




**6th September 2019**

**Wednesday 11th September—Stage 2 Gala Day**  
**Friday 20th September—Touch Gala Day Stages 2 and 3**  
**(Can you help with goods and serving?)**  
**Friday 20th September— Ann Dawson and Christine Jeffrey**  
**Responsible Person PL Lismore**  
**Monday 23rd– Friday 27th– Ann Dawson Hobart**  
**Thursday 26th September—Last Day Term 3 2019**  
**Friday 27th September— Pupil Free Day**  
**Monday 14th October—SCHOOL RETURNS for Term 4**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We find ourselves half way through the term and you will note that the all the children appear to be “out and about!” in our town, and our area making links with local stories, the local environment and our local community.


We have several big local sporting opportunities coming up and we are pleased to be involved (basketball and touch football ) through wonderful parent and teacher engagement. As well we have a zone sports carnival for Stage 2. Before the year is out, Stage 2 will be off camping and Stage 3 have a history excursion to Alamy Creek School and Grafton.

Our Little J’s are in and settling beautifully into the routines of the school environment and April, Kerrie and Ella are loving working with your children.

In the last week of this term, I am away in Tasmania at an Early Years Conference with the Diocese of Lismore, looking at how we can best support the early learners (pre and post enrolment) to maximize their successful transition to school. This is an emerging area of school life and it is becoming more and more important that we are both engaged and future thinking in this agenda space.

Cheers  
Ann

**OSHC Notice – Last day of term– Are you intending to make a booking? Wednesday next week, is the last day that bookings can be taken so that staffing can be arranged. If we have 15 children we will open the service for parents who require care while the staff are engaged in the Situation Analysis for the School Improvement processes.**



Students from our school will have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and publication of this notice and provision of the teachers’ program relating to this excursion.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Last week we celebrated the final Sacrament of Initiation for the children of Saint James.

It was lovely to also see members of our school community joining the children for the Eucharistic celebrations. The parish community welcomed the children and their families to Saint James Catholic Church and provided a lovely supper and cake for the children and we thank them for their support and warm welcome.



## Welcome to Country

Six of our Indigenous students joined with students from St Joseph's Maclean to be part of a Diocesan Welcome to Country video. The children were filmed by the river in Maclean and at the Maclean lookout. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished product.



## Home Readers v's Library Books

We are charged with the goal of encouraging our children to be lifelong learners, lovers of literature and fluent readers. There is power and reason for children to be exposed to both 'readers' (teacher chosen) and 'library books' (self selected recreational books).

Young people need both classroom 'readers' and 'recreational reads' to develop an emotional attachment to reading and to encourage enduring reading habits. Classroom readers and recreational reads each support the other and each have a distinct purpose.

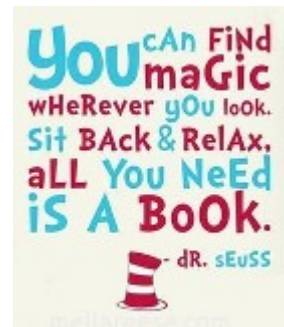
Readers are short texts, specifically designed for the purpose of teaching and practising reading. They are designed as teaching tools, with high frequency sight words, simple sentences, predictable storylines, pictures to help decode and increase in difficulty as reading mastery is achieved. Students are able to experience immediate success since the text is based on the instruction they have received. Readers form part of a teacher toolkit of strategies and methods that are crucial in developing proficient readers.

Self-selected recreational reads are complex interplays between words and text, and require young people to think deeply, imagine, wonder and interpret. They contain sophisticated language that requires discussion and increases the child's vocabulary. They are also full of images that add to and extend the text. Recreational books are motivating for children as they captivate their attention and engages them in learning. These books provide students with natural language texts that continually help them develop and expand their own language structures.

Readers may be used as part of your child's homework routine, where a parent can support the reader in feeling a sense of accomplishment as they develop fluency and confidence. Books that your child has chosen from the library are for sharing with a loved adult and are usually a read-aloud experience until the child is reading independently. Even then, reading aloud is still encouraged well into the upper primary years and beyond.

A focus on developing a sense of joy around reading is very important. Over-focusing on home readers and turning them into a battle can turn the love of reading into an intense dislike. Sharing in the reading of a favourite picture book with your child and interacting with the illustrations encourages the message that reading is fun.

Judy Rogers  
Instructional Leader K-2



## Sport News

It's been a busy time Sport wise over the last couple of weeks and continues to be as we move towards the end of the term.

**Athletics** - 2 weeks ago we had 5 St James students represent our school, and the Clarence Zone, at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Lismore. Well done to those students for their efforts on competing at this level against some very tough competition.

Rohan Chivers-Smith - 11th 10yrs 100m

Millie Day - 6th Junior Shot Put

Cecilia Strain - 6th 12yrs 100m

Christian Lovell - 9th Senior 800m

Imogen Lee - 7th Senior 800m



### Soccer and Netball

On Wednesday we had our Stage 3 Soccer and Netball teams participate in the Clarence Zone knockout competition. Both teams competed well against all the other schools in our Zone on a long hot day in Grafton and are to be commended for the sportsmanship that they displayed.



### Tennis

We had 4 students compete at the Lower Clarence Primary Schools Tennis Championships last week. Well done to Pippi Short, Luke McIntyre, Kayden Duckett and Arlo Short. Whilst only a young team they still played well against their older opponents and can be proud of their efforts.

### Basketball

An information note has gone home with Stage 2 and Stage 3 students about a primary schools Basketball Carnival that is being run by the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. The carnival is being held over 3 weekends and any interested students need to make sure that they have returned the note by next Monday 9th September, at the very latest, so that we can organise what divisions we will be entering teams in.

### Stage 2 Gala Day

The Stage 2 students will be involved in a Sports gala day being held in Grafton next Wednesday. The students will participate in a variety of sports with coaching sessions being delivered by Development Officers from the respective sports. Students need to make sure that they have returned the permission note and money to their classroom teacher.

### Touch Football

Our school sport Touch Football program has been running for the last 3 weeks. There will be one more session next Friday before the Stage 2 and 3 students will then be able to put their new skills and knowledge of the game into practice at the Lower Clarence Touch Football Gala Day being held in Yamba on the following Friday, 20th September.

Martin Dougherty Sport Coordinator

### Term 3 Week 5 Awards Assembly- Fri 30th August

St James' Award- Eamon Mawn  
Principal's Award- Declan McKone

#### Sassafras Sports Awards

ES1-Fionn Mawn

S1- Henry Miller

S2- Rohan Chivers-Smith

S3- Millie Day

#### ES1 Class Awards

SOW- Poppy Erbacher

Achievement- Cadence Taylor

Encouragement- Sarai Waghorn

MJR- Jensen Homewood

Be Your Best Self - Harlan Bews

#### S1 Class Awards

SOW - Eli Byrne

Achievement- Floyd Segall, Severin Griffin

Encouragement- Aaron Perry, Alyssa Beveridge

MJR - Jack White

Be Your Best Self - Ella Gilbee



#### S2 Class Awards

SOW- Max Olsen

Achievement- Jesse Daley-Malone Micah Ross

Encouragement Jessie Wallace Millie Crouch

MJR - Tully Waghorn

Be Your Best Self- Willow Bews

#### S3 Class Awards -

SOW- Jorja Tasker

Achievement- Cecilia Strain, Aaron Renee-Ellis

Encouragement- Lennox Counsell, Miller Greenaway

MJR - Tyga Redwood

Be Your Best Self - Charlee Thomson

#### Certificates for Stories from the Clarence Valley Competition

Tayah Cole- 2nd prize

Pippi Short- short listed

Lani Cole- short listed



Finley Waghorn—8th September, Eve McCarthy—  
11th September, Katie Courtney—13th September,  
Billie Gould—13th September, Slater Petersen—  
14th September, Ellie White—14th September,  
Indie Wright—14th September, Declan McKone—  
16th September, Leyla McInnes—19th September

### THANKS FOR COMING!

It was lovely to see all our Dads, grandads and families who came to visit for Father's Day last week.

There is nothing nicer than spending time those we love and sharing our spaces and games with them. It is a lovely day after everyone leaves as the children are all so relaxed and happy.



## What's Happening in Stage 2!

Today we are out and about working with Artist Frances Belle-Parker looking at art as an example of storytelling and we will visit the newly completed River Walk in Maclean... photos to come... Keep an eye out on See-Saw! If you need a new QR code invitation, please let us know and we can provide you with one. Great things have been happening in term 3, the sacrament of confirmation, new learning and growth across our learning spaces, members of our class representing the school in a number of sporting events, NAIDOC Day workshops, Fathers Day breakfast, Book-week parade... we have been busy with an action-packed term. One of our highlights was the Meerkat Production of *Room on Our Rock*, with a number of our students taking a part of the performance, with Finn Brossman almost stealing the show! It was an interesting book designed to be read forwards and backwards. It has a great message about acceptance and empathy. A great time was had by all!  
Mrs Hollington & Mrs Lewis





ST JAMES SCHOOL  
Yamba

## Reminder of our Major Fundraiser

Touch Football Gala Day Canteen can bring in significant funds for our Parish School Forum.

We need around 25 VOLUNTEERS to help run the canteen on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, please return your note which went out last week to the School office or email [piccarolan@hotmail.com](mailto:piccarolan@hotmail.com) or [jodie.jones@live.com.au](mailto:jodie.jones@live.com.au).

Thank you to the parents that have volunteered their time for this day. It won't happen without you.

## Bake Sale Information

Baking goods for our fundraiser is another way you can support the school forum. We are after easily packaged goods that can be sold individually or as a boxed up treat to take home. We will need you to think about the packaging you put your baked goods in as it will be hard to return containers to you, we have a small amount of them to sell goods in but if yours are already packaged that would be greatly appreciated.

All homemade goods must be labelled with an ingredients list for sale.

All baked goods can be taken to:

- School office on Thursday afternoon or preferably the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September BEFORE 9AM as they will be picked up at 9.10 and taken to the fields.
- Angourie Rd Soccer fields on Friday morning anytime from 8am

Thanks a million for your contributions!