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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

October

- 28 Year 7 Immunisation
- 28-30 Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp
- 30 World Teachers Day

November

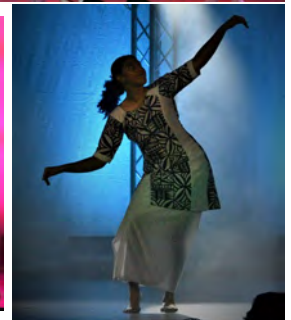
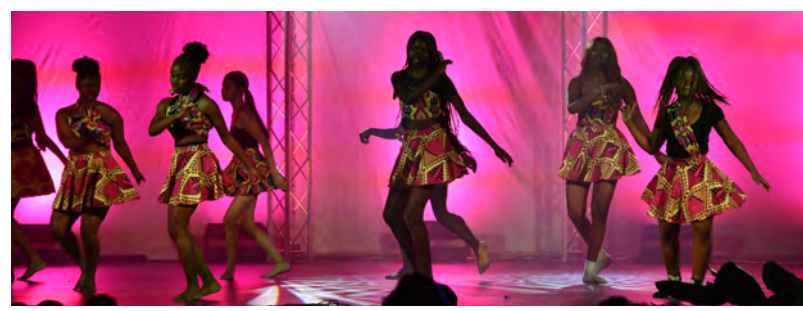
- 5 Rotary Art Show
- 6 Alumni Event
- 8-15 NAIDOC Week
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 Year 12 Formal
- 18 P&F Meeting
- 26 End of Year Celebrations for Years 7 to 11

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Friends, Staff and Students

Our **Awards Presentation celebration of excellence on Friday evening** was indeed a wonderful testament to the spirit and achievements of Jimmies! It showed the talent, cultural expression, educational achievement, strength of incredible stories, commitment of staff, inherent appreciation of students, families and ability to present a very polished performance! The photos provide an insight into such a wonderful evening.



ST JAMES COLLEGE ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS 2020 - 2022

Enrolment Interviews for 2020 through to 2022 are now taking place, with limited vacancies available in some 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

Having trouble getting the College Newsletter at home? Would you like to receive it via email?

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ABSENTEE LINE 3230 8655

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

There are many people to thank but would like to especially acknowledge Ms Kristina Dolejs for her coordination, leading and team Ms Jess Whelan, Ms Tara Fraser, Ms Naomi Ritchie, teaching and administration staff, Assistant Principal Identity & Global Advocacy Mr Isikeli Kubunameka and team, Mr Jon Reuben, Mr Josateki Tora, Ms Huda Fadlelmawla in liturgy and performance items, Ms Erin Johnston, and team for stage management, Ms Melody Thomas-Young, Ms Hannah Flower, Ms Rikki Hastings-Thomas, Ms Rachel Pelser, for choral / music management, Mr Alex Blann, Mr Bruce Bitossi, Mr Perry Patel for set up, Business Manager Mr David Cantwell, Andrew and Lighting/Sound team, House Deans, Faculty Leaders, Deputy Principal Mr Marty Wiseman for Covid plan implementation, BBQ and overall student organisation, Mr Ryan Chapman, Captains and Vice Captains, Mr Atem Atem for his superb speech, Ms Louise Pope, Ms Janet Beaman, Ms Joanne Brass and student team, Ms Carolyn Wyatt in the library for hosting of staff/guest supper, to name but a few highlights, and all the other contributors who made it the ultimate success!!! We were also appreciative of our special guest attendance—Mr Peter Chapman (EREA Regional Manager), Dr Caroline Thompson (College Board Chair), Br Michael Talty & Ms Helen Donovan (College Board Members), Mr Gerry Crooks (St James College previous Principal), Ms Laura Gardener-Savage (P&F representative). Well done and thank you!!

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded these **major prizes** and to all others who were recognised or who performed and assisted on the evening.

- *Br Finbarr Mulry Award - Florence Seumanutafa*
- *College Dux Award - Harrison Goodeve*
- *Principal's Academic Excellence Award - Stephen Pham, Nilab Moheb, Neo Uete*
- *Character and Leadership Award - Tamaiti O-Ihoa Pugh and Florence Seumanutafa*
- *Past Students Association for Academic Integrity Award - Joseph Powell*
- *Caltex Best All Rounder for 2020 Award - Rory Harding*
- *Outstanding Contribution to Advocacy Award - Neo Utete*
- *Vocational Education Student of the Year for 2020 Award - Axel Dushime*
- *School Based Trainee of the Year for 2020 Award - Bailey Stephens*
- *Young Man with Determination to Succeed Award - Andrew Holmes*
- *Young Woman with Determination to Succeed in 2020 Award - Igette Kalunga*
- *Global Ambassador Award - Wael Dayri, Mouemen Dayri, Farahaz Moghadas Zadeh, Neo Utete*
- *Outstanding Contribution to the Cultural Life of the College - Baby Samza*
- *Sports Star of the Year - Mibaraka Ruhirika*
- *Female Sportsperson of the Year - Keriana Hippolite*
- *Male Sportsperson of the Year - Andre Robson*
- *ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Axel Dushime and Nikita Marama*
- *Indigenous Reconciliation Bursary - Cheyenne Pickering*



Year 12 Leaders 2020 — Final Award Induction

Carey House

- Baby Samza
- Nyo Nyo
- Farahaz (Yasmin) Moghadas Zaden

Hogan House

- Hudson Hippolite
- Sughra Mohammad Hassan
- Kayed Sammour

Long House

- Finn McIntosh
- Samuel Stott

Mary Rice House

- Plamedi Loko



House Leaders 2021

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have been selected as House Leaders for 2021:

Carey House

- Jamieson Albrecht
- Matthew Choma
- Azaraiah Taulia

Hogan House

- Ethan Avery
- Chantal Kalunga
- Cheyenne Pickering



Long House

- Godwill Thomas-Remijo
- Wilson Kisebo
- Kaylee Naupou

Mary Rice House

- Abou Kamara
- Ben Ogden
- Bayley Gillogly



Presentation of Certificates and Trophies - Queensland Training Awards

We were honoured to have the Regional Director, Mr Glen Watson and Coordinator Mr Tom Treby visit us on Thursday and present our State Finalist Awards. It was a very moving ceremony to see our Year 12 graduate Axel Dushime receive Equity Student of the Year Regional Winner and State Finalist Award. Axel's mother and family supporters were able to attend – the challenging story of Axel's achievements brought a tear to all of our eyes. We congratulate Ms Louise Pope and as Mr Watson said "this award for VET Teacher of the Year as a Regional Winner and State Finalist was not for good or great but for EXCELLENCE!" In addition the College was recognised for being one of three State Finalists in the Small Training Provider of the Year – as Mr Watson stated "there has not been a school/organisation in the history of the Awards that has achieved that State recognition in three categories at once!"



Junior Basketball Championships – Three Teams and a Bronze Medal – Great Success

Capping off a fantastic 2020 campaign Basketball Queensland held the inaugural Junior Champion Basketball Schools tournament. St James was able to put in three teams coached skilfully by Mr Kirron Byrne, Ms Hannah White and Mr Atem Atem. All teams fought hard and played with the skill and tenacity that St James has become known for. The highlights were the leadership Atem was able to take on with the sophomore boys who participated in many cases in their first tournament as basketballers. They were positive, attentive and improved dramatically. Equally impressive were the junior boys' commitment and dedication to excellence focusing on skills and team work.

The crowning moment however, was the junior girls overcoming a 10 point deficit at half time, sticking together, lifting intensity and finding a way to win our first girls medal. This is a testament to all the hard foundational work laid by the girls teams before them and something all St James can be proud of.

Special thanks also goes to Mr Andrew Ebrington, Mr Scott Prickett, Ms Tia Hippolite and family, and all the coaches who gave their time to support our students. Well done to all.

Over the last week we also saw three talented teams compete in the Futsal Championships. They showed their high level skills and team coordination, just missing the Finals place!



Excellence Encouragement Program

Congratulations to our African students who celebrated their cultural excellence in a special program conducted to improve their outcomes and confidence – yesterday, after school, saw them honour our school leavers, run their own ceremony, dance their graduates in to receive certificates and show their talents in many directions. It was a tribute and I would thank Ms Huda Fadlelmwala, Mr Atem Atem and Ms Hope Mugaliha for the work they do in supporting and leading our African students.



Student Achievements – Congratulations!

- 12 students have received a Digital Badge for Enterprise Skills and 1 staff member has received a Mentor Digital Badge at Griffith University.

Coming Events

- Last Day of Classes Year 12, (**except for all Year 12 Certificate classes which will run as normal until Friday 13 November**) / College Farewell Assembly, Friday 23 October.
- Our College community warmly welcomes staff and students from Holy Cross Primary School Woolloowin, to sample high school at St James on Friday 30 October and Friday 6 November.
- Rotary Event & Art Display, Thursday 5 November.
- 2020 Alumni Annual Gathering, Friday 6 November, 6pm–9pm, St James College Hall. Enquiries: Naomi Ritchie - 3230 8600.
- Year 12 Formal, Saturday 14 November 6.30pm-10.30pm. St James College Hall.
- Year 12 Reflection Days, November 16-17.
- Graduation Liturgy & Supper, Thursday 19 November, 6pm–8.30pm St James College Hall. To attend this event contact Tara Fraser at tfraser@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au by November 11. Due to COVID, numbers are two representatives per graduate (four allowed in special circumstances).

Enrolments

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

WELCOMING ENROLMENTS FOR 2021, 2022 and 2023 NOW

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AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS FINALIST
SCHOOL PATHWAYS TO VET AWARD

the World Scholar's Cup World Scholar's Cup 2019 FINALISTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOMED

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Vale Year 12 Students

Today we farewell our Year 12's on Assembly and in House Farewells, however they have their exams and Certificates ahead of them. Their School Formal and Graduation Liturgy are their next big events where we will acknowledge and formally farewell them. We wish them every success in their exams and completion of the year, encourage them to have interviews with Ms Whelan and/or their Year 12 mentor, in ensuring their transition pathways are supported. We are here also for providing advice in the holidays if you need it after gaining results. The College will be open except for Christmas week, and Ms Whelan, Ms Dolejs and myself will be available for assistance on call.

In closing, I received a letter from one of our families to the staff which I would like to highlight:

"We wanted to write and thank you for all you do each and every day for the students who are blessed to be part of the Jimmies family. Your staff should be applauded for their consistent dedication to believing in their students and making a difference to how they experience their learning and life. To have teachers who genuinely care for their wellbeing in every aspect is a great gift to the students and their families. We are truly grateful.

St James College is unique and wonderful. It has a depth and sincerity beyond what we thought was possible in a school environment. The Grand Finale item at the Awards Night, the St James Cultural Creation was an expression of pure JOY, a reflection of the freedom these young people have in the Jimmies environment. A celebration of true faith, hope and love. Glad we could be there to witness this moment and share in the joy!! "

To our Year 12 students

We want you to know -

We care

We will be here for you,

We will miss you

We want you to Dream Big

We want you to remember the Courage and Spirit of Jimmies and care for others

We want you to remember that God is love and loves you

We want to congratulate you and see you take on the journey of life knowing it will be full of surprises and challenges but know you can do having Faith Hope and Belief in yourself!

Farewell, God Bless and Thank You!

Take care and blessings for the coming week, and good luck Year 12's in exams.



Ann

Ann Rebgetz
Principal

“ There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart. ”

- Mahatma Gandhi



Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments
the scroll.

I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

By - William Ernest Henry

Student Leadership 2021

The finalisation of this process occurred this week with the selection of the House Leaders. They are published in this edition and I congratulate those students. I also thank the House Deans who administered the process expertly during the week. I wish to reiterate to all Year 11 students, that the selection process is not over. The fact we have appointed three leaders to each House this year speaks to the depth of the quality of next year's Senior cohort and we very much look forward to adding to their number throughout next year.

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

On Friday we said farewell in a figurative sense to our Year 12 students as many were finishing up their formal classes for the year. Our Vocational students will continue their classes as per normal so they can finish their theoretical and practical components.

All Year 12s must be in full school uniform whenever they are visiting the College and must be supervised by a staff member when on campus. We wish all ATAR students the very best for their upcoming examinations.

Year 12 Formal

When: Saturday, 14 November 2020

Where: St James College Hall

Time: 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Cost: \$70 Single / \$140 Double

Payment: To Polanda in Student Services by Friday 6 November.

Assistant Principal Learning, Innovation & Pathways**Ms Kristina Dolejs**

Congratulations and thank you to all staff, students and parents/carers who came along on Friday night for our Annual Presentation Evening. It was a wonderful evening full of celebration and recognition. For any student who did not receive their awards on the night, these will be available to contact from the front office late next week. Students will be told via the College notices when this is.



Next week is the beginning of the home run for many of our Year 12 students. For those sitting external exams for their General subject, information has been emailed to all students and parents with the details of exams and schedules (**see below**). **For all other Year 12 students there are Essential English and Essential Maths exams on Monday and Tuesday which are compulsory for all.**

**When:**

You need to arrive by 8:30 (starts at 9:00am) for morning exams and **by 12:00 for afternoon exams** (starts at 12:30) (see attached timetable for exam times)

What to bring:

There is a list attached of the equipment you are allowed to bring in – please note:

NO smart watches

NO phones

NO Food

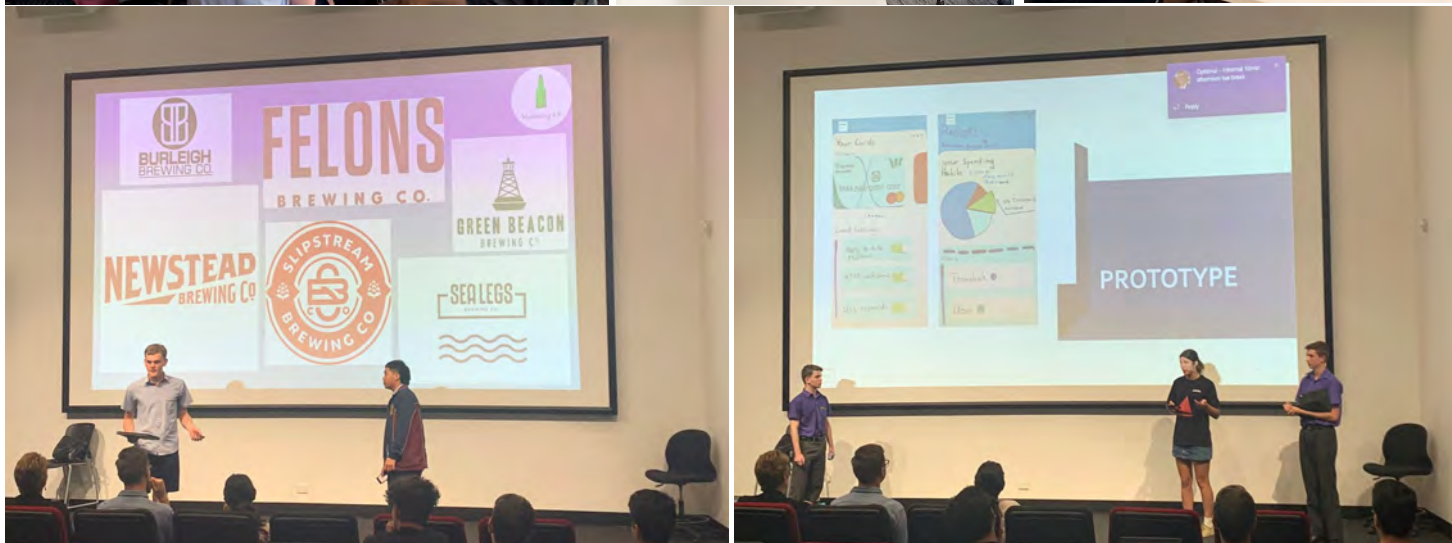
NO water bottles unless clear with no labels

NO Pencil Cases unless clear

You are to wear full school uniform.

Griffith University Enterprise Skills Digital Badging

On Thursday 22 October, 12 students in Year 10 travelled to Griffith University, South Bank to participate in the Enterprise Skills for the 21st Century – a three-day entrepreneurship program for students to develop enterprise skills in a hands-on environment. This was part of a three-day program for students to work in interdisciplinary teams to develop a viable business idea which they pitched to a panel of judges on the last day. Regardless of the students' career path they will use the skills – empathise with their customer/user, validate ideas, identify risks, creatively and efficiently problem-solve – during this three day program and apply them to future pathway opportunities.



Year 11 Biology Toohey Forest Excursion



The 17 students in the Year 11 Biology class travelled to Toohey Forest, Griffith Eco-science Centre, to conduct mandatory practicals as part of the Biology Curriculum on Wednesday 21 October. On the day, the students learnt about Ecological Sampling Techniques in a Wet and Dry Sclerophyll Transition area in a whole day program. Students used these techniques to collect and analyse primary biotic and abiotic field data to explain how environmental factors change the distribution and abundance of species.



Post School Options Seminars

QUT will be holding two sessions next week on **Monday 26 October at 12noon-1pm and 4:30-5:30pm** and would be suitable for parents/carers of students in Years 10 - 12 to attend. The one hour online seminar will help prepare students for the transition into the workforce, future education and training as well as predictable job trends, how to use selection ranks or ATAR for entry to further study and tips on submitting a successful QTAC application. They will also hear from university students who will share their personal stories and journey from school to further education. Register for the 12noon-1pm session [here](#) or the 4:30pm-5:30pm session [here](#).

Art Department Development Officer

Ms Berenice Anzellotti

Featured below, are examples of Year 11/12 art students silk paintings. Silk Painting is a method of stretching silk over a stretcher and using gutta to draw a pattern over the silk. The silk is then painted in a watercolour type method in beautiful bright colours. When the silk is dried it is set by ironing and the edges overlocked. Great work everyone!!



Sport Coordinator

Mr Scott Prickett

Futsal

This week St James had three teams compete in the Champions of Champions which is their State Championships. St James 19 Boys, 16 Boys and 13 Boys all competed against the best schools all over QLD. They have needed to qualify through two other competitions before participating in this event. The 19 Boys started the week off on a high and after their successful holiday achievement had a very large target on their back. Being a very good futsal team, schools had to adjust their playing style to a physical one to beat the boys, with injuries coming into play the boys were knocked out in the quarter finals. The 19 Boys have had an exceptional year and look forward to them returning next year. The 16 Boys narrowly missed out on the semi-finals by a one goal average. The 13 boys tried hard but were unsuccessful in qualifying for finals. I would like to commend them all for their efforts and look forward to them growing in 2021. I would like to make special mention to Plamedi Loko who is our Graduating Goalkeeper and a part of our 19 boys' team. We wish him the very best in his endeavours and we were so lucky to have him a part of our Futsal Program.



Back Row L-R: Frank Mukekwa, Zidane Hamza, Jurence Jean, Oliver Ashurst, Ziad Baku, Iyendja Bukuna.
Front Row L-R: Blessings Tukumbane, Ahora Shojai, Simeon McAuliffe, Marcus Lopez.

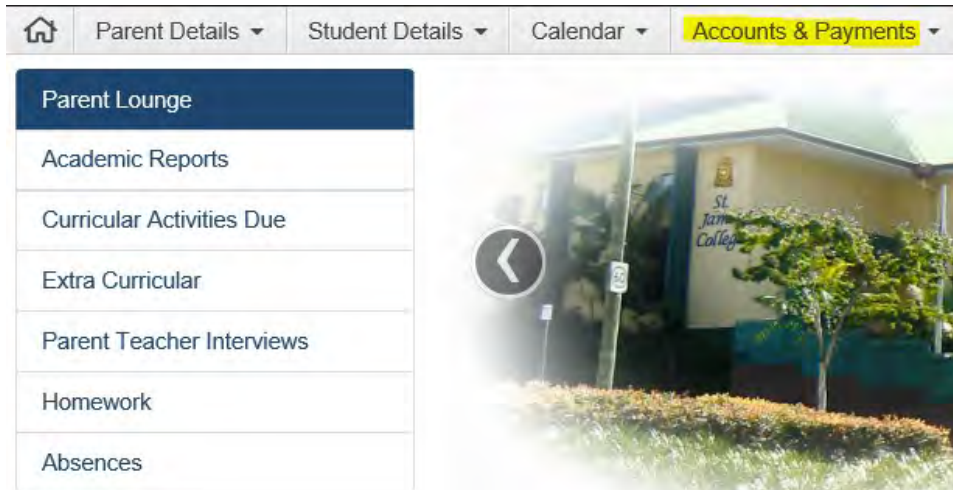
Finance Manager

Ms Genevieve O'Sullivan

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All current account balances and fees statements are now available online by logging in to **Parent Lounge** (accessible via the **Network Access** link on our College website, and following the **Accounts & Payments** tab as below:



Please be aware that all 2020 fees are now **OVERDUE** (unless you are on a regular payment plan – if so, please just continue your payments as arranged).

Should you require a copy of your statement or have any queries or concerns relating to fees or payment plans, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Department at any time on 3230 8600 or finance@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

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