



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

STUDENT EXEMPTIONS

Once a student is enrolled at a school or turns 6, they are legally required to attend school every day until the age of 17. Children aged 16 - 17 years must attend school or an approved learning program until they turn 17 or have achieved their SACE or other qualification – this falls under the compulsory education age Policy. Are you aware, that attendance exemptions for students, may be approved by a principal for certain reasons? These reasons include (but are not exclusive to); family travel/holidays, medical or other treatment, elite sports involvement and religious or cultural activities. Exemptions can be approved for between 1 week and 1 month, and are preferably submitted 2 weeks prior to the start date. All that is required is a form that the school can provide, basic information such as dates of absence (please be aware that more information MAY be requested in certain circumstances) and a parent signature, then returned to the school for approval and signing. This covers all requirements by parents and the school, but it is important to remember that students must attend regularly until an exemption is approved. If you require an exemption form, please contact the front office.

COVID – 19

You will be aware of a lot of current media and AEU discussion for what Week 11 should look like. Options, such as moving to remote learning or introducing a shortened school term to act as a circuit breaker, are not being pursued at this stage. Having said this, the situation is being constantly monitored and The Department is fully focussed on supporting educators and sites to make it through to the end of term by minimising all pressure points as much as possible. Covid modelling also suggests that the situation may worsen over the coming weeks and with the onset of cooler months ahead. Across the State, there are approximately 60% of sites who are experiencing operational problems related to Covid. At this stage, the plan is for all sites to continue operation during the weeks 9-11. As of last Friday, a directive from our Portfolio Education Director, is that all non-essential school and state-wide education business will be paused over the next 3 weeks. This is a whole of Department strategy, designed to ensure consistency across all sites.

For all schools and preschools, this means the following:

- Sites remain open to welcome all children who are safe to attend school.
- The primary focus is on staff and student welfare.
- Teachers only teach the basics and all other non-essential learning MAY BE paused including all camps, excursions and extracurricular activities – this is now an individual sites choice.

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DIARY DATES – Term 1

Week 9 28/3/22-1/4/22

Tuesday -Year 8 & 10
Immunisations from
11.30am

Wednesday -SAPSASA Basketball
Yr 5/6 - **postponed**

Friday -SAPSASA Swimming
in Adelaide **tbc**

Week 10 4/4/22-8/4/22

Monday - SAPSASA
Football/Netball trials
in Jamestown if
needed
-MNSEC Football
Trials 4.30pm to
6.30pm

Tuesday -Yr 10-12 Creative Art,
Media, IPP Excursion
to Adelaide

Wednesday -Yr 9/10 Tag Rugby
Ref Course @ JCS –
postponed
-Yr 9/10 Mates in
Mind

Friday -R-6 Assembly -
postponed
-Donut Van

Week 11 11/4/22-15/4/22

Tuesday -MNSEC Athletics in
Adelaide

Wednesday -Reports go home

Thursday -Chaplaincy Support
Group Hot Cross Bun
Day from 8am
-Whole School
Assembly
-Last day of Term 1
-Early dismissal

Friday -**GOOD FRIDAY**

TERM 2 commences 2/5/22

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- Education staff are sent home at the end of the day and all before and after school meetings are paused. This includes expectations for staff to work onsite before or after school.
- All school day activities, including meetings, events, planning etc are paused. Staff will not be required to do any extra work except basic teaching and student welfare.
- Sites can choose if they proceed with particular site works. We have voted to continue with reports and to send them out as planned because of how far along staff were with completing them.

We thank our school community for monitoring your children for illness and for following the guidelines whilst we had a touch of Covid over the last fortnight. A reminder that masks are still to be worn when inside by staff, students and parents until the end of term. We will continue to keep our community informed as needed, but in the meantime, we are in a good spot compared to many other sites.

Have a great fortnight,
Kelly Zwar
Principal

10-12 NEWS

MAGGIE CLARK WINS JOANNE BROADBENT AWARD AT THE AGE OF 15!

Most recently recognized for her skills on the field, 15-year-old Maggie Clark is the recipient of this year's Joanne Broadbent Award – in Women's first grade fielding! This impressive recognition comes from umpires votes on players consistency, attacking of the ball, run-outs, catches etc.



Maggie's talent has been described by her coach, Daniel Murdoch, as 'She is just so enthusiastic. She dives at everything, stops at everything and to get the run-outs she plays with no fear!'

Maggie and her family balance a full load with two trainings a week, and a game on Sundays during the summer season. Her trainings go for 3 hours – from 4.30pm-7.30pm – which is no mean feat.

Maggie was selected as the captain to the Under 16s team this year and has recently been selected, again, for the under 19s national team. Adelaide host the game this year – with Maggie potentially bowling for the side. Last year, Maggie was included in the Scorpions 2XI – which for non-cricket followers, is one level below the women's state team. Maggie played in three games, fielding and batting in the competition.



Maggie's love of cricket started from her involvement with the local Jamestown cricket team. Then, after a successful self-nomination to be considered for the under 12s state team, her cricketing success grew to being selected for the under 15s, then 16s and now 19s.

Congratulations Maggie!

YEAR 11 FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Our Year 11 Food & Hospitality class treated 20 staff to a 'tasting plate' last Friday.





As part of their curriculum, they tasted and reviewed the lunch menu from Ek-wi-tee, surveyed staff about healthy preferences and aspects of convenience, and then progressed from there. The menu included some delicious home-made accompaniments, including beetroot relish, roast pumpkin pesto, garlic aioli and Caesar salad dressing.

Thank you to our staff for supporting this unit of work. For our next unit, we will seek interest from the parent community.

MNSEC FORMAL

JCS are the lucky hosts for the MNSEC formal this year. Our year 12s have begun preparations, and will update information as it is confirmed. At this stage, we are looking to host the event mid-late Term 2. We will keep you posted on this.

10-12 CALENDAR EVENTS

- **Year 10-12 Art Expo excursion** Tuesday 5th April, Week 10, Term 1
- **Year 10 Careers Trip** Wednesday 18th-20th May, Week 3, Term 2
- **Year 10 Work Experience** Monday 6th – Friday 10th June, Week 6, Term 2

If you would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to email me Danya.McKay149@schools.sa.edu.au

Danya McKay
10-12 Coordinator

SAPSASA NEWS

Goodluck to our SAPSASA Basketball team who will compete on the 30th of March (Week 9) in Crystal Brook against other schools in the area. Our team - Archie H, Aiden H, Xavier G, Fury K, Kayden R, Sam B and Tyreece N have spent their break times practising. Many thanks to parents who have volunteered their time to coach, score and to Macy Kitschke for being our umpire on the day. Thanks also to Mr Slade for his knowledge and giving up his break times to assist students to improve.



Congratulations to the Marcus C, Tanner F, Millie C, Olivia G and Ella H who have made the North Eastern District

SAPSASA Swimming team Championships in Adelaide. Students will compete on Friday 6th May, next term.

A big well done to Thomas C and Aiden H - who represented our school and trialled for Swimming.

SAPSASA Netball and Football trials will be held on Monday the 4th of April, we wish those trialling all the best.

Tamara Schmidt
JCS SAPSASA Coordinator

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MNSEC ATHLETICS

Unfortunately, MNSEC Athletics had to be cancelled for this year. But I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the students who had been selected in the team and were eager to represent our school. A number of students had stepped up to fill events that we originally did not have participants in and we had all events filled.

2022 JCS MNSEC Team

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| Chloe Hammat | Edison Pycroft | David Duncan | Ruby Sutter |
| Georgia Cadzow | Patrick Sutter | Maggie Clark | Amelia Seddon |
| Joseph Simpson | Michael Boston | Cody Paynter | Reni Bowden |
| Jai Benton | Eliza Simpson | Sally McKay | Hayden Harvey |
| Amelia Christie | Kaidyn Fitzgerald | David Theron | Macy Kitschke |
| Georgia Jacka | Abbie McCarthy | Izak Helbig | Hayden Kupke |
| Zoe Pammenter | Mitchell Catlin | Charlie Cooper | Jessica McKay |
| Darcy Goodes | Bree Kitschke | Chloe Wehrmann | Hannah Clark |
| Chase Bowden | Maisie Wilson | Kaia McElligott | Bruce Tohl |
| Patrick Williams | Sam Richmond | Hektor Kotz | Errol Diefenbach |
| Talisha Harvey | Gracie Kotz | Chelsea Williams | Grace Crawford |
| Sarah Duncan | Callan Jacka | Imogen Pycroft | Jack Zerna |
| Matilda Downing | George Jacka | Bailey Rogers | |

We wish these students luck in their selection for the MNSEC Adelaide team that is being selected based on local MNSEC Sports Days times and distances.

Ella Thredgold
JCS Sports Coordinator

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP

In the absence of a Pastoral Care Worker at present, the Chaplaincy Support Group will continue to support any previous events or seminars planned, as well as staff and students if required.

As the season of Easter is not far off we would like to have our usual "Hot Cross Bun Day". This usually occurs on the morning before Good Friday. However this event would completely depend on the approval of the principal, staff and the school Covid 19 regulations.

We look forward to supporting future events at the school.

******* Good news. We have been given approval for the Hot Cross Bun Day which will take place on Thursday 14th of April from 8am until bell time. *******

Look forward to sharing with you.

Yours sincerely,

Pam Staker

Chairperson

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