



3rd May, 2019

Tuesday May 7th—Mrs Howland—SEACS Primary Leaders of Catechesis School Evangelisation
Friday 10th May—Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 14th May to Friday 24th May—NAPLAN online testing
Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th May— Miss Dawson, Mrs Jeffrey, Miss Daley and Mrs Lewis—History Conference in Sydney
Friday 17th May—Miss Dawson and Mrs Jeffrey—SRS CSO Day



Thursday 30th May—All Staff Proclaim—No students attend this day—OSHC is available—Please book in at the school office if required.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2.

I am reading a book at the moment written by the former Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli titled “ 12 Ways Your Child Can Get The Best Out of School”.

The final paragraph in the introduction reads

“ ...teachers get the biggest thrill when their students do well and are happy. These also happen to be the main things that thrill parents, so teachers and parents have every reason to work together to get your child’s education right.”

As learning begins with your children this term, all staff are looking at how they can best continue to build connections with the children in their care and share the conversation with the families in each learning space.

Can we acknowledge the 21 children and teachers who marched with the school on ANZAC Day. In the midst of the school holidays it was lovely to see so many representing and commemorating our community’s service.

Thank you.

Seesaw

Last year the teaching staff visited diocesan schools who use an online portal for work samples called Seesaw.

This year the teachers have spent time building the skills of all children in choosing work to share with their parents and becoming confident in uploading samples. We are offering a Seesaw evening on May 20th (6:30pm) and a day session on May 27th (2pm) to explore how the technology works and how each stage team will be using the platform to share work samples with parents.

We invite you to keep these sessions in your diary.

Cheers

Ann



Just a reminder that the dates for Sacraments are:

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

First Holy Communion- Saturday 24th August at St James Church, Yamba.

Reconciliation- Wednesday 21st August at 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 13th 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 SEACs

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Sacraments:

I would like my child _____ to receive the

Sacrament/s of _____

Parent: (please print)

Happy Mother’s Day to all in our community.



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

Stage 1	Early Stage 1
Indie Wright Rhys Owen Isabel Duckett Zoe Edwards Reevean Harding Lola Dougherty Hannah Haslett Eamon Mawn Ella Gilbee Evie Ruse Floyd Segall Mignon Espag Alyssa Beveridge Gemma Hollington Severin Griffin	Harley Easdown Maia Lily Fleming Sol McInnes Fionn Mawn Slater Petersen Rhys Johnson Jensen Homewood

BUDDIES BBQ

Thank you to all the wonderful Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 families that attended our Buddy BBQ on Monday 8th April. It was a lovely afternoon and thank you to everyone that helped make it happen.



Cross Country



On the last day of term 1 we held our school Cross Country carnival. Unfortunately the weather on the day wasn't overly kind but we still managed to get all the races run. Congratulations to our age champions and winning house, Turners.

Next Friday, 10th May, those students selected in our school team will be competing at the Clarence Zone carnival at McAuley Catholic College in Grafton. Good luck to all students involved.

Age Champions

8/9 yrs - Levi O'Shea, Heidi Van Leest

10yrs - Dexta Jones, Grace Finnegan

11yrs - Beau Edwards, Olivia Fuller

12yrs - Christian Lovell, Imogen Lee

Uniform

For our school to be well presented everyone's cooperation in meeting the school uniform policy is appreciated. Some of the areas where the uniform is not appropriate are:

Coloured joggers for school days. The uniform is black shoes and navy socks.

Multi coloured hair bands and ribbons. We wear navy or maroon at St James.

Jewellery including necklaces, bracelets and dangling earrings. None of these meet the uniform policy and should not be worn.

Leggings- the correct uniform is a skort, when it gets colder a tracksuit is appropriate.

Hair worn out. If a child's hair is collar length it needs to be in pigtails, plaits or a ponytail.

School jumper variations. The uniform is a navy jumper, not a hoody, a puffer jacket and not a variation of blue.

While these may seem small issues, the school has a policy in this area and we thank you for enforcing this with your children.

Safe on Social

Parent Education Meeting - Save the Date.

The Diocese Parent Assembly is sponsoring a parent education night for all parents on Monday 26th August working with a focus on online safety for families.

A presentation will also be offered to the children in stage 3.

Look them up on line and Facebook

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Levi O'Shea—4th May,
Mellodee Kempnich—6th
May, Lennox Counsell—
7th May, Jagger Jensen-
Young—7th May, Cooper
Olsen—7th May, Mrs

Dougherty—7th May, Pippi Short—8th May,
Cecilia Strain—12th May, Dexta Jones—15th
May, Mrs Imeson—15th May, Mrs Kirkland—
15th May

If your plan is for one year, plant rice
If your plan is for ten years, plant trees
If your plan is for one hundred years, educate children
~Chinese proverb



Term 2 2019

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Tuesday 14th to Friday 24th May– NAPLAN online testing

Friday 24th May Dio Cross Country

Monday 20th May—Seesaw evening session (6:30pm)

Monday 27th May—Seesaw day session (2pm)

Wednesday 29th May – Preschool visit to St James' School

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Friday 14th June – Polding Cross Country

Friday 14th June – Year 6 Orientation day at McAuley Catholic College

Friday 21st June – School Athletics Carnival

Friday 5th July – Last Day of Term 2

Monday 22nd July—First Day Term 3 2019

Advance Notice

Friday 27th September Last Day Term 3 2019—Professional Learning Day

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