

Issue 19 – 6th December 2019

From our Principal...

Another amazing year wraps up....

As I said in my Thanksgiving speech last night, we have so much to be joyful about.

I am so joyful that each and every day I am able to serve.

In Luke 2:10-12 we read:

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause *great joy* for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

THIS is truly the greatest and most joyful message of all.

Yes it has been a joyful year indeed.

Thanks to all of you for your contribution to our school; not just the award recipients and people recognised last night and over the last few weeks of Term 4, but to all the students at the College who make my job the most joyful job in the world. I love seeing you each and every day.

I encourage us all – students, parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends to look for opportunities to spot and celebrate the joyful things in our lives.

Every blessing for the Christmas period ahead, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Luke Schoff
Principal

Upcoming events 2020

Tuesday, 28th January
Half Prep to Year 7
commence (full day)

Tuesday, 28th January
New students only
orientation Year 8 to
Year 12 (until 10.30am)

Wednesday, 29th January
Half Prep and Year 8 to
Year 12 commence
(full day)



From the Deputy Principal...

As one door closes, another is ready to open...

It has been a very surreal term feeling like I am leaving, but actually not... When you leave a community, you count all the “lasts” along the way until it comes to the inevitable LAST DAY. I feel like I’m counting all these “lasts” but I’m not actually leaving, so it’s a funny place for me to be in right now. However, I have had a lot of time to prepare and reflect on my time here at St James and have felt so blessed and privileged to have served this school and I am also proud of what we have achieved as a community.

When I first came to St James in 2014, we were in the throes of our first cohort of Year 12s getting ready to graduate. I was so lucky to lead a team of kids and staff through this journey – with a blank canvas to establish traditions that are now part of the fabric of our school. The memories we created and still share today are very special to me and the journey since then has been one of growth and expansion, ensuring that each student in the Secondary School has their own pathway to success once they leave our school. Since 2014, we have seen 166 students graduate from Year 12 at St James, with over 95% receiving a QCE. Our OP results have grown from strength to strength, achieving two OP 1 results last year in only our fifth year of an established Senior program, resulting in a 14th top placed position in the State. On Saturday our OP results are released, we hope that our current Year 12s receive similar excellent results. We also sit above the state average on the number of VET qualifications our students have received in this time as well as many TAFE and School-based Traineeships that students have taken up in a variety of industries.

I am very proud of these results, but it would be remiss of me not to thank all the teachers and learning assistants who work so tirelessly with our students to push them to their potential, to build those positive relationships, and to inspire the students through their own example and mentorship. I feel confident leaving our school under a new structure, and would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Ms Julie Higgins, who has been a long-serving teacher in the Secondary School and someone who has a heart for kids and pastoral care, most evident in the role she has developed in past years as our Wellbeing Coordinator. I trust that she is the right person to take up the new position as Head of Secondary School and that she will continue to build upon the strong foundations we have already established here at St James.

As I bid farewell to my role as Deputy Principal, I look forward to next year as a classroom teacher in the Primary School – an opportunity for me to reconnect with my true calling and purpose which is working with kids and teaching again. So although this term has felt like a goodbye in many ways, it is actually more of a see you soon as I start to prepare for my new role as a classroom teacher, one that I am so excited and enthused about, so I will see you all next year. I wish all our families a wonderful and blessed Christmas break as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Stay safe and enjoy this special time with your families.

God bless,
Kelly Stirling
Deputy Principal



From the Head of Primary School...

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of an amazing year! A huge thank you to one and all for supporting your child and us this year as we navigated the learning journey path!

Thank you to those families who were able to come on either Tuesday or last night or both. A great opportunity to celebrate a wonderful year together and acknowledge our new leaders for 2020!

Classes 2020

Parents will receive confirmation of teacher and classes over the Christmas break. In consultation with teachers, class lists have been drafted. However, we have many new enrolments happening in December and early January that may change the composition of some classes.

Meet the Teacher

On Friday, 24th January between 9.30-10.30am, teachers will be in their classrooms if you wish to come in and say hello! This is an opportunity for our new families and for those children who are feeling a little nervous about school starting back or may not know the teacher.

Prep 2020

Our Prep children have a staggered start in 2020 and a letter will come out shortly with class placement and your dates for starting and regarding our Parent Information session with teachers on Friday, 24th January at 8.30-9.30am.

Lost Property

If your child is missing an item of clothing, it may be in the Lost Property pile that we have put on a table at the front of Admin!

Late start to 2020

If you plan to be away on holidays and will be unable to make the first week of school, we ask that you notify us please.

Jane Champion
Head of Primary School



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From the Chaplain...



From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was
born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy



I send bundles of tidings of comfort and joy to the St James community in this most blessed season of Advent. As we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas, may we remember the comfort that the season brings is one of peace, love and goodwill. We all need try to remember that, especially in those frantic last few days before Christmas.

Life's stresses, and for some pain, will still be with us during the Christmas season. For some it will be remembering the loss of a family member or the breakdown of the family unit or not being able to gather together with loved ones. Jesus identifies with our pain and grief and has sent His Holy Spirit to bring those tidings of comfort. As we look forward to celebrating His birth the tidings of joy will gradually multiply. Many blessings to you and yours over this blessed season. Safe travels to all and my best wishes for a 2020 full of compassion, service, love, hope and joy.

God bless,

Ingeburg Dell'Antonio
Chaplain

From the Business Office...

Just a reminder that College Fee Arrangement Forms for 2020 are due. Thank you to those families who have returned theirs. If you haven't dropped yours back in, there is still time. If you choose not to return this form, full fee payment is expected by the end of Term 1, Friday 3rd April 2020. If you have any questions in relation to your fees for next year, please call our friendly staff for assistance.

Report Cards...

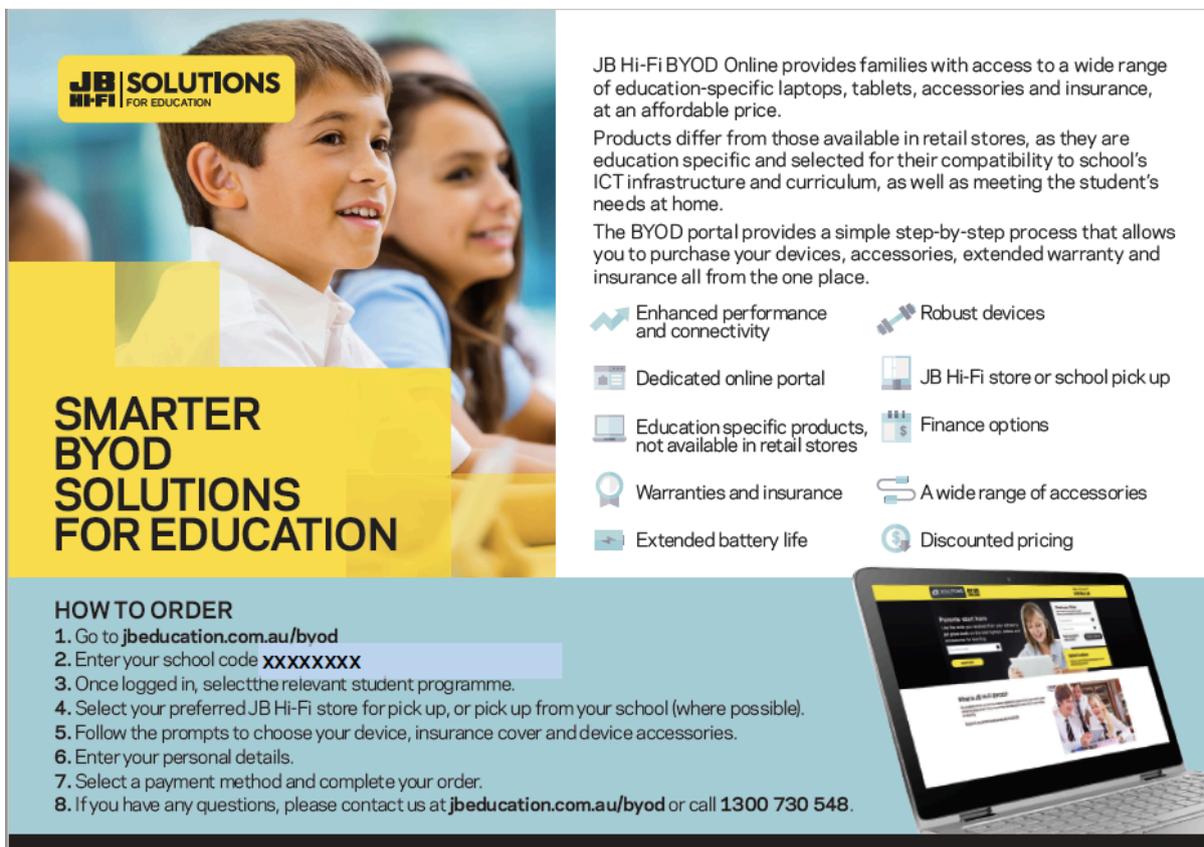
An email will be sent home to all families when reports are available through Parent Lounge. It is expected this will be next Thursday, 12th December.



From the Resource Centre...

BYOD

Students in Years 7-12 who are looking at purchasing a new device for 2020 have the option of purchasing through our School Portal hosted by JB Hi-Fi. Specifications have been outlined in the [Anywhere, Anytime Learning](#) document which is available through the school website. Although families are not limited to purchasing through the portal, it offers a guide and recommendation as to what could be suitable for your child. The flyer outlines the process and can be accessed using our school code STJAMES2020.



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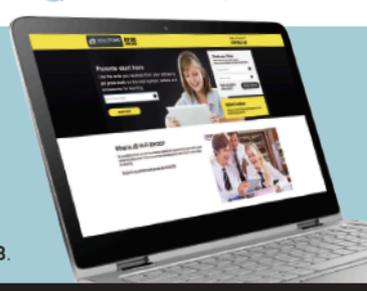
SMARTER BYOD SOLUTIONS FOR EDUCATION

JB Hi-Fi BYOD Online provides families with access to a wide range of education-specific laptops, tablets, accessories and insurance, at an affordable price. Products differ from those available in retail stores, as they are education specific and selected for their compatibility to school's ICT infrastructure and curriculum, as well as meeting the student's needs at home. The BYOD portal provides a simple step-by-step process that allows you to purchase your devices, accessories, extended warranty and insurance all from the one place.

- Enhanced performance and connectivity
- Robust devices
- Dedicated online portal
- JB Hi-Fi store or school pick up
- Education specific products, not available in retail stores
- Finance options
- Warranties and insurance
- A wide range of accessories
- Extended battery life
- Discounted pricing

HOW TO ORDER

1. Go to jbeducation.com.au/byod
2. Enter your school code **XXXXXXXX**
3. Once logged in, select the relevant student programme.
4. Select your preferred JB Hi-Fi store for pick up, or pick up from your school (where possible).
5. Follow the prompts to choose your device, insurance cover and device accessories.
6. Enter your personal details.
7. Select a payment method and complete your order.
8. If you have any questions, please contact us at jbeducation.com.au/byod or call 1300 730 548.



e-books

Students who are wishing to read over the holidays are welcome to log in and read using our Wheelers e-platform. All they need to do is log in using their student ID and their library password. If they are unsure of their password they are welcome to send an email to Turpin.R@stjameslc.qld.edu.au and have it reset.



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Library Resources

Thank you to students and families who have returned all of their library resources on time. Students with outstanding resources will be sent an invoice on Monday 9th December. Please ensure all invoices are paid at the front office by Wednesday 18th December.



Wondering what to do with the Kids these School Holidays? Try the Super sleuth Holiday Hunt!

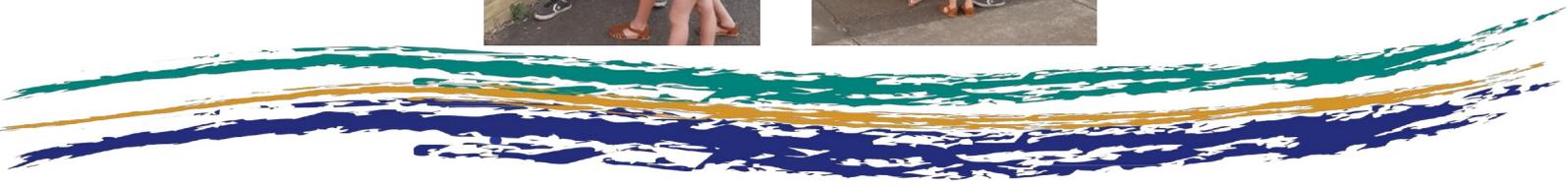
“Do you have what it takes to be a Super sleuth? If so, break out your magnifying glass and deerstalker hat (just kidding: a pen is all you need!) and come enjoy the fun of the Maryborough Mural Trail Holiday Hunt” advised Elizabeth Lowrie, co-founder of the Maryborough Mural Project.

“Local businesses and community groups are supporting this initiative, aimed at local families getting kids away from their screens, outside, and walking our Mural Trail - getting to know Maryborough better. The Trail of 37 murals is a flat walk over eight city blocks – a distance of two kilometers. It takes about an hour and a half. Make a day of it! Buy an ice-cream on the way, visit Maryborough’s shops, art-gallery and museums. Or have lunch at one of the city’s boutique cafes. It’s a great day out!”

“We will be searching for the region’s **best** super sleuths,” said Deborah Hannam, the other co-founder. Those who can find all of the correct answers will go in a draw where a treasure-trove of great kids prizes can be won!”

“Competition Entry is open to all children below the age of 16; however, adults are welcome to try to answer the questions too. Question sheets as well as the Trail Brochure will be available from the Visitor Information Centre in Kent Street, Maryborough from the start of the holidays (December 13). The competition will close at 5pm on Sunday, January 12. All correct entries will be put in a barrel and the winners of the prizes drawn on Friday, January 17.”

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| <p>For Interviews Contact: Elizabeth Lowrie Deborah Hannam</p> | <p>Phone: 0417111214/0458075858 Email: Committee.liz@maryboroughmuralproject.org Committee.deb@maryboroughmuralproject.org</p> |
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Beat the Back to School rush!!

2020 Uniforms



Please note the Uniform shop will be open by appointment only during the **Christmas school holidays**. Parents can book appointments through Parent Lounge, with December dates already available, and January to follow soon.

The Link to the St James Parent Lounge is below:
<https://stjameslctass.lils.edu.au/parentlounge/login.cfm>

Go to the “Parent/Teacher Interview area”

**Opening hours for the Uniform Shop
During the School Term**

Monday 2.30 – 3.30 pm
Wednesday 3.00 – 3.30 pm
Friday 8.15 – 9.00 am

STAGGERED STARTS NEW IN 2020

Tuesday, 28th January 2020

½ Prep - Year 7 (full day)
New students only Year 8 – 12 (until 10:30am)

Wednesday, 29th January 2020

½ Prep - Year 12 (full day)



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, 9th December 2019 – 9AM to 3PM

Tuesday, 10th December 2019 – **CLOSED**

Wednesday, 11th December 2019 to Thursday, 12th December 2018 – 9AM to 3PM

Friday, 13th December 2019 – 9AM to 12noon

Monday, 16th December 2019 to Wednesday, 18th December 2019 – 9AM to 3PM

CLOSED

Thursday, 19th December 2019 to Friday, 3rd January 2020

Monday, 6th January 2020 to Friday, 17th January 2020 – 9AM to 3PM

Monday, 20th January 2020 office will be closed

Tuesday, 21st January 2020 8AM to 4PM

Wednesday 22nd January Office will be closed from 8AM to 12PM, Wednesday 22nd January 12PM to 4PM

Thursday, 23rd January 2020 8AM to 4PM & Friday, 24th January 2020 – 8AM to 3.30PM

Monday 27th January 2020 the Office will be closed Australia Day

ST JAMES OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 9 December 2019 – Friday 13 December 2019

| <p>MONDAY 9 December 2019</p> | <p>TUESDAY 10 December 2019</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 11 December 2019</p> | <p>THURSDAY 12 December 2019</p> | <p>FRIDAY 13 December 2019</p> |
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| <p>Water Play</p>  <p>Children will 'Slip'n'Slide' and have a great time getting wet playing water games like slip'n'slide, water bombs, and sponge relay! Don't forget your togs, towel, wide brimmed hat and spare clothes!</p>  | <p>ACE Tennis Clinic</p> <p>ACE Tennis will be joining us today to hold a tennis clinic for the children. Children will learn the skills of tennis and will participate in tennis drills and games!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p>  | <p>Christmas Craft & Oztag Clinic</p>  <p>Children will have a blast creating their own Christmas craft and decorations to take home!</p> <p>Get your tag on! Join the team from Hervey Bay Oztag learning new skills and working together as a team!</p>  | <p>Balloon and Bubble Day</p> <p>Let's blow some bubbles and create some crazy balloon art with the 'Character Man'</p> <p>Children will participate in a balloon art workshop!</p>  | <p>Hervey Bay Cinema Excursion</p>  <p>Today's excursion takes us to Hervey Bay Cinema to enjoy a movie!</p> <p>Bus will be departing at 9.00am and will return at approx. 12.00pm</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY – LIMITED NUMBERS)</p> |

ST JAMES OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 16 December 2019 – Friday 20 December 2019

| <p>MONDAY 16 December 2019</p> | <p>TUESDAY 17 December 2019</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 18 December 2019</p> | <p>THURSDAY 19 December 2019</p> | <p>FRIDAY 20 December 2019</p> |
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| <p>Inflatable Water Slide</p>  <p>Let's make a splash! Children will keep cool sliding down into a pool of water! Don't forget your togs, towel, wide brimmed hat and spare clothes!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p> | <p>Team Building Games</p>  <p>Today the children will work together in teams to complete the challenges.</p> | <p>Christmas Craft & Oztag Clinic</p>  <p>Children will create their own Xmas cards to share with family and friends.</p> <p>Get your tag on! Join the team from Hervey Bay Oztag learning new skills and working together as a team!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p> | <p>Christmas Cooking</p> <p>Time to make some Christmas treats to enjoy! Today the children will be cooking lots of Christmas treats to bring home and share with family and friends!</p>  | <p>Christmas Concert & Break Up Party</p>  <p>Today the children will walk to Fair Haven Aged Care and perform a concert for the residents! Then it's time to celebrate the end of an amazing year with our OSHC break up party! Wear your Christmas shirts and hats!</p> |

ST JAMES OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 6 January 2020 – Friday 10 January 2020

| MONDAY 6 January 2020 | TUESDAY 7 January 2020 | WEDNESDAY 8 January 2020 | THURSDAY 9 January 2020 | FRIDAY 10 January 2020 |
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| <p>Bike & Scooter Day</p>  <p>It's bring your bike or scooter to OSHC Day! A day of fun riding our bikes and scooters around! Don't forget your helmet!</p> | <p>Laser Skirmish</p> <p>The team from Wide Bay Laser Skirmish will join us at OSHC and we will battle it out to complete our mission! Always an exciting fun filled day!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p>  | <p>Chalk and Glitter Art Fun</p>  <p>Using chalk, glitter and their imagination the children will be creating their own artwork to take home or display in the OSHC room!</p>  | <p>Construction Day</p> <p>Today we are going to construct a fire station from boxes! I wonder what our firefighters will think when they visit in their fire truck?</p> <p>(SUBJECT TO QLD FIRE SERVICE AVAILABILITY)</p>  | <p>Flying High Bird Sanctuary</p>  <p>Today's excursion takes us to The Flying High Bird Sanctuary @ Apple Tree Creek</p> <p>Bus will be departing at 9.00am and will return at approx. 2.00pm</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY – LIMITED NUMBERS)</p> |

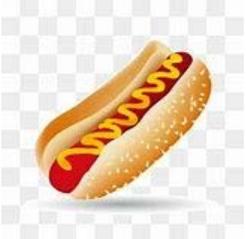
ST JAMES OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 13 January 2020 – Friday 17 January 2020

| <p>MONDAY 13 January 2020</p> | <p>TUESDAY 14 January 2020</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 15 January 2020</p> | <p>THURSDAY 16 January 2020</p> | <p>FRIDAY 17 January 2020</p> |
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| <p>Mini Olympics</p>  <p>All children are invited to participate in the OSHC Mini Olympics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tug of war • Backwards race • Discus throwing • Bean bag toss • Paper plane throwing • Egg race • Balloon race | <p>Pyjama Party</p> <p>We invite children to attend the OSHC Pyjama Party. Come dressed in your pyjamas and enjoy party games with friends!</p>  | <p>Shaving Cream Artwork Day</p>  <p>Let's also get messy with crazy shaving cream and paint and create our very own masterpieces to take home or display in OSHC room!</p> | <p>Kite Building</p> <p>We welcome the 'Character Man' to OSHC to host a kite building workshop with our children. Then watch them smile as they fly these kites in the sky!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p>  | <p>Reefworld Aquarium & Dayman Park</p>  <p>Today's excursion takes us to Reefworld Aquarium (including lunch) & Dayman Park in Urangan.</p> <p>Bus will be departing at 9.00am and will return at approx. 2.00pm</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY – LIMITED NUMBERS)</p> |

ST JAMES OSHC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 20 January 2020 – Friday 24 January 2020

| MONDAY 20 January 2020 | TUESDAY 21 January 2020 | WEDNESDAY 22 January 2020 | THURSDAY 23 January 2020 | FRIDAY 24 January 2020 |
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| <p>Movie & Meal Deal Day</p>  <p>Join us for a movie and a meal! Children are invited to join us in watching a movie! They will also share a meal of a hot dog, popper, and treat each!</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p> | <p>Driving Range & Mini Golf Day</p> <p>Today's excursion takes us to Hervey Bay Golf Driving Range for some mini golf and driving range fun.</p> <p>Bus will be departing at 9.30am and will return at approx. 12.00pm</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY – LIMITED NUMBERS)</p>  | <p>Sandcastle Competition</p>  <p>Who's going to win the sandcastle competition? Build the greatest sandcastle and it might be you!</p>  | <p>Animal Petting Zoo Day</p> <p>We welcome the team from Animal Magic On The Move to join us for some animal fun.</p> <p>Children can feed, brush, and cuddle the chooks, chickens, guinea pigs, ducks, and ducklings.</p> <p>(FEES WILL APPLY)</p>  | <p>'Australia Day' Sausage Sizzle</p>  <p>We invite all our children to join us in celebrating 'Australia Day' and enjoy a sausage sizzle for lunch!</p> <p>Outdoor activities will include boomerang, thong, and frisbee throwing!</p> <p>Children will also be making lamingtons and enjoying other Australia Day activities!</p> |



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Hervey Bay Library

Tuesday 17 December • 9am - 12noon

Maryborough Library

Wednesday 18 December • 9am - 12noon

Burrum Heads Library

Thursday 19 December • 9am - 11am

Howard Library

Thursday 19 December • 2pm - 4pm