



September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Dear Year 6 Families,

As we enter the final term of the 2024 academic year, we also approach the conclusion of your child's journey at St James Primary. To ensure our Year 6 students receive a joyful and memorable farewell, I am writing to share important dates and details for the upcoming events.

- **Year 6 Parent Graduation Organisation Meeting:**

**Date: Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm – 4pm [approximately]**

**Location: Year 6 Classroom**

*This meeting is open to all parents and will focus on organising the events below. We will discuss how you can contribute and be involved in making these celebrations special for our students.*

- **Year 6 Parish Graduation Mass:**

**Date: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm – 6:30pm [approximately]**

**Location: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tweed Heads**

*This Mass is a joint celebration with Year 6 students from St Joseph's Primary. All students are expected to attend, dressed in their full school uniform along with their Year 6 Graduation Polo. During the Mass, students will be awarded their Graduation Certificates. A practice session will be held at the church earlier that day, with further details to be shared via Compass.*

- **Year 6 Celebration Day:**

**Date: Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Bounce Burleigh Heads**

*This day is dedicated to a celebratory excursion for the Year 6 students, organised by Ms. Dermody, Miss. Sharp, and Mr. Holmes. More information regarding the activities will be provided through Compass.*

- **End of Year Liturgy and Graduation Awards Ceremony:**

**Date: Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am – 1pm [approximately]**

**Location: Doyle Centre, St Joseph's College**

*This ceremony celebrates the achievements of our Year 6 students. Special Graduation Awards, decided by staff (excluding any staff who are parents or grandparents of students in this cohort), will be presented. Students are to wear their full school uniform with their Year 6 Graduation Polo. Following the event, students may be signed out by a parent or an emergency contact to prepare for the evening's Dinner Dance. A morning tea will be held in the classroom prior to the liturgy for Year 6 students and their families.*

- **Year 6 Graduation Dinner Dance:**

**Date: Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – 9pm [approximately]**

**Location: MPC, St James Primary**

*This is a non-alcoholic event held in the MPC of our school, attended by Year 6 students and two adult family members. The cost for students is included in the Year 6 levy, while each attending family member will be charged \$25 to cover the cost of additional catering (dinner and drinks). Tickets can be purchased from the school office and must be presented on the evening. A parent committee will oversee the setup, decorations, and other arrangements; details will be discussed at the parent meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. At the event's conclusion, all families are encouraged to help with packing up and cleaning the MPC. This event should be appropriate for primary-aged children, so please keep attire and makeup child-friendly (updo hairstyles and fake nails must wait until after the Liturgy). Additionally, there will be no special arrivals in vehicles or groups, ensuring the event remains inclusive and age appropriate.*

- **Final Graduation Assembly and Year 6 Celebration Day:**

**Date: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45am – 10:30am [approximately]**

**Location: MPC, St James Primary**

*This is our final assembly for the year, with a special focus on farewelling our Year 6 students. After the assembly, the students will participate in a second excursion. The day will conclude with a special guard of honour at 2:40pm, where staff, parents, and guests are invited to bid farewell to the Year 6 cohort as they leave St James Primary for the last time. Further details on the excursion will be shared via Compass.*

In closing, I want to express how proud we are of this year's Year 6 cohort. They have shown exceptional leadership, friendship, and a strong commitment to learning throughout their time at St James Primary. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and sending them off with the love and support of our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Year 6 teachers or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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