

# ST. AMES'SCH

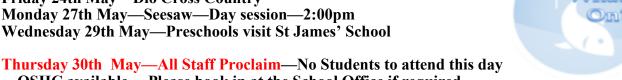
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### 17th May, 2019

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

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

Friday 24th May—Dio Cross Country



-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

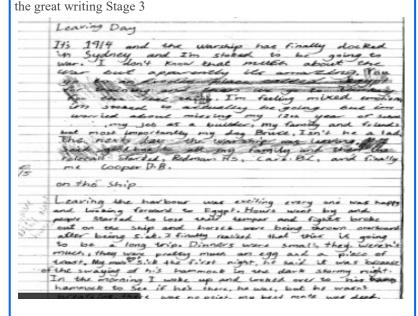
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# LOP NEWS Term 2 week 3 Writing Stage 3 -



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



lt's tough. We are only a couple of days in and were lost so many boys, thearing them scream in pain from dusk till dawn tears as apart. I'm doing alright, the twiks haven't got me yet Ma! And don't warry because they never will, I'm your boy and I'm tough Speaking at being tough, how so Meetly I miss her so much I'm doing this for her imagine how proud she'll be of Medals. Then she will definetly say yes well I hope an that she does, I can't live without her. I love her Anyway encugh of that I've mad a great friend called william william Porter. Her from Manly area we are like ateam. Always have each others lack to say kesterday he said, When we get out of this we'll be having exconer of beer down at the peak with your nisses!" Tears filled his eyes.) can tell that he dosen't have hope that he's going to get of here. Bal we all have to be strong ton one another. We are all doing it tough Oh. I forgot intention, I'm a part of the lighthestic which mean that I've have been given a hove I wasn't susposed to be apart of it but the bloke who

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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.

