Dear Parents and All in the St James Community

Many of you have done jigsaw puzzles. Jigsaws are mind-clearing; they are wonderful opportunities to relate on a level plane with those participating as you search for the bits that fit together.

If you ever get an opportunity to visit the College Library on any day at break time (and I very much hope you do), there is always someone pouring over the most recent jigsaw that has spread itself over a table. I love getting out of the office, wandering up to the Library and putting some bits myself into the current puzzle.

What I love more is the fact that the kids gather around and together we search out and find those elusive pieces. Ever so slowly the picture materialises, emerges out of a kaleidoscope of colourful shapes that in themselves seem random, but together tell a story or create a scene that bring a smile to our faces as the finished product takes shape.

St James is not unlike a jigsaw. There are so many different ‘bits’ who themselves have their own story, their own individual characteristic ‘shape’, their own place in the picture. The St James jigsaw will never be like your standard puzzle. It is not about a flat picture on a table but about the connection that happens, the shapes that fit together, and which then take us to a different level, a quality of relationship that is not your two-dimensional picture.

This relationship is about depth - real people, real stories, and above all, real connections. It happens in the classroom, in the playground, in the office. Education is precisely about this connection: it is about knowing the students who have chosen to come to this place, their needs, their hopes, who they are, their story; it is about what this school can do with these connections, how we can help to open doorways to a future, to provide opportunity, to teach young people to stand in solidarity with others who struggle, to encourage a new way of envisioning a future inclusive world.

So I am not sure that you could ever design a ‘picture’ of this school that would work as a jigsaw. Why? Because the story of this place really lies in the scattered, random pieces, the ‘bits’ that slowly begin to fit so beautifully together, that share a common aspiration, that together hold a heart. And will we ever put in the last piece and finish the final picture? Well, what do you think?

Qld Core Skills Test
Over Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Year 12 students sat for the Qld Core Skills Test which, for OP students, has a key influence in calculating their final result. The engagement and cooperation during the tests is to be commended. I would like to offer also my thanks to Ms Di Markey, Senior Coordinator, Mr Tony McCulkin, Deputy Principal and the supervisors who conducted the tests and ensured everything ran so smoothly.

TB Screening
The second round of routine TB screening is scheduled to take place next Tuesday. Parents of students in Years 7 – 10 would have received a letter from the Clinic informing you of the procedures and asking you to complete a Consent Form. This form should have been returned to the College already. If you have not done so, could parents ensure that your child returns the form as soon as possible by Monday, 5 September.

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Gerry Crooks
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This is a FREE Disability Action Week Event
Where: Capalaba Place Hall 19 Rickey Street, Capalaba
When: Wednesday 14 September 2016 - 9.30am to 1.00pm
How to register: Visit the Events page at
www.myfuturemylife.com.au or by phone
1300 697 526.
(For further details, please refer to the adver-
tisement on the College website)

Children’s Hospital School

Deputy Principal
Mr Tony McCulkin

Years 11 and 12 examinations begin next Thursday. These are particularly significant examinations for
Year 12 as Heads of Departments will be preparing folios of student work for verification of levels of
achievement at District Review Panels next week. These panels will meet on October 17 to compare
standards between different schools in each district across Queensland. While results can change due
to changes in student performance during Term 4, these agreements between the College and officers
of the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority determine exit levels of achievement.

When students in Years 11 and 12 do not have examinations scheduled, or other assignment work to
complete at school, they are expected to be studying at home. While at school they must be in full
school uniform and under the supervision of a teacher. Students not complying with these directions
will be sent home. Friday September 16 is a student free day and all students may remain at home.
The September break will run from September 17 to the first day of Term IV, Tuesday October 4.

Teachers are also completing assessment requirements with students across all year levels. Data

dained from these assessment tasks will be used to compile reports to parents which will be sent home
during the September break. While there are no formally scheduled Parent Teacher interviews next
term, parents and guardians are always welcome to make contact with teaching staff to check on
student progress.

There will be a parent information evening for parents and guardians of Years 8 and 9 students
regarding subject selection for 2017. This will be held in The Study Centre at 7:00 pm on Tuesday
October 11. All parents and guardians of Year 8 and 9 students are invited to attend.

AP Pastoral

Optus to Present Digital Thumbprint Seminars
Mr Martin Wiseman

My deep thanks to presenter Lucy Ivers who conducted these Seminars with our Years 7, 8 and 10
students on Wednesday this week. The content was relevant to each cohort and significantly added to
the knowledge base of each student - which in this day and age is extremely important. I encourage all
parents and carers to discuss with their child the content of these seminars as they make for extremely
important conversations that will hopefully protect our children even further.

Walk 4 Justice Money
Mr Martin Wiseman

A final reminder to all families to bring in their $20 pledged to the school as part of this event. We are
edging closer to our goal of $8000 so please keep the money rolling in.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Lachlan Plater who was crowned best Speller in the School on Tuesday. He and the
Hogan Team earn their House valuable points towards the Interhouse Shield. Thanks to Ms Ferris who
organised the competition. Whilst we are on the Interhouse Competition, I thank Mr Prickett the Sport
Coordinator who has initiated a mini-House competition during sport for the rest of the term. There a
number of great fun events being held, including an Amazing Race style event!!! Good luck to our Junior
students in this competition.

AP Identity

Mrs Tricia Parry

This Sunday September 4th marks a significant day for a range of reasons. Father’s Day occurs this
Sunday where we mark the importance of the Fathers and Father Figures in our lives. It is a day where
we give thanks for the gifts which these important people have given to us and thank them for their
efforts.

On Thursday, I was lucky to have the opportunity to take a group of students to the Lady Cilento
Children’s Hospital School to meet with the patients there and to provide them with a gift to give to their
children, given that as they are in hospital the opportunity to shop would be very difficult. We attended
the weekly Assembly at the school and our students explained the reason for our attendance whilst
giving each student a gift wrapped chocolate for their father or father-figure in their life. Our students
also had the opportunity to meet with some students on the various wards and out-patients areas
to deliver gifts to those children also. The children at the hospital were most grateful for our visit and I was
so very proud of the students from St James who accompanied us on this trip. They really did represent
the College so very well and it was an excellent Social Justice and Outreach opportunity from which we
learnt a great deal from the experience. I would like to thank the following students for their gracious
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Middle Coordinator

Ms Karen Lindsey

It is certainly the “business end” of the term and I’d like to remind students and caregivers of the importance of submitting drafts and final assessment items by the specified due date. Junior assessment schedules were handed out to students earlier in the term and the due dates for their assessment pieces should have been transferred into the Assessment Planner on page 110 of the student diary. The Assessment Planners can also be accessed on the College website under the “Teaching and Learning” tab.

If students are absent on the due date for an assignment, they are encouraged to email it directly to their teacher. In the case of examinations, a note explaining the absence from the caregiver is required and the student should be prepared to sit the examination upon their return to school. If an assessment item is not submitted on the due date, a notification will be sent home to caregivers and students will be expected to complete an academic detention after school on the following Thursday. While of course from time to time there will be unforeseen circumstances impacting students’ ability to submit work on time, I encourage caregivers to assist their students to meet deadlines wherever possible as it teaches them the importance of time management and giving a consistent effort. It also allows teachers the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to students about their progress in a timely manner.

Caregivers are reminded that any queries or concerns about assessment or progress across subject areas can be directed to the classroom teacher or to me at karen.lindsey@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au.

Guidance Counsellor

Mr Jim Bartlett

Student Work update

- Rohullah Hashemi(12) and Sayed Hashemi(12) both will work for a week in the holidays as a mechanic in order to gain experience and a reference for an apprenticeship next year
- Keiro Weiks(10) is doing Work Experience as a sales assistant at Rebel Sport
- Michayla Williams(11) and Jay Jones(11) are doing well in their Traineeship at K Mart

Year 12 Camp

This event will be held on 15 September 2016 from 9 am – 6 pm. There will be representatives from 15 institutions on the QTAC Facebook site to answer any questions you might have. To be part of this event, simply ‘like’ QTAC at https://www.facebook.com/qtacinq.

Engineering Pathway through TAFE

Find out about how to kick start a career in civil engineering at TAFE Queensland’s Associate Degree in Civil Engineering information evening on Thursday, 8 September 2016. Accredited by Engineers Australia, the Associate Degree in Civil Engineering provides students interested in design, drafting and project management with the skills to kick start a career in engineering. http://go.tafe-qld.net/EV-CivilEngineeringInfoNightSept_LP-Register.html

Head of Faculty-English

Ms Roz Ferris

2016 Spelling Bee Championship

On Tuesday we all gathered in the hall to watch our best spellers vie with each other for the coveted title of St James 2016 Spelling Bee Champion. It was an exciting and entertaining event. As the spellers worked their way through the rounds – group, written, individual – the tension grew. Not only were they competing against each other, but House points were up for grabs! There were some quite difficult words – ‘fascism’, ‘artichoke’, ‘repertoire’. And then we reached the final - Brayton Tomlinson vs Lachlan Plater. Such a little word ‘aphid’ was what it took to decide the champion – Lachlan Plater (Hogan). Congratulations to him and the other nineteen ace spellers. You did your respective Houses proud! Thanks to Mr Wiseman for his incomparable compering.

Head of Faculty-Science

Miss Elisabeth Schaefer

Science Week was two weeks ago and during that week the students were encouraged to compete in 2 challenges. The first challenge was to create a raft out of 5 paddle-pop sticks, 5 straws and 10 twist ties. The winners of this challenge are Soumiga Gopalakrishnan and Katelyn Bevis. The second challenge was to identify the 10 microscopic images. The winners of this challenge are Harry Moran and Hayden Eldridge.

Library News

Ms Nikki Carpenter

eLearning News

On Wednesday, the Library hosted Lucy from the Optus Digital Thumbprint project, who presented to our Years 7, 8 and 10. It was a very informative and entertaining programme, and especially timely, given the serious issues that many high schools are currently facing in regard to the challenges of keeping students safe online. The Year 7 and 8 students participated in the ‘Digital Insight’ programme, which focuses on ‘Developing Discerning Users’, while the Year 10s learnt about ‘Creating a Positive Online Identity’ via the ‘Digital Impact’ workshop. Thank you to Mr Wiseman who arranged for our students to have the privilege of this very useful information session.

Jimmie’s Pick

This week, Jimmie picks Game Theory by Barry Jonsberg. Jamie is a 16 year-old maths whiz, and when his older sister wins $7.5 million dollars their family is targeted by criminals, who kidnap his younger sister and hold her for ransom. Jamie thinks he can outsmart the kidnapper by using game theory – the
strategy of predicting an opponent’s actions. Will it work, or is he putting lives at risk? This book is recommended for confident readers who enjoy page-turning suspense.

Sports News

Term 4 Sport
Just a friendly reminder for all year 7-9 students who have not selected their term 4 sport to please see Mr Prickett

State Championship Basketball
Our boys and girls basketball teams will compete in the state championship at the end of this term. Draws and times will be available in the next newsletter. Venues for the championship are Logan Metro Stadium and Comubia Indoor Stadium.

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We will be gathering at the lawn area as pictured which is the Lake Precinct area marked by the arrow on the map. The school banner will also be on display. Enter at Gregory terrace entrance.

Please bring picnic food to share but no BBQs are available. Also bring some chairs or a rug.

Parking is available in the Parklands but it may be easier to travel by train to Roma Street and walk.

For further information please call Anna Coventry on 0411 125 856 or Lezah Kupfer on 0434 651 160.