



15th November, 2019

Wednesday 20th November to Thursday 21st November—Stage 2 camp to BIG4 Palmers Island
Tuesday 26th November—Year 5 Orientation Day at McAuley Catholic College—Grafton
Friday 29th November—Dio Summer Sport Trials—Lismore



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,

Term 4 is well underway and students are actively involved with their learning.

The RFS has identified that the catastrophic conditions of recent days have now passed, but we must remain alert with many fires still at 'Watch and Act' status in many communities. We now focus on continuing to keep our school community safe. Please let the office know if your child is impacted by the smoky conditions, so that we can make alternative arrangements for them during lunch and recess breaks.

It has also been brought to my attention that some parents are parking in the 'Kiss n' Drop' zone and leaving their car. If you wish to walk your child into school grounds please park out the front of the school, as the 'Kiss n' Drop' zone is only available to drop children off in the morning and pick them up after school.
NO PARKING ALLOWED in this ZONE

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Christine Jeffrey
 Acting Principal



Our MJR program (Making Jesus Real in Our Lives) promotes the following values:

- **Taking the Good with the Bad**
- **Be a Giver, Not a Taker in Life**
- **Believe in Yourself**
- **Be Determined**
- **Search for the Hero Inside Yourself**
- **Happiness comes from doing the right thing**
- **Listening Skills**
- **Mental Toughness**
- **Self Discipline**
- **To see the positive in each day and to see where Jesus is there for you**

Breadtags for Wheelchairs

Did you know that those annoying little bread-tags can be turned into wheelchairs?

Lani and Tayah Cole have placed a collection tin in the School Office and are asking St James families to bring in their bread tags, even broken ones.

For more information about breadtags for wheelchairs go to:

<https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/>



Book Choice - Extending Your Child's Reading.

Giving young people choice in what they read for pleasure is crucial to them developing a love of reading. Kids enjoy reading the most when they can escape into a book with no expectations, when they don't have to worry about analysing themes or other literary devices a parent or teacher may want them to learn.

Once a child hits a certain reading level in the early years of schooling, they will crave books with more complex story lines and in their area of passion. It is important to remember that reading material should always be age appropriate. Although a child might be able to read every word in a novel or magazine / newspaper article they may not be able to fully appreciate the beauty of the language or comprehend the content of these texts.

To support young readers in their choice of reading material the following can be considered.

- Continue to encourage reading of school chosen texts as these are designed to teach specific skills.
- Promote the continued reading of picture books even though your child may be reading chapter books. The language in modern picture books is often more complex and the storylines more sophisticated.
- Ensure topic and content is age appropriate as slogging through difficult and confusing language can lead to a dislike for reading in the future.
- Make the time to discuss with your child the books they are reading.
- Continue to read aloud to your child regularly as this models the reading process and expands their book experience and choices.
- Provide opportunities to visit the local library regularly. The librarians have a wealth of knowledge of what young readers may enjoy and support your child with their appropriate choices.

Judy Rogers
Instructional Leader K-2

School Banking

There will be NO School Banking

20th November



Sport News

School Sport

Students have been busy with our Friday school sport activities this term. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students have been enjoying their swimming program and making the most of the chance to cool off in the warm weather. It's great to see the students' enthusiasm and their willingness to learn and improve their swimming as the weeks go by.

Stage 2 and 3 students have been lucky enough to be participating in a basketball and futsal program run by the staff at the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. Whilst the activities are a little warmer than those of the younger students, the smiles on their faces at the end of the session are just as big!

Summer Sport Trials

We mentioned in previous newsletters the students that have qualified to represent our school at the diocesan summer sport trials. These students have been training hard and are looking forward to representing our school at the trials in Lismore in a fortnight's time on the 29th November. Good luck

Martin Dougherty
Sports Coordinator

Term 4 Week 5 Awards Assembly

St James' Award- Cecilia Strain

Principal's Award- Imogen Lee

Sports Awards

ES1-Ari Stoves

S1- Mahi Khabra

S2- Kayden Duckett

S3- Oscar Enns

ES1 Class Awards

SOW- Slater Petersen

Achievement- Harlan Bews

Encouragement- Kash Edwards

MJR- Sarai Waghorn

Be Your Best Self - Lily Fleming

S1 Class Awards

SOW - Rhys Owen

Achievement- Savana Wheatley-Mazzitelli, Sage Edwards

Encouragement- Grace Stoddard, Scarlett Long

MJR - Zoe Edwards

Be Your Best Self - Lola Dougherty



S2 Class Awards

SOW- Will Hutchison

Achievement- Tayah Cole, Elly Day

Encouragement- Dusty Wood, Mackenzie Ross

MJR - Arya Kantameni

Be Your Best Self- Darcy Riley, Grace Finnegan

S3 Class Awards

SOW- Liam O'Shea

Achievement- Casseea Lovell, Felicity McKone

Encouragement- Harrison Ferguson, Lani Cole

MJR - Mellodee Kempnich

Be Your Best Self - Ari Felsch



Arlo Short—16th
November,
Eve Van Leest—21st
November,
Ekam Khabra—27th
November,
Mrs Frazer—16th
November,
Mrs Ferguson—19th
November

Mini Vinnies News

Mini Vinnies is starting its Christmas Appeal next week. We are collecting items for our Christmas Hamper. Any packaged non-perishable food items would be very welcome to add to our hamper which will be distributed to local families in need.

Please refer to the posters in the classrooms and around the school for food ideas.

Stage 3 News

This term, Stage 3 students have been exploring different types of Poetry including Haikus, Cinquains, Imaginative Verses and Limericks. Here are some examples of the wonderful writing they have been creating - Great work, Stage 3!

"I am a child, born in 2007
I've inherited my mums sparkling blue eyes
I'm a lover of running and art
I have the same curly hair as my brother
My running abilities were passed on from my father
I am all the things of my past."

Winter.
Frost. Piercing trees souls.
The slow tasteless, dreaded cold.
Lonely nothingness.



**Remote
Amazing Fish,
Infinite Excitement,
Intriguing Music Festivals,
My Place.**

By Oscar



Sandon,
Magical place,
Adventurous bushes,
Turtles hang around the beaches,
Camping.

"I am all of those things like.
The waves going with the flow.
I am a bird learning to fly.
I am a butterfly spreading my wings."

