Parish Mass of Remembrance: Today 22nd November at St James church at 7.30pm. This is for all parishioners who have loved ones who have died this year. Families are asked to bring a photo of their loved one to this mass. All parishioners are invited to come and support the families of the deceased.

May they rest in peace.

YR 5/6 CAMP: Our senior students are excited about their camp experience planned for next week. We hope they have a wonderful time at Camp Rumbug. This is an opportunity for them to develop independence, to take supported risks and to build their team work skills. The children, staff (Susan, Arthur) and parish youth ministry leader (Red) will set off on Wednesday 28th Nov. Make room for the bus on this morning—avoiding the drop off area if possible. Campers will return to school on Friday afternoon. Jan and Emily will spend a night each at camp, driving separately to the bus. Parents of campers are encouraged to pack according to the guidelines that have been sent home. Keep luggage as light as possible, ensuring your child can manage it unassisted.

SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK: Have you completed the survey sent home last week? Please return this tomorrow if at all possible. Your contribution to our improvement planning will be appreciated.

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END of YEAR CELEBRATION: 19th December from 1.00pm. We will be celebrating mass and Yr 6 graduation, presenting a Christmas performance and sharing afternoon tea/BBQ. We will send a detailed program soon to enable you to plan your participation.

THE ARTS: We are in need of some chicken wire for our arts program. If you are able to donate any, please drop it off to Chrissy or Lucy. This will be greatly appreciated.

TRANSITION DAY: Tuesday 4th December. Students in Yr 6 who will be attending Thomas Carr College in 2013 will have a transition day at the college. All other students Prep—Yr 5 will have a session (11.30—1.40) with their 2013 home group teacher. How exciting to think about organising for our second year.

SHOWCASE of LEARNING: You are invited to come to school between 2.30—6.30pm on Thursday 6th December. Children will have their work on display and/or be demonstrating their learning. You can come at any time and stay for 10 minutes or an hour. Children will be dismissed at the usual time. Bring them with you when you come and they will guide you to their work and you can also see other children’s work as well. Staff will be available throughout the showcase. This will be an opportunity to encourage your child’s recent learning and to build community. Hope we see you there! Any time between 2.30—6.30pm.
GROUND & MAINTENANCE: A big thank you to all our parents who are parking outside for drop-off and pick-up. Our nature strips are being kept clear and everyone is following the parking directions very well. The safety of our students and parents is extremely important to us.

ST. JAMES PARISH NEWS:

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS CHOIR AND NATIVITY PLAY: Practice for the Christmas Eve Family Mass Choir and Nativity Play will start on Sat 1 December. Choir members and nativity actors are needed from Grades 1-6 or older if interested. The First Practice session on Sat 1 December will take place in the Church and the following three practice sessions on Sat 8, 15 and 22 December will take place in the Hall/Gym at 2.00pm-3.00pm. Contact Mark Gleeson on 0432 177 709 or mcglee1966@gmail.com to let us know if your child is interested. RSVP essential by Sat 1 December.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
This year, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our Parish has made almost 200 home visits. Once again we will be putting together Christmas hampers for the needy families in our community. We are only able to do this through your generosity. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys can be left in the Narthex underneath the St. James Giving tree from this weekend. We hope to create the hampers on Tuesday 18 December, and so would appreciate the donations by Sunday 16 December.

THANKSGIVING: Just a friendly reminder to catch up your Thanksgiving as we will be closing off for the year, after Sun 25th November. Anything you pay after this date will be included in the following year 2013.

2013 Envelopes and 2012 Statements will be available for collection after Mass on Sun 9th December. Thanks for your ongoing support to Parish and Schools.

AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT:
St. James Youth presents an afternoon of entertainment at the Community Hall (Gym) on Sunday 9 December from 3.00pm-5.00pm. Come along and witness the gifts and talents of our young parishioners followed by Eucharist (Mass) organised by our Youth at 6.00pm. See you there!

Tickets for $2 on sale after each Mass. Proceeds go towards supporting children who are ill in our community.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Nov 22: Mass of Remembrance at St James
Nov 28-30: Yr 5/6 Camp
Dec 4: Transition day Yr 1-7
Dec 6: Show case of Learning 2.30 onwards
Dec 19: End of Year mass, Yr 6 Graduation & whole school celebration
Dec 20: Last day of year 1! 12.30 dismissal

Jan Keogh
Principal