



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Issue 1

DIARY DATES – Term 1

Week 1 – 25-29/1/21

Tuesday	AUSTRALIA DAY
Wednesday	1 st day of Term 1 Whole School Assembly
Friday	Donut Van Bizzy Bugs

Week 2 – 1-5/2/21

Tuesday	Yr 10 & 12 Elevate Sessions @ Gladstone
Friday	JCS R-12 Swimming Carnival Story & Rhyme Time

Week 3 – 8-12/2/21

Monday	Governing Council Last Meeting & AGM
Wednesday to Friday	Yr 8 Aquatics Camp @ Pt Augusta
Thursday	Yr 10 Immunisations
Friday	Bizzy Bugs

Week 4 – 15-19/2/21

Monday	Yr 8 Immunisations Governing Council
Tuesday -	MNSEC Swimming @ Booloroo Centre
Wednesday	Governing Council BBQ
Friday	Story & Rhyme Time

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and is refreshed heading into the new school year. I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to our Reception students who started their schooling with us this week, as well as all other students and families new to our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to our school:

- Sarah Ramsdall, class teacher of our Year 1/2 class
- Jake Slade, class teacher of our Year 4/5 class
- Paul Arthur, Permanent Relief Teacher based at Jamestown Community School
- April O'Dea, classroom SSO in Ms Schmidt's Year 5/6 class.

2020 SACE Results

Congratulations to our 2020 Year 12 students on their outstanding results. Highlights of these results included:

- 100% of eligible students achieved their SACE
- DUX of the class was Alisha Hart, with an ATAR of 99.40
- 24.0% of Stage 2 results were in the A grade band, including a merit and 3 other A+ grades
- 97.3% of Stage 2 grades across all subjects were C- or higher
- All students who are seeking a University pathway received an offer to study their first preference
- A number of 2020 graduates have already successfully transitioned into apprenticeships and full-time employment in industries such as building, retail and automotive.

We are very proud of the achievements of our 2020 Year 12 students and wish them all the best as they transition into their chosen post-school pathway.

Text Messaging Service

From Monday, 1st February we will be introducing a text messaging service as an additional means to communicate with our families. These messages will be sent home to inform families of:

- An unexplained absence recorded for your child will trigger an SMS to be sent to you at 9.35am on the day your child is absent unexplained. Should you receive one of these messages, please reply to the text with a reason for your child's absence to enable us to update our records.

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- Bus service updates including days where a Catastrophic bushfire rating has been declared.
- A child's phone being confiscated.
- Information relating to school events and activities, such as latest updates regarding camps and excursions.

The text messaging service complements our other communication channels, including email, Facebook, newsletter, school webpage, Microsoft TEAMS (Years 7 – 12) and Class Dojo (Reception – Year 6).

Parents on School Grounds

Also from Monday 1st February all adults entering our school must check-in by scanning a QR code or completing a paper recording log template.

QR codes will be able to be scanned at a variety of entry points across the school, including the Front Office and the gate adjoining the gymnasium at the Primary end of the school. The paper recording log is available at the Front Office.

The COVID SAfe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace our normal visitor sign-in process. All guests, volunteers and service providers are still required to sign in at the Front Office on arrival.

Swimming Carnival

This year's Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12th February, starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm. Following the success of last year's program, which for the first time included a range of events for students in Reception – Year 5 students to participate in our 2021 Carnival will again be a whole school event. Students will be expected to meet at the pool at 8.50am and will be dismissed from there at the end of the day.

Governing Council AGM

I encourage members of our school community to attend the Governing Council Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 15th February, starting at 7.00pm in the Community Library. The purpose of the AGM is to elect a new Governing Council and office bearers. Being involved with Governing Council is an excellent opportunity to support your child's education and contribute to the shaping of the school's future directions.

Michael Gaunt
Principal

R-6 NEWS



Welcome to the new school year! Welcome all new students for 2021 – in particular, the new Reception students who are starting school for the first time. We hope you enjoy your school days and time with us at JCS!!!

Back row: Left to right: Arley, Charlotte, Lily, Jed, Holly, Liam, Blake, Scarlett

Front row: Left to right: Annie, Oden, Anika, Aria, Delylah, Indianna

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Welcome to all the students and staff returning this year. Hope you had a lovely break and managed some well-deserved rest.

The teachers for each year level are:

Reception/Year 1 – Miss Catherine Foran

Year 1/Year 2 – Mrs Sarah Ramsdall

Year 2/Year 3 – Mrs Helen Lehmann / Ms Jillian Hudson

Year 4/Year 5 – Mr Jake Slade

Year 5/Year 6 – Miss Tamara Schmidt

ASSEMBLY

R-6 assembly will be held fortnightly on Friday mornings at 8.55am in 'the gap', at the end of the Year 5/6 classroom. If there is a student free day or public holiday on a Friday, then the assembly will be held on Thursday at 8.55am. The classes will take turns to host assembly and your class teacher will be able to provide more information if you require. This week's assembly will be hosted by the teachers with the Year 5/6 class hosting week 3.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The R-12 swimming carnival will be held on Friday 5 February (Week) at the Jamestown Swimming Pool. Students in Year 3-5 can nominate to swim in 25m events to earn points for their house, if they are not confident they will participate in activities in the small pool with their class. More information will be sent home separately over the coming days.

HATS

Remember that navy blue wide brimmed hats are to be worn this term – no hat, no play! Please ensure your belongings are clearly labelled.

ABSENCES

It is important that you notify your child's class teacher if they are going to be away or if they have been away. A simple note in their diary or message via Class Dojo or a phone call to the front office will suffice. It is important that accurate records are kept by all teachers and all absences are explained.

EXPECTATIONS

All classes will have discussed their expectations for the coming year to ensure that all students and teachers know what is expected of them throughout the day. Classes will send home a newsletter in the coming weeks detailing these along with other news and events happening.

Should you have any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via email jillian.hudson336@schools.sa.edu.au I look forward to working with students, parents and staff this year.

Jillian Hudson
R-6 Coordinator



7-9 NEWS

Welcome back, everyone. What a wonderful year it is looking to be. We have a number of events happening in the next few weeks with Year 8 Aquatics Camp to Port Augusta in Week 3, Swimming Carnival in Week 2, and Sports Day in Week 6.

Diaries

Our student diaries have arrived. These are a key way to communicate between school and home, and for students to record any due dates and homework. Home group teachers have been working with students to unpack the diary. Please spend some time with your child in reading through the diary as there are many helpful hints and tricks in there. An updated Mobile Phone Policy will be added in the next week or so as the diaries had been printed before the change in the policy.

Hats and uniforms

It is so pleasing to see our middle school students in their hats already as our policy is for hats to be worn for all of Term 1. If your child needs a new hat as theirs is graffitied, ripped, or torn they can be purchased in the front office. If anyone is having difficulty sourcing a uniform, please let me or the front office know and I can arrange one to be provided for you.

Home Groups

Over the next few newsletters, we will be featuring a middle school Home Group teacher.



We welcome Ms Jaime Werner to our Year 9 Home Group.

Subjects you are teaching this year: Visual Arts, Creative Arts & Media

Favourite food: Mac n Cheese

Favourite book: The Princess Bride

Something you're looking forward to doing in 2021: having the year 9 homegroup and inspiring my students

Favourite sport/hobby/interest: drawing, watching movies and walking my dogs.

Lockers

Our new lockers are on their way. They have been delayed due to the last lockdown.

Once they have arrived students will spend some time getting use to the coded locks. Trust me that the wait is worth it!

As always, I can be contacted via the Front Office or on email morgan.slattery157@schools.sa.edu.au

I look forward to working with all of our middle school families for 2021.

Morgan Wallis
7-9 Coordinator

10-12 NEWS

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a refreshing holiday break and had a chance to spend time with family. I hope 2021 brings us some calm, predictability and a busier events schedule than we saw last year. Please see my results release elsewhere in the newsletter; it is an exciting read.

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2021 Diary Design

I'd also like to draw your attention to our 2021 year 7-12 diaries and congratulate Alicia McDonald for her front cover design. Our 2020 IPP class were challenged with coming up with a new diary cover with guidance from Emma Jeffries. They all produced credible entries which made for some tough decision making. Alisha's design cleverly captures our R-12 learning through the dual handprints, the school colours, and our growth focus in a sophisticated style.

Congratulations, Alicia! We are very grateful for your efforts.

Danya McKay
10-12 Coordinator



★ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2020! ★

Our class of 2020 have great reason to celebrate, following some outstanding results that reflect the effort and commitment by students, staff, and families.

We had 100% SACE completion, with all 18 students achieving their SACE this year.

Special congratulations to our DUX, Alisha Hart, with an ATAR of 99.4!

We would also like to share the following achievements:

★ Congratulations to our students who achieved ATAR's above 85:

- Alisha Hart ATAR of 99.40
- Amey Theron ATAR of 90.70
- Zoe Wells ATAR of 88.05
- Kate Daly ATAR of 87.90

★ One Merit was awarded – Alisha Hart (Integrated Learning)

★ Four A+ grades were awarded:

- Visual Art – Amey Theron
- English – Alisha Hart & Amey Theron
- Integrated Learning – Alisha Hart

A staggering 18 A grades were awarded in total, which was 24% of our grades. With a further 36% of grades in the B standard. This is a commendable achievement in any year, but particularly in a year such as this one.

★ A Grade Summary

- Chemistry – Alisha Hart
- Creative Arts – Amey Theron, Zoe Wells
- English – Kate Daly, Alisha Hart, Amey Theron, Zoe Wells, Sarah Hart
- Media Studies – Zoe Wells
- Physics – Alisha Hart
- Physical Education – Tess Kitschke



- Visual Art – Amey Theron
- Integrated Learning – Alisha Hart
- Mathematical Methods – Alisha Hart
- Research Project – Bree Carkle, Ella Hebberman, Monique Marlow, Kent Rattley

Other exciting news: Amey Theron’s artwork titled *Clash of Cultures* has been accepted into the SACE Art Show. The exhibition runs from Tuesday 23 March – Friday 16 April.

Zoe Wells, her generosity, and strategies for persistence through challenges were captured in feature article in The Advertiser on January 2nd in addition to her radio interview on the ABC! Go to the following link for the full article: [Baker extraordinaire Zoe creates delicious gift packs for older residents in COVID-19 lockdown - South Australian Certificate of Education \(sace.sa.edu.au\)](https://www.advertiser.com.au/news/south-australia/baker-extraordinaire-zoe-creates-delicious-gift-packs-for-older-residents-in-covid-19-lockdown-2020-12-15)

Thank you so much to our wider school community for your ongoing support to our year 12s. The university pathways, employment, apprenticeships, and varied plans are an exciting part of their adult journey which we are looking forward to hearing about. Students are currently amidst accepting and negotiating offers, timelines etc. I will provide an update regarding destinations in the near future.

Danya McKay
10-12 Coordinator

Baker extraordinaire Zoe creates delicious gift packs for older residents in COVID-19 lockdown

Tuesday 15 December 2020

Jamestown Community School student Zoe Wells channelled her passion for baking – by baking delicious gift packs for older residents living alone during the COVID-19 lockdown.



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LIBRARY NEWS

This year, the 2/3, 4/5, 5/6 and year 7 classes will be participating in our schools new reading initiative, **Reading Passports**. Each student will be given their own passport and will work throughout the year to collect as many reading stickers as possible. The passport is broken into reading challenges:

1. The Author Challenge - students read books from a range of different authors, each different author read gets a sticker.
2. The Series Challenge - students receive a sticker for reading at least 3 books within a series. Each new series completed gains a new sticker.
3. Milestones - students received a sticker when they've reached an important milestone (eg 10 books read, 20 books read etc.)
4. The Genre Challenge - students are asked to move out of their comfort zones and try texts from different genres. A list of genres is provided.
5. Reading Challenge - a timed challenge to build reading stamina and see how long a student can read without stopping (the first time is 5 minutes).

Classroom teachers will check off each sticker/category and students will then visit the library to collect the sticker they've earned.



A reward will be given for completing the whole challenge!!

Students will be able to use the texts they've read towards completing *The Premier's Reading Challenge*. So far the **Reading Passports** have been received positively by students. Teachers are just as excited and can't wait to see some stickers filling the passport pages.
Happy Reading!

Cassie McCallum
Teacher/Librarian

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Our Jamestown Community School Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on

Monday 15th February 2021 In the Community Room at 7.00pm

Everyone welcome to attend
Apologies to the front office 86642700

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

*Please complete and return to the front office of the School, in an envelope marked:
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By Monday 15th February 2021 @ 9am*

I wish to nominate for membership of the Jamestown Community School
Governing Council for 2021

Name Signed (Nominee)



2021 SECONDARY STUDENT PASSENGER TRANSPORT CARD ORDER FORM

Name Class

\$6.50 each (for orders received before 19th February 2021)

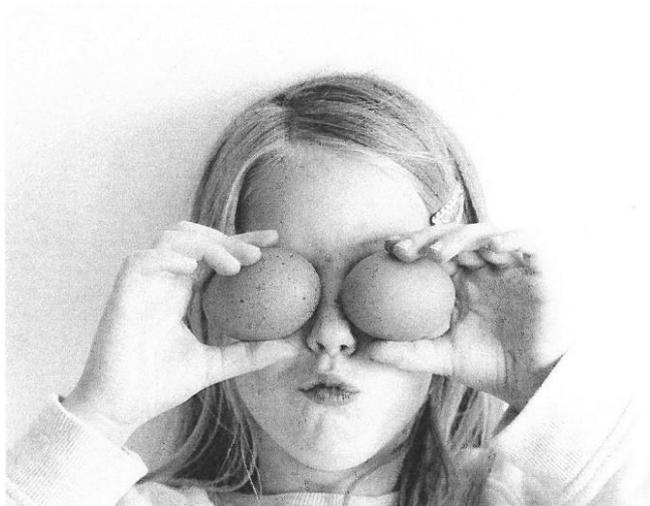
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