grabbed his hat, lunch and coat, John headed out the door to embark on his journey to his 9 - 5 office job. Suddenly, whilst walking to his office, John came across the most unbelievable thing. His father - who he hadn't seen in over 15 years was walking on the footpath. Shocked in what stood before him John was speechless. His life was about to change forever.' - *Caitlin Yem*

'Betty sprinted across the street. She had just made her great escape out of the state penitentiary. Previously arrested for assault, burglary and murder in the second degree. This escape was her chance for a different life. Quite literally a different life. Betty made her way to the rendezvous spot where her partner had arranged to meet her with a foreign passport and cash. This was her new beginning.' - *Imogene Edwards*

Director of Learning, Innovation & Pathways

Ms Jessica Whelan

Assessment Schedules

Assessment Schedules provide students, parents and carers with information in regards to when assessment items are due for each subject and certificate course. These have been emailed to all students in addition to parents/carers this week. I encourage students to place these dates in their diary, specifically in the Term Assessment Planner on page 47, so they can successfully time manage the term. Any questions about assessment can be directed to the classroom teacher.

The Time Planner – Term 1, page 46, is also a valuable resource for students to use to plan their time effectively throughout the week.

Past Student Check in

Rory Harding and Kayed Samour (pictured right) have completed the Griffith University School Leaver Enhancement Course over the summer holiday. These students completed Essential English while they were in Year 11 and 12, and after successful completion of this course they will meet Griffith's English subject prerequisite requirements. The students completed a Certificate III while they were at St James and will be able to use this and the School Leaver English Enhancement Course to enter directly into a Bachelor degree at the University.



Pictured above from L-R: Rory Harding, Finn McIntosh and Kayed Samour.

Head of Library and eLearning

Ms Carolyn Whyatt

Welcome to 2021 in our St James College Library



Our library is open for students 7:30am to 4pm Monday to Friday, with the exception of **Wednesday** morning when we are closed for a whole staff meeting till **9am**. You will be notified, in advance, of other closures due to events or staff professional development days.

Borrowing limits are two books for personal reading, in addition to the textbooks for enrolled subjects.

Our Students in **Years 7-9 participate in our Star Reading Program** where students borrow and read fiction and information texts at their diagnosed instructional reading level.

MyOn is an online reading resource for all students at St James College with thousands of titles that can be read or heard. The MyOn logon is the student email as username and stjames as the password. Please do make time to browse the extensive collection of fiction and information books available for your child in MyOn. Please do make time to support and encourage your child's reading.

Homework Club in our Library; our teachers volunteer to assist students with subject specific needs:

-  Tuesday afternoons 3-4pm - Maths and Science
-  Thursday afternoons 3-4pm - English and Humanities

Computers must be brought to school fully charged each day in their computer bag - keeping their laptop chargers at home. Thank you for supporting your children in cultivating this vital routine. There are no spare laptops at school, so if students forget to charge or bring their laptop, they can miss the whole day of their learning.

February is a month of numerous events and occasions. Please follow the links that interest you:



National Sustainable Living Festival

Website: www.slf.org.au/

The Festival aims to inspire and provide solutions to the sustainability and climate challenges we currently face both now and into the future

FebFast

Website: febfast.org.au/

Febfast aims to give individuals the tools and opportunity to reflect, change and break existing routines that inhibit wellness. FebFast raises funds for young people experiencing serious disadvantage.



Fridays for Climate Change

Feel Good February Fridays

Website: www.facebook.com/feelgoodfebruary

Feel Good Feb (FGF) is having the intention and taking the time to make others feel good during February and beyond. Do a kind deed for a stranger.

Website: www.facebook.com/feelgoodfebruary



World Wetlands Day 2 FEB

Website: www.environment.gov.au/water/wetlands/world-wetlands-day

A day to remember the importance and fragility of our native wetlands



Wednesday Sports

Week one of Wednesday Sport started with our students training for their competitions coming up in Week 5. Next week students will need to bring the items listed below for their respective sports. Please make sure your child is aware of the arrival time and equipment needed for their sport.

Arrival Time – 12:45 (ALL STUDENTS)

- ◆ Futsal – Futsal Boots/Joggers, Long Socks, Shin Pads, Water Bottle
- ◆ Touch Football – Football Boots/Joggers, Hat, Water Bottle
- ◆ Basketball – Basketball Shoes/Jogger and Water Bottle
- ◆ Volleyball – Joggers, Hat, Water Bottle

School Sport Rotation – 2-week blocks will be participating in all rotations.

- ◆ Swimming – Togs, Towel, Swim Bag, Water Bottle
- ◆ Cooking – School Leather Shoes
- ◆ Walking – Hat, Water Bottle
- ◆ Bowling – Water Bottle
- ◆ Fishing – Hat, Water Bottle



FISH OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations to Matthew Caton of Year 8 with his great catch!
Photo courtesy of Mr Andrew Ebrington.*

Futsal Training

Futsal training has started for 2021 and it was a phenomenal turn out for our first week with 40+ students, both boys and girls turning up for this wonderful game. I would like to encourage more to attend our sessions and the timetable for this is shown below:

Every Tuesday

- ◆ Junior Boys Futsal Training – 6:45am – 8:10am
- ◆ Junior Boys and Girls Futsal Training – First Lunch Break
- ◆ Year 10 – 12 Boys Futsal Training – 3:15pm – 5pm

Finance Manager

Ms Genevieve O'Sullivan

Welcome back to the new school year!

Detailed information regarding 2021 fees and payments has been emailed out to all families and is also available on our website.

Our preferred methods of payment are via BPAY, Direct Debit or CentrePay, however, other options are outlined in the above mentioned documents.

Those families who are on a payment plan, please just continue to make your payments as previously arranged.

We will be issuing Semester 1 statements in Week 3 (12 February), via email, however, your statements and current account balance will also be available in Parent Lounge at any time.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, you may be entitled to a fee concession. Feel free to contact us for a confidential discussion. Please don't hesitate to let us know should you have any further queries or concerns, by email at finance@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au or 3230 8600 and ask for the Finance Department.

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Family Day Picnic

Jimmies On The Dam
556 Burnett Creek Road, Maroon
Saturday 6th February
10am - 2pm

BBQ X ACTIVITIES X FUN

MAKE SURE YOU BRING SWIMMERS & A PICNIC CHAIR/ RUG



FREE English classes at New Farm Neighbourhood Centre

Contact Caitw@communiTY.org.au for more information

New Farm Neighbourhood Centre
967 Brunswick St New Farm
(opposite New Farm Park)

