



ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Monday 20th May—Dio Sports Council Meeting—Mr Dougherty

Monday 20th May—Seesaw—Evening session—6:30pm

Friday 24th May—Dio Cross Country

Monday 27th May—Seesaw—Day session—2:00pm

Wednesday 29th May—Preschools visit St James' School

**Thursday 30th May—All Staff Proclaim—No Students to attend this day
—OSHC available— Please book in at the School Office if required.**

Friday 31st May—Awards Assembly—School Hall—9am

Friday 31st May—Sideshow Alley—1pm to 2:30pm—Stage 3 Camp Fundraiser



Dear Parents,

Today's newsletter input comes to you from Sydney where Christine Jeffrey, Anne Maree Lewis, Morgan Daley and myself have just finished taking part in a National History Symposium. This week Saint James has concluded its contribution to Sydney University research on how creative processes can assist students in developing the ability to see other people's perspective, to understand and thinking empathically and to think deeply about issues where opinions and actions can be very different.

We joined this research to increase the academic rigour in the enacted curriculum, build student engagement and to create a culture where learning was seen as a positive outcome of productive struggle.

We sought to offer the children opportunities to test their thinking, to engage in deep learning and to take ownership of that learning.

The results are in- it works! Our findings show that children have better access to the content and are better able to confidently prove what they know.

Anne Maree presented the work done in Stage Two and took part in a panel discussion. Christine and Morgan spent time engaging with academics and other teachers looking at different points of view and connecting our learnings to new challenges.

This is ground breaking work!

This work has seen our teaching staff continue to grow their knowledge and seek to deepen their skills in assisting your children to deepen their learning. In education we talk about lifelong learning for the children. Knowledge is not fixed. Advances in research tell us better ways to engage with learning.

I would like publically to acknowledge all the staff of Saint James for their continued attitude to growing their craft and offering quality education in our corner of the learning world.

Cheers
Ann



RE News

At St James our students are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to engage in daily Christian meditation (following Lismore Diocesan guidelines). Our meditation practice is a different form of prayer - a way to deepen our personal relationship with God. It is a way of finding stillness underneath the mental noise. Meditation calls us to enter within, to move to a realm of silence, to let go of thinking and imagining and to experience true peace at the core of our very being.

Just a reminder that the dates for Sacraments are:

Confirmation- Friday 9th August 6pm at St Mary's Church Maclean, with a 5:30pm meeting in the Cranney Room for candidates and family.

First Holy Communion- Saturday 24th August 5:30pm at St James Church, Yamba.

Reconciliation- Wednesday 21st August 11.35am in the school hall.

The order of Sacraments in the Lismore Diocese is:

- Baptism, Confirmation (Year 2),
- Reconciliation (Year 3), First Eucharist (Year 3)

If you would like your child to receive these Sacraments, please fill in the form below and return it me at school by **Monday 24th May**. For your child to receive any of these Sacraments they must first be Baptised. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Renee Howland
Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis

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Sacraments:

I would like my child

to receive the

Sacrament/s of

Parent: (please print)



LOP NEWS Term 2 week 3

Writing Stage 3 -

Stage 3 are reading the novel *Loyal Creatures* by Morris Gleitzman. This heart-wrenching novel puts the students in the middle of World War 1 and the battles faced by the soldiers and their families. The students have written diary entries as a soldier from this book and their empathy and sensitivity is evident in the writing samples below. Their characters, both animal and human, are created with consideration. The entries are an emotional salute to the real soldiers and horses that took part in that war. Keep up the great writing Stage 3

Leaving Day
It's 1914 and the warship has finally docked in Sydney and I'm stoked to be going to war. I don't know what people about the war but apparently its armistice. You know its a pretty place called Sydney. I'm feeling mixed emotions its seemed to actually be going and im worried about missing my 12th year of school my job as a builder, my family and friends but most importantly my dog Bruce. Isn't he a lad. The next day the warship was leaving. I said good bye to all my family and then the telegraph started. Redman H's, Lark B.L. and finally me Cooper D.B.
on the ship
Leaving the harbour was exciting every one was happy and looking forward to Egypt. Hous went by and people started to lose their temper and fights broke out on the ship and horses were being thrown overboard after being sick. I finally realised that this is going to be a long trip. Dinners were small they weren't much, they were pretty much an egg and a piece of toast. My mate S's'd the first night, he said it was because of the swaying of his hammock in the dark stormy night. In the morning I woke up and looked over to his hammock to see if he's there, he was, but he wasn't. I was so sad, my best mate was dead.

Dear Ma,
It's tough. We are only a couple of days in and we've lost so many boys. Hearing their screams in pain from dusk till dawn tears us apart. I'm doing alright, the turks haven't got me yet Ma! And don't worry because they never will. I'm your boy and I'm tough. Speaking of being tough, how's Molly? I miss her so much. I'm doing this for her, imagine how proud she'll be of me when I come home with a chest full of medals. Then she will definitely say yes, well I hope she does. I can't live without her, I love her. Anyway enough of that, I've read a great friend called William, William Porter. He's from Manly area. We are like a team. Always have each others back. ~~He~~ Yesterday he said, when we get out of this we'll be having a scouter of beer down at the pub with your missus! Tears filled his eyes. I can tell that he doesn't have hope that he's going to get out here. But we all have to be strong for one another. We are all doing it tough. Oh, I forgot to mention, I'm a part of the Light Horse. Which means that I've have been given a horse. I wasn't supposed to be apart of it but the bloke who

1914
Dear Ma,
I'm almost there. I'm almost there. The blokes and I are eager to get there. We aren't really sure where exactly it is. We've been told that its a really beautiful, exotic place far from home. Some of the boys have been a bit sick from the boat trip. You would've seen how big this boat is, well on the inside it's tiny. All the blokes crammed into this small space. Oh, don't forget the horses. Some of the most charming horses are here with their regiment. We to love their horses. Move then anything in the whole world. These blokes have taken their best mates. The ones they trust in the whole world on this adventure. Please send Molly my love, I'm going to miss her so much. When I get back I'm going to marry her! I really do Ma, there's nobody like her. ✓ 1/5

Lisa Dougherty
LOP



Cross Country

Last Friday we had a team of 36 students represent St James at the Clarence Zone Cross Country carnival held at McAuley College in Grafton. Running on what is a very challenging course, with some steep hills to climb, all students gave their best and were great representatives for our school. We were lucky enough to have 5 students finish in the top 8 in their respective races and qualify themselves for the Diocesan carnival, which is again being held at McAuley College, next Friday 24th May.

Well done to all students who competed on the day and good luck to the following students at the Diocesan carnival :

Levi O'Shea - 7th, 8/9yr Boys
Heidi Van Leest - 5th, 8/9yr Girls
Dexta Jones - 2nd, 10yr Boys
Beau Edwards - 4th, 11yr Boys
Christian Lovell - 5th 12yr Boys



Maclean Show

Congratulations to all of our students for their wonderful diorama entries that were submitted to the Maclean Show Society last week. Stage 3 and Kindergarten received first prizes and Stage 1 and Stage 2 received second place for their dioramas. I would also like to congratulate the following students on their individual artwork entries; Brody S1 - Highly Commended, Ella.C ES1 - Highly Commended and Savana S1 - Third Prize.

A fantastic effort by all students - congratulations!

Mrs Hollington



Kai Beveridge—20th May,
Elouise McKone—21st May,
Felicity McKone—21st May,
Kirby Wright—23rd May,
Mrs Petersen—31st May

Library News—Parent Library

We have our parent library up and running in the school foyer. Please pop in and have a browse. There is a clipboard attached for you to complete if you would like to borrow.

Stage 1 historians have been investigating how family life has changed or remained the same over time. A big thank you to those families who were involved in the students' research. We loved sharing the interviews and discussing our findings.

