Places

Places God of humility, We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace.

Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty.

Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of nature’s truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration, and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging.

Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves, and in others.

Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life, and may our souls be shaped and nourished by your eternal wisdom.

Amen.

Leadership Learning Community

Discussions

In Leadership we have been exploring the Discussion text type. Discussions allow writers and their audience to see a different perspective about a topic.

Here are some examples from Leadership.

Is Gaming Good or Bad For You?

Gaming can be fun to play but some people think it can be not good for you.

Firstly, some people think that gaming can be fun because there are all different types of games, some are educational and you can play with friends.

Other people think that gaming is bad because you are not outside and it can make your eyes go funny. Some people stay on their device for a long time and that means that they are not socialising.

In conclusion, I think that gaming can be fun but I don’t think you should play games for too long.

By Cooper Russell
Should People Play Soccer as a Sport?

Soccer can seem like a slow, boring and unnecessary sport but others might think it’s a fun, exciting and very skillful sport. Soccer is a sport where you use your feet to kick the ball and score. Will you choose to play soccer?

Firstly, it’s a great way to meet new people socially. It’s cool because you get to meet people outside of school and with similar interests. Soccer is also a very healthy sport. This is because when you play you run up and down the field trying to keep possession of the ball.

However, you can get injured. People can kick you above your shin pads which are protective pads that go inside your socks. You can also get hit in the face by the ball or other people’s shoes in other body parts.

Some people have homework and can’t make it to games and training. Some might just not have the time.

In conclusion, soccer is a really good sport to play. Everyone can be part of a team but you just need to be careful.

By Liam Orton

Should people eat meat?

Meat has lots of protein that make you big and strong. It makes your jaw muscles strong so it’s easier to chew other foods. Meat tastes really good. Personally my favourite meat was chicken and bacon sandwiches.

However meat has diseases. Did you know that one of the world’s worst diseases ebola was caused by eating meat? People got it by eating monkeys and rats. Therefore meat could have you at the risk of dying. It is also cruel to eat meat because an animal had to die for that, which is really sad for that animals friends and family. You would be sad if you were a mummy sheep and had to watch your baby going into a slaughterhouse.

In conclusion, meat is semi-good and semi-bad but I think I will still be a vegetarian.

By Scarlett Davie

We need to stop using soft plastics!

We need to bring Nude Food everyday. Nude food is where there is no rubbish in your lunch. Our waste is going up by way too much and we have to reduce our soft plastics. We need help reducing our plastic waste. In three months St. James’ has spent $1326.37 on waste that is sent to landfill. We want to change this.

One way we can change this is through Nude Food. In our Resource Smart Project we need to achieve 5 stars. We are not there yet because we have too much waste. At home you can take the rubbish off your food and not bring it to school. This helps us put less into landfill or get lost in the wind and it saves money and the environment. Thank you for helping us to stop using soft plastic.

By Macauley Lancey
Do not buy prepackaged fruit

Have you noticed fruit is now packaged in plastic even though fruit has its own protective layer? The children in Leadership are suggesting you do not buy pre-packaged fruit because fruit has its own protective layer. It doesn't need the extra plastic and the extra plastic is very bad for the environment. We know it is convenient and easy but is it better for the environment if you don’t buy plastic covered fruit. Remember fruit and vegetables are naturally Nude Food. Pack nude food everyone!

Crazy Sock / Pyjama Day

We will be having a Crazy Sock / Pyjama Day tomorrow. You can choose to wear your pyjamas or crazy socks. You can bring a Gold coin donation.

The money raised will go to the kids in Myanmar who don’t have enough money to afford an education. There will be the option to watch a movie at lunch time. When you donate please put your gold coin donation into the Catholic Mission Box. The box will stay in your classroom until Friday the 21st of September.

Your donations are much appreciated. 
By Shenae, Toia, Lucy, Emma, Rylee & Greta.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Liam S, Jazmyn and Ash who each reached their personal targets or made personal bests at the District Sports last Friday. Liam participated in triple jump, Jazmyn in triple jump and long jump and Ash in discus. Each child will represent St James’ again at the next stage in Ballarat early next term.

Congratulation to the St James’ Lions futsal team who have continued to develop their skills and teamwork over the past 4 seasons. They played in their 4th consecutive grand final last weekend. Extra time and golden goal were needed to separate the teams, with their opposition coming away victorious.
Science

Students in the Leadership Community have been experimenting with construction equipment to explore the concept of ‘Force’. They looked at how to create chain reactions and how to use renewable energy to heat objects.

Upcoming Excursions

Leadership Photography Module

Leadership will be walking to Yarrowee Creek on Wednesday, October 17 to take photographs of nature for their photography projects. The first group will leave from school at 9:15am and return by 12pm. The second group will leave at 12pm and return by 3:30pm.

Photography

Students in the Leadership community are taking their learning about Harmony in Religious Education and combining it with the discipline of Photography to take some stunning photos of 'Harmony in nature'.

Farewell

We say farewell to Jenny Plover and thank her for her service to the St James’ Community in 2018. We wish Jenny all the best both professionally and personally as she moves onto her next adventure.
Opening Hours
The uniform shop will be open next on:

Tuesday, October 9  
8:30am- 10am  
2pm - 4pm

Uniform orders can also be placed via the Skoolbag App. Orders can be sent home with students or collected from the office.

If you have any questions, Please contact the school office on telephone 5335 8750.

Events Calendar

Friday, Sept 21  
2:30 PM TERM 3 CONCLUDES

Monday, Oct 8  
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Tuesday, Oct 9  
TERM 4 COMMENCES

Thursday, Oct 11  
7pm Community Team Meeting

Thursday, Oct 19  
Connecting Cricket Blast

Thursday, Oct 25  
2019 Prep Transition

Friday, Oct 26  
Leadership Cricket Blast

Friday, Nov 2  
Year 2 Sleepover

Thursday, Nov 8  
2019 Prep Transition

Thursday, Nov 19  
Remembrance Day Celebration

Friday, Nov 9  
BALLARAT SHOW DAY

Lunch Orders
Commencing in Term 4 lunch orders will only be available on FRIDAY.
There will be NO lunches on Wednesday. Please ensure the correct money is placed in a clearly marked paper bag.

Happy Birthday

Matilda West  
Addison Croton  
Sior Cassar  
Ezekiel Moll  
Hudson Knights  
Macauley Lancey  
Rachael Orton  
Sam Jones  
Hannah Rudd  
Vincent Rousset  
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Term 4 Important Information

School Closure Day, Monday October 8

All staff will be participating in a professional development day with Jared Cooney Horvath (PhD, Med) from the Science of Learning Research Centre, University of Melbourne. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.
Garth & Peter, on behalf of the staff team.