



**29th November, 2019**

**Thursday 5th December—2020 Captain Speeches**  
**Monday 9th December—Music Concert—9:15am**  
**Monday 9th December—Caroona Xmas Carols—Caroona—10:30am**  
**Thursday 12th December—A Little Bit Of Xmas—6:00pm to 7:00pm**



**Tuesday 17th December—Year 6 Graduation Dinner**  
**Tuesday 17th December—End of Year School Mass and Awards Assembly—12pm**  
**Wednesday 18th December—Grafton Pool Excursion for all Students and Staff**  
**Wednesday 18th December—Last Day Term 4 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm back!! ( ask me how much fun Bhutan was!!)

It has been lovely to come back to see all the smiling faces and hear the news of *everything* that I have missed. I came back last Wednesday and joined Stage 2 on camp at Palmers Island. I really enjoyed seeing the children being brave, adventurous and making new connections with friends in the stage. Such a nice way to return for me.

We have finalised the application for the toilet block renovations. At this stage, due to the access to some materials we look to be going ahead during the EASTER school holidays.  
 We may have some changes to our staff development days to make sure the job is done. Please be aware that we may compress our staff development days to before and after the break so please keep an eye on the newsletter. As soon as we know I will send out information.

Today our Little J's children finish their transition to school program. The staff who have supported them as new school learners are to be congratulated and we wish all the children and their families a lovely break before the day to day of school life begins in earnest.

We are looking at how we can better use our whole school block. Today the fencer quoted a perimeter fence to make the site secure. We will have more information regarding how we can create a yarning circle, an outdoor chapel, a bike path and an outdoor learning environment. We want to maintain as much bush as possible to encourage the children to be a little adventurous in their play (in line with our syllabus documents) and to really become more active in the outdoor learning spaces in *classroom* learning. We are working with the CSO to ensure that the planning includes risk mitigation and safety management and responds to our Interactions with Wildlife Policy.

Sounds like a fair bit of work but everyone is excited about the prospects for the children as learners.

Cheers

Ann



## ADVENT a time of preparation for Christmas.

**You will notice around the school that the colours of the prayer cloths and the signage has taken on a purple hue.**

This weekend in Christian churches the world over we begin to prepare for the wonderful celebration of Christmas.

The following weeks at school will be about preparing for the birth of Jesus. (You remember him— he was on earth with us as saviour—He lived out his earthly life as a member of the Jewish faith trying to be a good Jew. He was on about justice, honesty and fairness. They wrote books and letters about him. His time on earth was marked by his service to others.)

Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

On Monday we will begin our day by lighting an advent candle and praying...

<b>HOPE</b>	<b>Week 1</b>
	<b>Candle Name:</b> Prophet's Candle
	<b>Candle Symbolizes:</b> Hope
	<b>Reminds Us:</b> Jesus is coming
	<b>Verse:</b> Romans 15:12-13
	<b>Prayer:</b> O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

## Music Concert

All parents, grandparents and carers along with the whole St James School community, are invited to attend the annual music concert on Monday 9th December at 9.15am. Students of Sr Anne, Annie Commerford, Ryan Enns & Greta Enns will be performing a small item each. This is always a fantastic concert to show the parents and the whole school community, what our talented musicians are learning. The concert will be completed within one hour.



## LOP WRITING ACTIVITY - TRIM THE CAT

Next week our group of intrepid explorers will begin their journey of discovery, uncovering hidden secrets and facts about Yamba. We will follow the adventures of Trim, Matthew Flinder's cat and what they discovered in our local area in 1799.

Activity 1 - What is an explorer? - What did Flinders and Trim discover when they first came aboard and will we discover anything different?

Activity 2 - What did they see and hear when they came ashore in 1799? - Soundscape drama process

Activity 3 - Nautical instruments - Make a telescope for discovering our local area and what they discovered and did not discover in 1799?

Activity 4 - Recording facts discovered - How to write a blog to teach others about this journey.

**SHIP AHOY - Let's Sail - Eamon, Fionn, Ella, Arlo, Pippi and Heidi**



## Sport News



The last event on the representative sporting calendar for this year is the Diocesan Summer Sport Trials. These trials were to be held in Lismore today, with 3 students from St James representing in Touch Football and 3 in Basketball. However, due to the bushfire situation at the moment, these trials have been postponed until next Tuesday, 3rd December. A decision on the trials going ahead on this backup date will be made on Monday morning by the Catholic Schools Office. Students involved in the trials will be notified as soon as the decision has been made.

Martin Dougherty  
Sport Coordinator

## Fundraiser



St James School was invited to run the canteen at the last Touch Footy Gala Day at Raymond Laurie Sports fields. The Parish School Forum organised this with help from the Lions Club who cooked the BBQ and \$812 was raised. The Lions Club donated another \$188 to round the total amount to \$1000 and we were presented the cheque at the Bowling Club. A big thank you to the Lions Club for their support and donation. Also a huge thank you to our parents who worked tirelessly to make this happen on the day.



MacKenzie Ross—3rd December,  
Tully Waghorn—3rd December,  
Jack Carolan—6th December.  
Elly Day—11th December,  
Mrs Smith—3rd December





2019 Stage 2  
School Camp







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Dear Parents,

For our end of year excursion this year we will be taking all children to the Grafton Waterslide on Wednesday, 18th December. We will depart St James School by bus at 9:10 am and leave the waterslide at 1pm, so that children will be back at school in time for usual buses home. The Parish School Forum has very generously offered to pay for the bus to Grafton Waterslide, so the only cost will be **\$6 entry fee for each student.**

Children can wear appropriate mufti clothes, closed in shoes and a suitable hat. All children need to wear a **rash shirt with swimmers** for sun protection. Please label all clothing with your child's name. Also bring a towel, sunscreen, lunch, [drink bottle of water](#), and underwear to change into after swimming. Canteen available if required, but limited menu.

Please complete the permission note below and return with the pool entry money to your class teacher by Friday, 13th December

Ann Dawson

Principal

I give permission for my child/children

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to travel to & from the Grafton Waterslide by bus on Wednesday, 18th December. I also give permission for my child/children to swim and use the waterslide at the Grafton Pool.

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the pool entry.

Please tick your child's swimming ability below

My child\_\_\_\_\_

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Can swim 25m

☐

Non-swimmer

My child\_\_\_\_\_

☐

Can swim 25m

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Non-swimmer

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_