

8th February, 2019

What is On!

Thursday 14th February—Beginning Year Mass in School Hall—12:00pm—1:00pm

Monday 18th February—Zone Swimming at Coffs Harbour

Thursday 21st February—School Photo Day

Friday 15th February—Principal Retreat—Miss Dawson

Friday 12th April—Last Day of Term 1

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our St James Swimming Carnival. With a warm day it was perfect swimming weather and was great to see so many kids jumping in and having a go in all the different events. Congratulations to Turners who were the winning house on the day and to the following students who were age champions -

Juniors - Dexta Jones, Grace Finnegan

11yrs - Beau Edwards, Charlee Thompson

Seniors - Christian Lovell, Casseea Lovell

We also introduced a new concept on the day, the “All Stars” race. This race had the fastest students from the 50m Freestyle event in each age group race off against each other in a handicap race. In the girls event it was the 9yr old age groups Heidi Van Leest who proved too hard to catch for her older rivals. In a very close finish in the boys event, it was Christian Lovell from the 12yr age group who was the successful winner. This was a fun and exciting way to finish the carnival and one we will continue in the future.

A special thanks also to those parents who helped out with timekeeping on the day. These events cannot happen without your support and it is very much appreciated.

Children who qualified for the Clarence Zone carnival have received their notes and will be competing in Coffs Harbour on Monday 18th February.

Good luck to all.

Martin Dougherty Sport Coordinator



Team for Coffs Harbour

Stage 3—Christian Lovell, Casseea Lovell, Charlee Thompson, Cecilia Strain, Beau Edwards, Harper Smith, Millie Day, Kai Brossman, Eve Van Leest, Cooper Olsen.

Stage 2—Heidi Van Leest, Pippi Short, Dexta Jones, Grace Finnegan, Finn Brossman, Ruby Thompson.

Stage 1—Levi O’Shea, Kydan Jones.

Dear all,

Welcome back to 2019 school year. Next week a little more news and information regarding the year! You will notice the project goes ahead at pace on the Kiss and Drop. Intended finish depending on gate delivery and weather is two weeks.

Thanks for your patience.

Ann

RE News

Welcome back for another exciting year at St James!

Beginning of School Mass

Our Beginning of School Mass will be celebrated next **Thursday 14th February at 12pm** in our school hall, with Fr Nicolas. This special Mass marks the beginning of another fantastic year of learning, together in faith and love. At the conclusion of the Mass, our Year 6 leaders will be presented with their blessed badges. All parents and family members are warmly invited to celebrate with us.

Ash Wednesday

A liturgy to celebrate Ash Wednesday will be held in on **Wednesday 6th March at 1:15pm** in our school hall. This day marks the beginning of Lent and students will be invited to receive the ashes at this liturgy.

Renee Howland

Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis



Staff and captains were welcomed into the Parish at the Saturday night Mass last week in Yamba.

The first week of each term, Saint James School takes responsibility for the readings, offertory, welcoming and ministry. Everybody is most welcome to join us.



Lovely to have all the children with us back to school looking good and proudly wearing their full uniform. Thanks to all the families who have put names on EVERYTHING!!!

Holiday Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who completed the St James' Primary Holiday Reading Challenge! Keep up the fabulous reading!

Clarence Dougherty
Ella Gilbee
Henry Miller
Charlotte Brown
Mignon Espag
Eamon Mawn
Hannah Haslett
Lola Dougherty
Arlo Short

School Fee Accounts

School Fee Accounts will be emailed each term.

Please call Sue in the office if you do not receive your account or if your email address needs to be updated.

School Photo Day—Thursday 21st February

Family Envelopes are available at the School Office.

All School Photo envelopes are due in by Thursday 14th February.

School Banking

School Banking Day is Wednesdays

Happy Birthday

Oscar Schlencker-Leonard—4th February, Aaron Perry—6th February, Siaan Lloyd-Smith—10th February, Aaron Renee-Ellis—12th February, Jake Seivers—13th February, Poppy Erbacher—14th February, Rhys Johnson—14th February, Henry Miller—17th February, Taya Murphy—17th February, Mr Dougherty—17th February, Mrs Howland—17th February, Miss Haines—17th February, Millie Day—22nd February, Kydan Jones—22nd February

Term 1 2019

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Monday 18th February—Zone Swimming— Coffs Harbour

Thursday 21st February—School Photos

Wednesday 27th February—Zone winter sports trials—Woolgoolga

Friday 1st March—Dio Swimming—Kempsey

Sunday 3rd March– Saturday 9th March—Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 6th March—Ash Wednesday—School Hall 1:15pm

Friday 15th March—Dio Winter Sports Trials - Grafton

Thursday 21st March—PL day all staff—Pupil Free Day

Friday 29th March—Year 6—Incitare Retreat Grafton

Friday 12th April—Cross Country

Friday 12th April—Last Day of Term 1

Term 2—2019

Monday 29th April - Term 2 Resumes

Friday 10th May—Zone Cross Country (Grafton)

Friday 24th May—Dio Cross Country

School Athletics - TBA

30th May—All staff Proclaim

Friday 5th July - Last Day Term 2

Term 3—2019

Monday 22nd July— **Term 3 Resumes**

Friday 2nd August—Zone Athletics (Coffs)

Friday 23rd August—Dio Athletics (Lismore)

Wednesday 4th September—Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival (Grafton)

Wednesday 11th September—Stage 2 Gala Day (Grafton)

Touch Football Gala Day (Yamba) - TBA

Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3

Term 4—2019

Monday 14th October—**Term 4 Resumes**

Wednesday 30th October—Zone Summer Sport Trials (Woolgoolga)

Friday 29th November—Dio Summer Sport Trials (Lismore)

Wednesday 18th December—Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December—Staff Development Days



