Dates for Your Diary

February 2016
- 27  P&F BBQ Stall
- 29  Immunization Visit One

March 2016
- 4   Swimming Carnival
- 7-9 Year 11 Art Camp
- 7-9 Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp
- 11  Free Dress Day
- 13  P&F Picnic Day

If your child talks to you about bullying:
1. Listen calmly to get the full story.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. Contact the school.
6. Check-in regularly with your child.

Having trouble getting the newsletter at home? Would you like to receive it via email? If so, please send an email to school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

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Dear St James College Community

Yesterday afternoon, Tuesday 16 February, Mr Gerry Crooks was admitted to hospital with shortness of breath. As a result of further tests Mr Crooks will undergo heart surgery next week. At this stage we believe Mr Crooks will be away for the rest of Term 1. I ask that you keep Mr Crooks in your prayers and thoughts during this time of pending surgery and the coming days of recovery. I know he will be sadly missed during this period of absence.

Doctors have indicated that Mr Crooks will make a full recovery and I know he is keen to return to work at the beginning of Term 2.

In the absence of Mr Crooks Mr Tony McCulkin has been appointed as Acting Principal for the rest of the term and Mr Marty Wiseman as Acting Deputy Principal. I thank both these gentlemen for their generosity and commitment at this time.

Kindest regards

Peter Chapman
Director Regional Support — Northern
Edmund Rice Education Australia

ABSENTEE LINE
3230 8655
Please clearly state student’s name, year level and home room.
Acting Principal                   Mr Tony McCulkin

Recently, all students have been presented with very important diary information. All assessment due dates in all subjects for semester one have been collated by Senior Coordinator, Ms Di Markey, and the Middle School Coordinator, Ms Helen Robin with the assistance of the Heads of Faculties. The students will be encouraged by Home Group teachers to transfer the relevant dates to their diaries. Students would be well advised to create a one page summary of their assessment load. Parents are encouraged to discuss strategies for managing the assessment load with your sons and daughters in an effort to spread the load, avoiding bottlenecks.

In two weeks time students in Years 11 and 12 will be issued with a schedule for the examination block which will occur at the end of this term. The block will commence on Thursday March 17 (Week 8) and continue to Friday March 24 (Week 9). There will be exams scheduled in OP and Non-OP subjects with both written and practical exams in many subjects. Students should transfer the relevant dates and times to their diaries and ensure that they have scheduled a revision plan into their homework plan in the weeks leading up to these exams. All students studying VET subjects will be required to attend at specified times during this week to complete competencies. Students in Year 12 will also be sitting a trial QCS exam. More details will be forwarded to parents through their sons and daughters in coming weeks.

Acting Deputy Principal                  Mr Martin Wiseman

House Breakfasts

Thank you to all families who were able to make these important community events. The turnout for each one was excellent and it was great to meet new families and re-engage with our established ones. I thank the House Deans for their work in bringing these events to fruition. They each lead a community of students and staff to create the wonderful feel unique to each House. Thank you to all.

Year 7 Camp

I remind all Year 7 families that the Camp has been postponed until the 15th, 16th and 17th of June. I will advise of more information as the event gets closer.

Trains

I reminded all students this week that they must vacate their seats for adult passengers on the train. We are getting complaints from members of the public that students are being quite thoughtless with regard to this simple show of respect.

Success

This week we celebrated the success of our Year 12 cohort from last year and I shared this picture with the school. It illustrates perfectly how students become successful. I enjoyed unpacking it for the students.

Junior Art and Senior Visual Art

Students went on an excursion to the Nudgee Wetlands on 10 February to draw and paint the Mangroves.

AP Identity                          Mrs Tricia Parry

Just as Jesus and Blessed Edmund Rice gave the poor and marginalised preferential treatment, we are called to do the same. The theme for Caritas Australia’s 2016 Lenten fundraising and awareness raising appeal is Learning More, Creating Change. Our students have fully embraced this challenge and have been collecting to support the Caritas cause with great enthusiasm. During Lent we are all encouraged to make sacrifices; to better ourselves and to make the lives of others better. Lent is a time of reflection; a time to think and show through our actions that we want to make a positive difference in this world.
When Pope Francis formerly announced the Year of Mercy, he stated:

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.”

As we move through Lent we are encouraged to pray, be inspired and challenged as we encounter Jesus, the face of Mercy. And so we pray:

Gracious God.

Guide and strengthen us on our journey of faith and mercy.

Throughout the weeks of Lent renew our spirits in the light of prayer and penance.

We ask this with confidence in your unceasing presence with us

Amen

Live Jesus In Our Hearts - Forever

Mathematics News                          Ms Corrie Shand

RAMPAGE!

Rampage Winner: Congratulations Soumiga Gopalakrishnan (Year 10).
Rampage answer from last week:  
123
312
231

New Rampage Question
Can you find the number to go at the bottom of triangle D and correctly explain how you arrived at that number?

The Winners of the Annual Numeracy Challenge were:

✦ Timothy O’Brien     Year 7
✦ Pirashath Gopalakrishnan Year 9
✦ Shiki Kawamukai     Year 10
✦ Soumiga Gopalakrishnan Year 10
✦ Jacob Forker Freeman Year 11
✦ Zac Schmaling       Year 12
✦ James Anderson      Teacher

Guidance Counsellor                          Mr Jim Bartlett

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience

Thinking of applying for the ADF when you finish school? As joining the ADF is a lifestyle decision not just an occupational decision, it is essential that you explore this career option thoroughly. One way to do this is through work experience. Visit the Defence Work Experience Program website at [http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/](http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/) and look for work experience options in Queensland. Applications are available on the site. You should discuss your interest in an ADF work experience program with your school guidance counsellor/.officer before submitting an application.

Career and tertiary expos in Queensland in 2016

Career and tertiary expos are a great resource for exploring career and course options. At these events you can talk to representatives from universities, TAFE, private colleges, employers, and industry groups. These events are held throughout Queensland, usually during the first half of the year. May 27 and 28 - Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo [http://careersemploymentexpo.com.au/brisbane/show-overview-information/show-overview/](http://careersemploymentexpo.com.au/brisbane/show-overview-information/show-overview/)

Outdoor Education News                          Ms Casey Francis

Jimmies Climbing Club

Jimmies Climbing Club is back up and running! We are kicking of this Term in Week 4, every Wednesday afterschool.

We have some very dedicated climbers who have kept up their strength and skills over the school break, hanging out at Rocksports in their spare time! Impressively.

This term we will be focusing on training for the State Lead Titles coming up in May. Climbers can prepare themselves for 12 weeks of gruelling training!

If this sounds like fun to you, and you are over 13 years old, see Miss Francis as soon as possible for a permission form. Limited spaces.
Sports News

South District Swimming – Tuesday 16 February saw the South District swimming carnival take place at Chandler Aquatic Centre. St James was represented by Riley McIntosh in the U16 Girls Division. Riley swam strongly however was unfortunate not to place and qualify for the next round. Riley is focussed on training hard throughout 2016 in preparation for the 2017 competition. Congratulations Riley on your gallant effort and for representing St James so well.

Viking Futsal Championships – Thank you to those students who have nominated for the Vikings Futsal tournament and will be competing on Monday 29 February. A permission letter will be sent home next week with these students regarding the upcoming tournament. Training for this competition will be held on Wednesday mornings from 7:30am to 8:30am in the lower yard.

Confraternity Rugby League – Training has begun for Confraternity 2016. The squad is working hard preparing themselves for the championships. Just a reminder that game training will be held on Mondays from 3:15pm to 4:30pm and fitness and conditioning will take place on Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 4:00pm.

Please contact Mr Prickett on SPrickett@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au if you would like to support the Confraternity program in any way.

Basketball – Numbers are high for the 2016 Basketball program. The training schedule is set out below for your information:

- Individual Practice (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 6am to 7:30am)
- Girls Training (Wednesday 7:30am to 8:30am)
- U23 Practice (Friday Afternoon 3pm to 5pm)
- School Group Sessions (Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm)
- GBL Gold Team (Saturday from 11am to 2pm)

South District Trials – Any students wishing to trial for any of the sports listed below must come and see Mr Prickett to receive relevant paper work and information.

Canteen Specials

Lent In The Canteen

As is our custom during Lent, meat products WILL NOT BE SOLD in the Canteen on a Friday. The Menu will include:

- Fish & Chips - $5.00
- Chips - $3.00
- Calamari - $3.50
- Fried Rice - $4.00
- Crispy Asian Salad - $4.00

Students may place an order with the Canteen prior to the recess and lunch breaks, preferably in the morning before school starts.

For health and safety reasons, the Canteen is not permitted to reheat, cook, toast or supply hot water to any food brought from home.

USB FLASH DRIVE

Students and staff are able to purchase their own St James USB 4GB flash drive, complete with attachable black lanyard. The cost per item is $6.00 and can be purchased from Maria in Reception.

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The St James College Parents and Friends Committee is again sponsoring the school’s annual picnic day for all families, friends and staff at St James College. It will be held at the school’s wonderful venue Jimmies on the Dam which is on Lake Maroon about two hours drive (via Boonah) from Brisbane. The committee would love to see as many families, friends and staff there as possible. The picnic is a great opportunity to get together at the beginning of the school year and make new friends. It starts from 11.00am and attendees can set their rugs, tables and picnic up and enjoy the bushland setting and company. Swimming and canoeing are possible - bring your own canoes or use Jimmies’. BBQ facilities will be available as well as bathroom amenities. If you would like to travel in the school mini-bus please let the office know. A flyer with more details will be placed in subsequent newsletters. If you would like more information please call Margot Henry on 0415896502.

SENIOR JERSEY

Year 12’s have the opportunity to purchase a Senior Jersey in their final year of school. This year the seniors will receive their Jersey in Term 2. The total cost of the Jersey is $75.

Students need to place their order and full payment by Friday March 11, end of Week 7.

No orders will be taken after this date. This is the only time of the year that the Jersey will be available.
Dear Principal,

**Important news for your school community.**

Make sure they're aware that they may be eligible to receive a $1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.

Many families in 2014 and 2015 were surprised to discover their children were eligible for the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

If their child was eligible in 2014 and received services it may be worthwhile checking eligibility for 2016 as they may now be able to access a further $1000 to be used over another 2 consecutive calendar years.

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule provides eligible children with $1000 dental benefits over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure seals, fillings, root canals and extractions.

It is important for families to check their eligibility with Medicare to see if they are eligible in 2016. If families first utilised the benefit in 2015, they may also have additional funds available to be used in 2016 for their child.

To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

**It is vital that children establish good dental health habits whilst they are young. We encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school so that families are able to take advantage of the reset $1000 free dental benefit**.

We've included some basic information on the scheme overleaf and on our website which you can share in your school's newsletter, website or social media channels.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,

Freya Hutchison - Regional Manager

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.*
$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 and 2015 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

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