

18th October 2019

**Saturday 19th October—School Mass—St James Church
Yamba— 5:30pm**

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classroom**

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**Wednesday 18th December—Grafton Pool Excursion and LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 the final learning session for the children at St James for this year.

We have a group of 26 children starting their second term of transition from Little J's to Early Stage 1. This is a great opportunity for the children and families to begin their community building as well as offering the staff a great opportunity to learn about the desires, needs and assets of our new class of 2020. Today was T-shirt day. "I am off to big school @ St James." I know that every existing parent will, welcome these new families into the community just as our senior student buddies are doing each week. Welcome aboard!

On the other end of the school we have a group of 17 students completing their primary education in 9 weeks. We are inviting parents to a meeting next Thursday after school to both look at numbers and to gather a planning group to organise the evening. We would love to have as many families in Year 6 represented.

Next week the interviews for teaching staff will be held at St James. At the end of next week (God willing) we will send out a staffing notice for 2020. I hear you puzzle about the earliness of the planning and announcements. This is because I am going on 21 days leave from October 29th. I am traveling to Nepal and Bhutan and home via Singapore. The visit to Bhutan has been long in the planning and wishing and I am very excited to get the opportunity to undertake the adventure. Mrs Jeffrey will be principal in my absence.

Cheers
Ann



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 join us Saturday 19th October at 5:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Mrs Petersen, Tim and Slater on the birth of their daughter and sister Neve Cason who was born on Friday September 20th. Mum and bub both doing well.



Forum Meeting

**Date: Monday
21st October**

Time 5:30pm

In Stage 3 Classroom

All Welcome

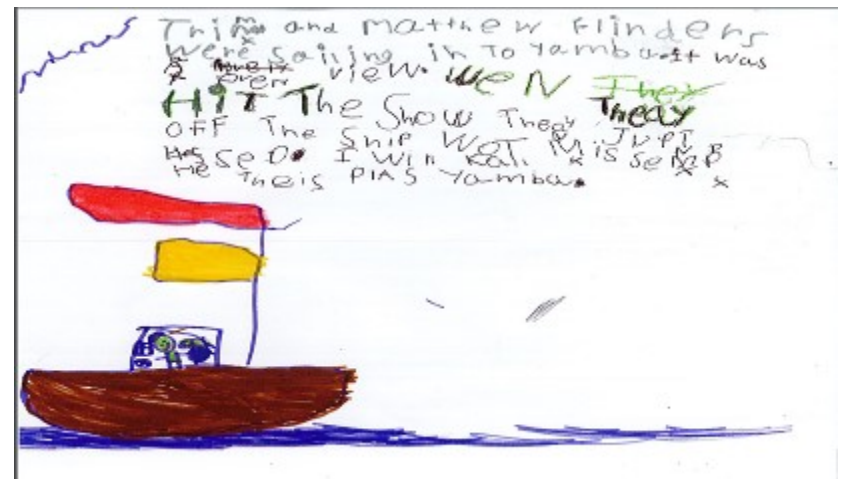


LOP Writing Activity - Trim the Cat

During the holidays I was lucky enough to be invited by Marea Buist (Yamba Historical Society) on a walking tour to discover the significant landmarks around Yamba of Matthew Flinders and his cat Trim. I have discovered interesting facts about why Matthew Flinders came to shore and why he didn't discover the Clarence River - why do you think he didn't ? Bring me any ideas as I'd love to see what you know. Thank you to the students who researched Trim the Cat in the holidays. Your stories and research are below - Eamon Mawn, Fionn Mawn and Ella Carolan

Trim and Matthew were sailing the coast of india or at least he thought it was india. When he got close to land the wild peop in wooden canoes with big spears ^{and} a huge school of big sealishw jumping behind them so trim jumped out of the boat and onto one of the canoes. The person that was on the canoe tried to stab trim but trim was to quick and the person stabbed his boat and there was a huge hole in his boat. And so on. Untill trim was at the last one but in stead of trying to stab trim like the others he started and jumped of crying for his mummy. So trim pulled back to the ship and meowed at matthew to put down the anchor and jump down so when matthew was on they hid in it was a nice ride because of the winds. When they were on the sand he climbed through the bushes and out a clearing then he said I call this place Yamba

The end





Touch Football Gala Day

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the Touch Football Gala Day. \$1800.00 profit was raised on the day. Thank you to all families for your support. Well done all the servers and organisers for the day.

Term 4 Sport

Term 4 Sport begins Friday 25th October:

ES1 and Stage 1—Swimming—SEASON TICKET (ST) numbers to the office by Monday at the very latest to avoid the full amount being added to the Fee Accounts.

All children in ES1 and S1 travel down to the pool in shifts. They have a 1/2hour lesson in groups of 4 or 5 with a trained AUSWIM instructor. They are onsite at the pool for approx. 3/4 hour. Due to the staffing ratios near water we take all students and run the buses down and back in two shifts.

Stage 2 and Stage 3—Basketball and Futsal

Late last term, Mr Dougherty met with the children in Stages 2 and 3 to select their offsite school Friday sport for Term 4. The children had the options of only doing one sport or two across the term. The children voted to continue to do both basketball and futsal and we are pleased that we can continue to access these opportunities for the children. (Year 5 will miss next week but we will arrange a make up session)

Awards Assembly—Term 3 Week 10

St James' Award- Hailey Rutkowski
Principal's Award- Jensen Homewood

Sassafras Sports Awards

ES1-Siaan Lloyd-Smith
S1- Autumn Enns
S2- Jorja Fuller
S3- Cooper Olsen

ES1 Class Awards

SOW- Ava Scanlon
Achievement- Austin Dougherty
Encouragement- Rhaya Brash
MJR- Sol McInnes
Be Your Best Self - Ella Carolan

S1 Class Awards

SOW - Reevan Harding
Achievement- Fin Waghorn, Mignon Espag
Encouragement- Kydan Jones, Anzac Williams
MJR - Sailor Short
Be Your Best Self - Hannah Haslett

S2 Class Awards

SOW- Heath Ferguson
Achievement- Arlo Short
Encouragement- Gypsy Williams
MJR - William Hutchison
Be Your Best Self- Kayden Duckett

S3 Class Awards

SOW- Mellodee Kempnich
Achievement- Eve Van Leest, Ashley Rutkowski
Encouragement- Christian Lovell, Benjie Hunt
MJR - Eve McCarthy
Be Your Best Self - Olivia Fuller



Alyssa Beveridge—19th
October, Max Olsen—21st
October, Sarai Waghorn—21st
October, Grace Stoddard—
22nd October, Mahi Khabra—
23rd October

Thank You

Bushfire Brigade mufti-day fundraiser

\$222.50 was raised on the day which will be
donated to our local bushfire brigade.

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Tuesday 12th November—Yr 6 Orientation Day at McAuley Catholic College

Tuesday 12th November—2020 Year 7 Parent Information Night at McAuley Catholic College —7pm-8pm

Friday 29th November—Dio Summer Sport Trials—Lismore

Tuesday 17th December—Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 17th December—End of Year School Mass and Assembly— 12pm

Wednesday 18th December—Last Day of Term 4, 2019

Wednesday 18th December—Grafton Pool End of Year Excursion for all students and staff.

Thursday 19th December—Pupil Free Day

Friday 20th December—Pupil Free Day

2020

Tuesday 28th January 2020—Staff return for 2020

Wednesday 29th January 2020—First Day Term 1 2020 for Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3

Friday 31st January 2020—School Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 5th February 2020—First day Term 1 2020 for ES1

Thursday 20th February 2020—Zone Swimming—Coffs Harbour

Friday 28th February 2020—Dio Swimming—Kempsey

Friday 13th March 2020—Diocesan Winter Sport Trials—Grafton

Tuesday 26th May 2020—Dio Cross Country—Grafton

Friday 21st August 2020—Dio Athletics—Lismore