



# ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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**20th September, 2019**

**Thursday 26th September—Awards Assembly 9am**  
**Thursday 26th September—Last Day Term 3**  
**Thursday 26th September—Gold Coin for Thanks—Mufti Day**  
**Friday 27th September—Pupil Free day—OHSC is available, please advise the school if required.**



**First Day of Term 4 2019—Monday 14th October**

**Saturday 19th October—Staff/School Mass - 5:30pm-6:30pm at St James Church Yamba**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's events in our region have reminded me of the need to continue to keep an eye on one another and to be grateful for what we have. The fires continue to shine a light on the strong community bonds which have been demonstrated in the Lower Clarence community and the nature of generosity and service from near and far. You will not be surprised that at present we are undertaking a review of our Bush Fire Plan and from this process several actions have been identified.

Accompanying this newsletter for EVERY family is an "Update your details" form. This week we want to confirm every home address and to check every contact mobile. We have deliberately put a short turn around on the form as last week highlighted how accurate information saves both time and worry. We will be reviewing EVERY family file next week.

On Thursday we are having a "Gold Coin Thank You" mufti day. We would like to offer a tangible thanks to the local Bush Fire Brigade and feel that this will allow the children the opportunity to contribute. Early Term 4 we are going to invite the local brigade in to answer questions from the children. At that time we will make our thanks known with our donation.

If you identify that your child or children have concerns about personal safety after the recent events, please contact the school and we will arrange access to counselling early in Term 4.

I am off to Hobart for an Early Years Conference on Sunday morning, to look at current legislation and trends. For us at St James, we have our Play J's, Little J's, ES1 and S1, and our OHSC service which are all part of the conference agenda so I am expecting to be busy! First week of the holidays Christine Jeffrey and I will be at the ACEL conference which focuses on leading in primary education settings.

Cheers,  
Ann

### **THANK YOU**

**Thank you to all the Parents and Carers that volunteered today at the Touch Football Gala Day.**



**Every first Saturday of the term we as a school join the parish of Saint James in our local Catholic Church to celebrate Mass.**

**I often think that it is hard to make sure families realise how welcome we are made ( and are always made) by our local Catholic community early in the term. This week we invite every family to mark Saturday 19th October at 5:30pm on the calendar and hope to see you there.**

### Library News

Thanks to our amazing volunteer Kathy, we have all these new books ready for you to borrow. Also a massive thanks to those who have let me know about any missing books. I have received a few hand written notes from the children, thankyou for taking the time and effort.

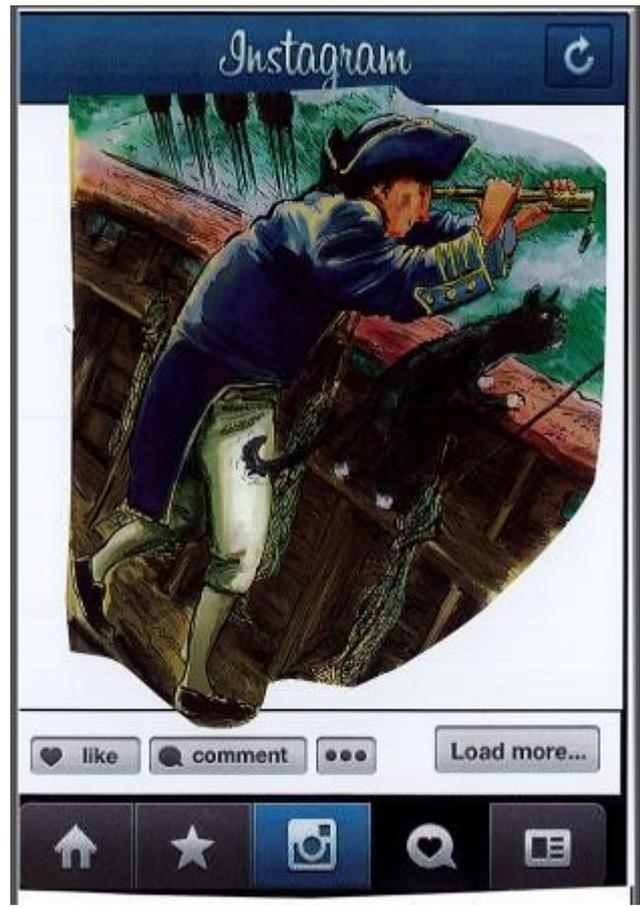
Many Thanks,  
Miss Amy



### LOP NEWS

Instagram Post

Name or comment on this instagram post from Matthew Flinders and Trim the cat. Give to Mrs Dougherty to be part of the writing excursion in Term 4.



### Early Stage 1—2020

The Little J's program is once again helping the children to build links with one another and their staff for next year. We are finalising our ES1 class for 2020 and we have had some recent unexpected interest in enrolment. As the diocese has already made our preliminary staffing allocation can we please ask your support in letting anyone in the community (perhaps new) know that now is the time. We have made a decision to make an increase in staffing based on current numbers but need to finalise sooner rather than later to make sure we can make the best decisions for your children.



### **Basketball**

Last Sunday we had some students from St James participate in the Lower Clarence Cup. This was the first of three carnival days organised by the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. From all reports the kids had a great time and performed well. Thanks to those parents who were able to give up their time to help out on the day. The remaining two carnivals will be held on Sunday 20th October and Saturday 14th December.

### **Stage 2 Gala Day**

Stage 2 students travelled to Grafton last Wednesday to participate in the Clarence Zone gala day. The kids tried their hand at Cricket, Rugby Union, Rugby League and AFL. They all had a great time and learnt some new skills along the way.

### **Touch Football**

Today Stage 2 and 3 have been at the Touch Football Gala Day in Yamba. The students have been learning the skills of Touch for the last 4 weeks during Sport lessons and we look forward to hearing how they were about to put these into practice. More info and pics from the day in the next newsletter.

### **OHSC—Friday 27th September**

OHSC will be operational on Friday next week for families requiring care for their school age children.

### **School Improvement Plan**

Staff will be finalising the data for our School Improvement Plan. Further parent information to follow early term 4.

### **Gold Coin for Thanks—Thursday 26th September**

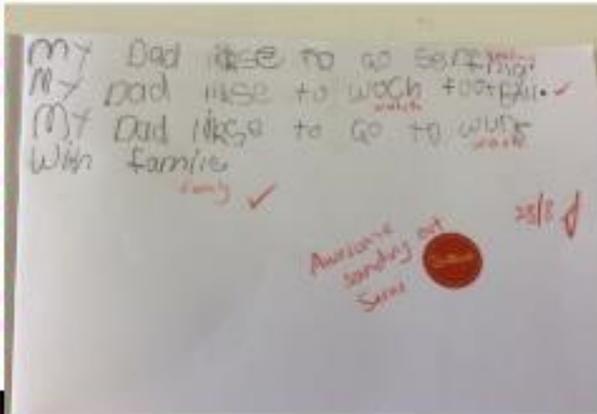
**Children are encouraged to come out of uniform ( safe footwear) and to make a gold coin donation which we will send to our local Wooloweyah Bush Fire Brigade to say thank you for all you do in our community**



Luke McIntyre—21st September, Ruby Thompson—23rd September, Beau Edwards—24th September, Micah Ross—24th September, Mrs Commerford—28th September, Ms Malley—6th October, Millie Hunt—2nd October, Scarlett Long—7th October, Charlotte Brown—11th October, Eli Byrne—15th October, Severin Griffin—16th October, Casseea Lovell—16th October, Christian Lovell—16th October

# Kindergarten are Authors!

Early Stage one have been busy learners in Term 3! We have become fabulous writers and have created information and imaginary books. We are now upgrading our words, re-reading our writing and using an editing checklist.



Don't forget to join us  
Friday 18th October @ 2:15pm  
Little J and Kindergarten Afternoon