

# St James College



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## NEWSLETTER

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#### Dates for Your Diary

##### July

29 St James College Open Day

##### August

8-9 QCS Trial

10 Royal Brisbane Show Holiday

11 Student Free Day

12 Walk for Justice

13 Year 11 Semi Formal

17 P&F Meeting, 5.30pp

23-26 Year 12 Outdoor Education  
Camp

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and All in the St James Community

Today we welcome to the College prospective students and their families for our annual Open Day. It is always a pleasure to be able to speak with visitors and to show people around this unique and very special place.

Students come to St James from a broad range of backgrounds, both educational and cultural. Many began their lives as 'Jimmies kids' by coming to our Open Day and have not looked back, taking on the unique spirit of this place and walking together within this inclusive community on their educational journey.

Being at a school such as St James is about making the choice to accept and welcome others as you find them, being open to new and life-giving educational experiences, living the Gospel through compassion, understanding and service of others, and knowing that at this place you will have opportunities that will open doors to new and exciting futures.

#### INSPIRATION

Last week, the College held an Inspiration Breakfast for students (and their families) who daily go out of their way to be an inspiration to others, in their class work, their conduct around the school, the welcome they offer to new students and their capacity to demonstrate all that we hold dear about being a Jimmies student. These are always enjoyable gatherings and I thank parents and staff for their wonderful support of our students in all they do.

There are many stories of hope that St James offers to its students. I would like to single out just one today, and that is to do with our Basketball program. St James cannot offer scholarships because we simply do not have the financial capability nor sponsorship, but the examples below are about ordinary kids who just needed a chance to shine in life and the College was able to do what an Edmund Rice school should do, and that is to provide an education in all its facets that gives kids hope.

Since the College commenced its now highly-regarded Basketball program some six years ago through the inspiration and enthusiasm of our then Sport Coordinator, Mr Andrew Ebrington, and developed by coach, Mr Kirron Byrne, the College has produced some outstanding sports men and women in this area. The program was established to assist talented kids originally from challenging backgrounds to extend themselves. Over the years the program has expanded through the enthusiasm and expertise of both Kirron, now our Director of Basketball, and coaches Mr Nigel Berghan, Mr Tim Fergus and Mr Clayde Osborne.

Some of our students have since gone on to achieve huge success. Olimpiea Hurst (Class of 2010) was one of the first students from St James accepted into college in the US for basketball; Atem Atem (Class of 2011) also attended a junior college for a year at Northern Oklahoma in the US, before signing with the Adelaide 36ers of the National Basketball League (NBL); Stephen Kiir (Class of 2012) went to two different junior colleges in the US in 2014/2015 and 2015/2016; Atem Bior (Class of 2013) and Ranko Puselijc (Class of 2012) are currently attending New Mexico Highlands College which is a Division 2 College in the US; Atem Deng (Class of 2013) and Atem Ajang (Class of 2014) Deng Mayot and Jack Williams (both from the Class of 2015) as well as Abraham Manyang (2014 College Captain) have recently received a number of offers to junior college in the US and are currently assessing their options.

In addition, during the recent school holidays, a team almost exclusively made up of former St James students won the National Sudanese Australian Basketball Tournament. The tournament features future and current US College and NBL players.

These achievements, of course, are extraordinary for such a small inner-city school in Brisbane of only 430 students and for a program just six years old, and I would like to congratulate all those who have made these pathways possible for our students.

This is just one of many experiences that are offered to students at St James and is truly the mark of inspiration!

God Bless

Gerry Crooks  
Principal

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

- Listen** calmly to get the full story.
- Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
- Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
- Visit [www.bullying.gov.au](http://www.bullying.gov.au)** to find out some strategies.
- Contact** the school.
- Check-in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

Having trouble getting the College Newsletter at home? Would you like to receive it via email? If so, please send an email to [school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) and we will add you your mailing list.

**ABSENTEE  
LINE  
3230 8655**

Please clearly state student's name, year level and home room.

## YEAR 11 SEMI FORMAL Friday, 12 August 2016

Tattersall's Club  
215 Queen Street, Brisbane

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event from Student Services.  
The cost per person is \$60.

### Important Advice For All Families

The College has been informed that one of our students has contracted Influenza Type B.

Should your child begin to experience flu-like symptoms within the next few days, you are advised to seek medical attention.

## YEAR 7 CAMP—ARTWORK



## Year 11 East Timor Immersion 22 June to 5 July, 2016.



## Deputy Principal

Mr Tony McCulkin

### Year 11 2016 Subject Selection

There was an information evening for students and parents or guardians of all Year 10 students at the College on Thursday night. Students are now required to complete the Subject Selection form and return it to me at the College by Friday August 26. The forms are required by this date so that consideration can be given to required resources and staff for the 2017 academic year. Students need to seek advice from subject teachers and Careers Counsellors and refer to their SET Plans. Forms will be date-stamped as they are received and students will be admitted to courses in order of receipt of the subject selection forms.

### Year 12 Queensland Core Skills Tests – full trial

On Monday August 8 and Tuesday August 9 there will be a full trial of the forthcoming QCS tests using 2014 papers. The students are required to complete this trial to prepare them for the tests which will be held across Queensland on August 30 and 31. All OP-eligible students intending to sit the QCS test must complete the trial. Students will be provided with thorough feedback following the trial. Students must have all the necessary equipment to complete the tests. All other Year 12 students will be required to attend timetabled classes.

### Assessment & Reporting

Students must ensure that they are up to date with the completion of assessment tasks and prepared for the examination block for Years Eleven and Twelve students which begins on Thursday September 8. Year 12 students must ensure their work is of the highest standard as samples of their work will be gathered on September 16 to be forwarded to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority District Panels so that proposed exit Levels of Achievement can be verified. It is very important that teachers are able to select the best work possible to include in these sample folios.

## AP Pastoral

Mr Martin Wiseman

### Interhouse Athletics

Congratulations to Long House for winning the carnival last Friday. It certainly was a great boost to new Dean, Mr Anderson and the Long House students. It was a fantastic day out at Nudgee with a very large number of students attending who behaved fantastically well throughout. My thanks the staff who shadowed the students and ran the events. Thanks also to Mrs New and Mrs Whye who provided food, Mr Bitossi and the Property and Services crew for the set up and pack down and of course to Mr Prickett who oversaw the whole operation. Looking forward to Chocolate Crackle next term!!

### St James Feast Day Liturgy

My congratulations to our students who were extremely respectful and engaged in our liturgy on Monday celebrating the feast day of our patron. I trust they enjoyed the chocolates but more importantly, it is a humbling experience seeing our students, most of whom do not come from a Catholic background, engage so respectfully with our liturgical program. It certainly flies in the face of some of the rhetoric flying around at the moment in greater society.

### Walk 4 Justice

We launched the Walk this year at this liturgy as well and it was great to hear Sr Mel return to St James and speak so beautifully about her former students at the St Bakhita's Girls' School in Malawai. They are one of the recipients of our W4J funds. We ask that students raise \$20 each for this cause and I thank the many students who have already started fundraising!!

### Year 11 Semi Formal

All Year 11 students were given the information letter at the beginning of term. The event is held at the **Tattersall's Club on Friday August 12 from 6.30pm – 10pm and the cost is \$60 per student.** Students may bring a partner but they must be in Year 11, they may be from outside the College but if this is the case, they must adhere to all College expectations. If you need more information, please contact Student Services.

## AP Identity

Mrs Tricia Parry

At St James College it always makes me so proud to look at a school of our size and realise the fabulous uptake of Social Justice and Outreach Programs which so many of our students are a part of. Our Jimmie Brekkie Van continues to service the homeless and marginalised of Brisbane every Wednesday and Friday morning in Kemp Place. Students, staff, parents and friends willingly volunteer their time, energy and graciousness to companion with those who are finding life a little stressful or are suffering through a range of hardships, often through no fault of their own. The community have come to look forward to bringing both breakfast and company to those whom we serve and I would like to thank all those who contribute to this special expression of a contemporary Blessed Edmund Rice message.

Another service which we have recently commenced is enhancing our relationships with Villa Maria Nursing Home. Two of our students regularly visit one of the younger residents who shares their heritage and the girls have made a lovely connection to the lady. They live out the Four EREA Touchstones of Gospel Spirituality; Inclusive Community; Justice and Solidarity and a Liberating Education as they use their many skills in making the life of an ill lady just a little bit brighter whilst enhancing their own skills.

St James College celebrated our annual Feast Day on Monday. We used ritual to explore the story of our Patron Saint, St James, who was one of Jesus' favourite disciples. We learnt of his qualities of inclusivity and call to justice prior to him being martyred for his beliefs. We shared the Shell of Saint James Story which is one of our college symbols. We also told of the story where pilgrims follow the Way of St James in Spain as they walk to his tomb. All students were given a shell shaped chocolate on the completion of the Liturgy to celebrate this special day which is a milestone in the Religious Life of the School and I would like to particularly thank the Year 11 Study of Religion Class, Mrs Genevieve O'Sullivan and Mr Iain Moore for their assistance with this important event. Another person who deserves our thanks is Mrs Bronwyn Doherty. Bronnie facilitated and put together the Year 7 Icon which was created on the Year 7 Camp before the holidays and this icon was presented to the community during our St James Feast Day Liturgy. I include a photo and an explanation of the icon for your perusal:



The Year 7s came together as community during their first night of camp to reflect on the theme of friendship. They created an artwork which will be housed in the study centre. This work is a colourful collaboration where the students created patterns on recycled bottle top lids to symbolise friendship and how we need to be considerate of one another and not to toss each others feelings away and like the bottle tops we all have our value and coming together we can strengthen these values and make beautiful works together.

Our Timor Pilgrims arrived home with many stories to tell and they contributed beautifully to the communities which they served throughout their time in Timor. I would like to thank Mr Chris Zammit for his overall leadership of the Immersion, and to Miss Johnston and Mr Aaron Hill who also accompanied Chris and the students my very great thanks.

I wish each of you a very happy and peaceful week.

## East Timor Immersion

**Mr Chris Zammit**

Over the school holidays St James College was represented by six Year 11 students through the mountain villages of Timor Leste. Bridget Aitchison, Esta Rarere, Maryjane Koch, Riley McIntosh, Eugene Ndipange and Ben Arnold, accompanied by Miss Erin Johnston, Mr Aaron Hill and myself, spent two weeks continuing to build on the strong established relationships around Dili and the villages of Selo and Railako Kraik. During this time, these students walked in the shoes of those less fortunate than themselves. Daily activities included coffee picking, classroom activities and sporting endeavours. This year's trip also included an overnight mountain hike to the heights of Mt Ramelau, 3000m above sea level, gaining an amazing perspective of the country seen by so few. We attended a funeral, visited a hospital and heard stories of resilience through immense struggles. We were also fortunate to reconnect with many young people from the Orphanage of Santa Bakhita, closed last year at the passing of Inacia Flores Faria who had run this place for over 15 years.

The students who attended this unique experience all expressed a desire to return and contribute further to this beautiful country. As one of our nearest neighbours, and one of the poorest countries in the world, the relationships St James has built make a real difference in the lives many. This year's *Walk for Justice* will help to contribute funds to these communities through this program. With this in mind, I would encourage all students to help raise as much money as possible through this activity. I would also like to thank the staff and students who have contributed to this important school program, particularly Miss Johnston and Mr Hill, but also Dolly and Perry Patel and the P&F through Margot Henry and Dawn Maloney, without whose generosity this program would not run.

Obrigado barak! (Thank you very much!)

## Middle School Coordinator

**Mrs Karen Lindsey**

As I take over the reins of the Middle Coordinator role from Mrs Helen Robin, I'd like to wish her well in her future endeavours. I look forward to working closely with staff and parents to ensure the success of every Year 7 to 10 student at our College.

### Assessment Planners

This week Assessment Calendars for students in Years 7 to 10 were distributed to students and time was given in some sessions to assist students to transfer the information relevant to them into the Term 3 Assessment Planner on page 110 of their student diary. I would ask that parents, guardians or tutors check that this has been done and assist students to do this if the task was not completed at school. I'd also suggest pinning the hard copy of the Assessment Calendar on the fridge or noticeboard at home as a reminder of assessment due dates for the students in your family. The Assessment Calendars are also available on the school website.

I can also assist you in being in contact with classroom teachers if there are issues of concern across subject areas. My email is [Karen.Lindsey@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Lindsey@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au).

## Library News

**Ms Nikki Carpenter**

### Library News

How exciting that the P and F has provided us with a grant to purchase some new games for the Library! In the coming weeks, we will be polling students to find out what games they would like to add to our collection. If you have any ideas, please email us!

### eLearning News

We have just been informed by LearningField that they will be rolling out a new eReader app in the new year. This will make chapter downloads faster, and the text more easily-read and user-friendly. Stay tuned for more information. You can find out more about LearningField at [www.learningfield.com.au](http://www.learningfield.com.au)

### Jimmie's Pick

This week, Jimmie's Pick is **Runner** by Robert Newton. Set in 1919 in Melbourne, this funny and clever story focusses on Charlie, a lad that runs messages for the most dangerous gangster in Melbourne – Squizzy Taylor. When things get a little too hot for Charlie, he decides to take the money and run! This novel is suitable for competent readers with a love of crime fiction.

## International Office News



ISCA is looking for **HOMESTAY FAMILIES** to host visiting International students who are here to study and enjoy the Australian High School experience. The age group ranges from 15 up to 18 years of age.

Please contact **International Student Care Australia (ISCA)** by visiting our website [www.isca.net.au](http://www.isca.net.au) or contact us on (07) 3851 0704 during business hours or you can email us at [isca@isca.net.au](mailto:isca@isca.net.au) for more information. ISCA pays a competitive market rate per week to reimburse you for your costs.



## Interhouse Athletics Carnival



## Guidance Counsellor

Mr Jim Bartlett

### YEAR 12 APPRENTICESHIPS

Aurizon Holdings provides rail and road-based freight services across Australia. The company offers apprenticeships in the following areas:

- ◆ Electrical Tradesperson
- ◆ Telecommunications Tradesperson
- ◆ Mechanical and Diesel Fitters or Mechanical Fitter and/or Turner
- ◆ Heavy Fabrication (Boilermaker)
- ◆ Surface Trimmer
- ◆ Power Traction Linesperson

For more information and to subscribe for job alerts, visit <http://www.aurizon.com.au/careers/apprentices-and-trainees>.

### Automotive, technical and parts apprenticeships

Students can apply for automotive apprenticeships with major vehicle manufacturers across Australia through Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd. Visit <http://www.vantageautomotive>.

### OPEN DAY QUT

Sunday 31 July - Queensland University of Technology at Gardens Point Campus, from 9 am - 3 pm. Start planning your day and register for a chance to win a MacBook Air, at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day>

## Sports News

Mr Scott Prickett

**Interhouse Athletics Carnival** – Last Friday was a fantastic day, with the sun shining and the students out in large numbers. A number of records were broken with the students showcasing their character and determination when representing their respective Houses. Scores were backwards and forwards throughout the day and the winning House was going to come down to the wire.

Congratulations to all students for your attendance and effort. My personal thanks are extended to our College staff for their coordination of the various age levels and events and also to the Kraut Family who volunteered their time to help officiate some of the field events.

Listed below are the Carnival results, new records and Age Champions for 2016.

FINAL PLACINGS AND POINTS		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Long House	634
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carey House	620
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hogan House	576
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Rice House	534

NEW RECORDS				
Tama Tupaea	Javelin	13	OR – 29.52m	NR – 32.86m
Tama Tupaea	Shot Put	13	OR – 11.11m	NR – 14.37m
Tama Tupea	Discus	13	OR – 26.33m	NR – 40.58m
Tyrese Tufuga	Shot Put	15	OR – 12.60m	NR – 13.88
Caleb Haworth-Brown	Shot Put	Open	OR – 13.02m	NR – 13.70
Zoey Plater	100m	14	OR – 13.88 sec	NR – 13.61 sec

AGE CHAMPIONS 2016	
12 Boys – Ethan Avery	12 Girls – Azariah Taulia, Cheyenne Pickering
13 Boys – Tama Tupaea	13 Girls – Samantha Dix
14 Boys – Sean Conner	14 Girls – Zoey Plater
15 Boys – Awan Awan	15 Girls – Mary Wani
16 Boys – Nhial Neyal	16 Girls – Talita Taufua
Open Boys – Fiamatai Leaupepe	Open Girls – Genesita Wizeyimana, Nyandeng Chuol, Tia-Moana Hippolite

*“Be the change that you wish to see in the world”*

Mahatma Gandhi

Hello families

As all of you know **recycling** is very **vital** as waste has a huge negative impact on the natural environment. Recycling is important to both the natural environment and us. We must act fast as the amount of waste we create is increasing all the time. Recycling begins at home. Instead of throwing away any of your old goods, you could utilize them for something new; then you are actually recycling. When you think of recycling you should really think about the whole idea - reduce, reuse and recycle.



*Soumiga Gopalakrishnan*  
Year 10

Some easy ways to recycle at home include:

- Have another bin in your kitchen for recycling.
- Reuse plastic bags.
- Get creative and reuse household items in craft.

We've been careless up to this point with the way we've treated the Earth and it's time to change; not just in the way we do things but the way we think. This is why as a student, I have introduced recycling to the St James community. To start this project I have put a recycling bin for paper and cardboard in every classroom.

As a school, we can all play a very important part in creating a healthier environment. If we all do our part, then together we will make a huge difference.

*“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”*

Robert Swan