



ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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30th January 2020

Wednesday 5th February—Early Stage 1 begin school.

Friday 7th February—Polding Basketball Trials

Commissioning Mass—Saturday 14th February at 5:30pm at St James Church –all welcome.



Canteen will now be Thursdays

In 2019 we trialled Friday canteen for Term 4. When reviewing the budget the takings have dropped by over \$100 per week on the Friday. As you will appreciate this makes the Canteen unsustainable. As such, we are reverting to the Thursday for canteen Day and will monitor the usage throughout the year.

Menu attached

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the 2020 school year.

We welcome our twenty new families across the school including those going into Early Stage 1. We hope all are rested and renewed. The community spirit shown over the Christmas period with the fires and the other natural disasters has certainly brought out the best in our community.

Tomorrow we have our annual swimming carnival and we look forward to the children having a wonderful day. (I nearly said go T... but then thought "No!")

Over the holidays Mrs Ferguson and I spent 3 days in Sydney looking at play based learning opportunities and loose parts play. We will be seeking the whole school's help to gather some resources, which will help us build an inquiry based learning focus for our new students, as we continue to develop our "outdoor classroom".

In staff news Mrs Jeffrey is on leave for the next 2 weeks travelling with her son. She is travelling now, as I have planned to travel to China at the end of the term and we cannot both be out of the school at the same time. That does however look slightly unlikely with current travel warnings!

Looking forward to catching up with all families.

Cheers
Ann



As we gather to begin our school year of 2020, let us be renewed with the water of the Holy Spirit. Let us renew our faith, our relationship with God and ask him to be with us as we journey throughout the year.

REMINDER—Correct School Uniform

We have begun the year with some inconsistent school uniform. Please ensure that all children are in correct uniform as this is part of our school policy and procedures.

School Uniform

Monday to Thursday the school uniform is worn. On Fridays the students wear their sports uniform. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform, including socks and footwear. School hats are compulsory and will affect your child's outdoor play if they are not worn.

Girls Checked Blouse
Navy Blue Skort
Navy Blue Fleecy Jumper or Fleecy Zip up Jumper w/school emblem
School Jacket w/school emblem

Boys Maroon Shirt
Navy Blue Shorts
Navy Blue Fleecy Jumper or Fleecy Zip up Jumper w/school emblem
School Jacket w/school emblem

Footwear All children are to wear navy socks with school uniform. School shoes are to be **fully black** (this includes laces) Sport shoes or joggers may be worn with white socks with the sports uniform.

Tracksuits Both boys and girls may wear navy tracksuit pants in cooler weather.

No "hoodies"

Sports uniform

Both girls and boys are allowed the option of light weight navy shorts (Taslon) and the school sports shirt. Girls may wear their skorts.

No lycra shorts.

Jewellery

No jewellery except watches, sleepers/studs are acceptable.

Long Hair

For health and safety reasons all long hair needs to be plaited or tied back. (both boys and girls)
Hair must be neat and tidy at all times.



Hair Ribbons/scrunchies when worn must be maroon or navy blue. Only scrunchies, ribbons or hair bands are to be worn.

Uniforms are available at The Uniform Shop, 4 Stanley St, Maclean—66453778

Labelling

Please label everything. Not only uniforms but also hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. The labels also have to be regularly checked to make sure they are still visible, as many tend to wear/come off over time. Small children can be overwhelmed by the whole school experience and will often lose or forget their personal belongings. Labelling everything ensures minimal upset for the child, teacher and parents.

School Banking Volunteer

If you are interested in becoming the School Banking Volunteer, Please contact Sue in the School Office
Thank you



Aaron Perry—6th February,
Siaan Lloyd-Smith—10th
February, Jake Seivers—
13th February, Poppy
Erbacher—14th February.

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(Correct as at 12:17pm 30/01/2020)

Term 1

Friday 7th February—Polding Basketball Trials

Saturday 14th February—Commissioning Mass— at 5:30pm at St James Church –all welcome

Thursday 20th February—Zone Swimming—Coffs Harbour

Monday 24th February— Zone Winter Sports Trials

Friday 28th February—Dio Swimming—Kempsey

Friday 13th March—Dio Winter Sports Trials—Grafton

Monday 16th March—School Photos

Friday 20th March—Dio Touch Football Trials—Lismore

Friday 3rd April—School Cross Country

Thursday 9th April—Last Day Term 1 2020

Term 2

Monday 27th April—First Day Term 2, 2020

Wednesday 29th April—Zone Cross Country

Wednesday 27th May—Dio Cross Country—Grafton

Friday 3rd July—Last Day Term 2, 2020

Term 3

Monday 20th July—First Day Term 3

Monday 27th July—Zone Athletics

Friday 21st August—Dio Athletics—Lismore

Wednesday 9th September—Zone Soccer/Netball Carnival

Friday 25th September—Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 12th October—First day Term 4

Tuesday 3rd November—Zone Summer Sport Trials

Wednesday 16th December—Last Day Term 4

Class Parents

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be class parents. (Volunteered is an interesting term!)

ES1– Juanita Haslett

S1– Kate Mawn and Jennifer Homewood

S2– Rob Waghorn and Pip Caralon

S3- Pat Day and Kelle Murphy