



*"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved, you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them"* St John Bosco

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Thank you to those parents who attended our new parent helper sessions on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see that our classrooms will be enriched by more adult participation.

A reminder to all that anyone who wishes to help within our school must have a Working with Children Check and sign our Child Safe Policy. This is mandated and as such no changes will be made to this policy.

On Friday evening, we ask that those families who are not connected to the Prep/Year 6 buddy program do not arrive at school prior to 7.30pm. This is so that the new prep and six parents have time to establish relationships prior to the beginning of the film night. The film will commence at dusk.

As this is a school event we ask that you remember that we are lucky to be able to have a drink on this night, however if I feel that the drinking is excessive and we are setting poor examples to our children then I will have no alternative but to place a ban on the consumption of alcohol at school events. As my wife tells me remember everything in moderation!

We ask you to pray for those staff who are awaiting the birth of their children, namely Adrianna Bonnacci and Rebecca Ledsam may their children be born healthy.

Next Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, we have our beginning of the school year and Captain's Mass on at 6.00pm. All children who have been selected as captains are asked to wear their school uniforms on this night.

These leaders will be presented with their captains badges on this night.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to our new families! I hope you are all settling into the new school year. It is lovely to see the children so excited to see their friends and teachers.

As with the start of every school year there has been a mountain of notes and information sent home wanting your attention. For those who find a reminder helpful and may not have worked their way through the notes just yet please read the following reminders.

Could all families please return the **Community Code of Conduct Agreement**. This Code of Conduct allows us to be clear on the expectations of community members to keep our students safe.

Prep families, there is another opportunity for you gather next week at the **Prep Information Sessions**. We will be presenting on Growth Mindsets, Restorative Practices and helping your child with reading at home. The same meeting is offered at 9am, 2:30pm and 7pm. Please return the slip to indicate which meeting you would like to attend.

This year we have prepared a comprehensive Parent Information Booklet. We have included information about all aspects of school life at SJB. The booklet will replace the Year level meetings we usually have at the beginning of each year.

## IMPORTANT DATES 2018

<b>Fri 9 Feb</b>	<b>Prep/Yr 6 Buddy Night 6.30pm and Film Screening from 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tue 13 Feb</b>	<b>Prep info Sessions 9am, 2.30 and 7pm.</b>
<b>Sat 17 Feb</b>	<b>Family /Class Captains Mass 6pm</b>
<b>Mon 19 Feb</b>	<b>School Closure Day – Staff PD</b>
<b>Tues 20 Feb</b>	<b>P&amp;F Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>Wed 28-Fri 2 Mar</b>	<b>Yr 5/6 Camp</b>
<b>Tue 13 /14 Mar</b>	<b>Yr 4 Camp</b>
<b>Wed 21 Mar</b>	<b>2019 Enrolment Info Session 12pm</b>
<b>Sat 24 Mar</b>	<b>Yr 4 Family Mass 6pm</b>
<b>Thurs 29 Mar</b>	<b>Last day Term 1, 1pm dismissal</b>
<b>Mon 16 Apr</b>	<b>First day Term 2</b>
<b>Tue May 8</b>	<b>Whole School Photo</b>
<b>Fri 29 June</b>	<b>Last day Term 2, 1pm dismissal</b>
<b>Mon 16 July</b>	<b>First day Term 3</b>
<b>Sat 1 Sept</b>	<b>Confirmation 12.30pm &amp; 3.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 21 Sep</b>	<b>Last day Term 3, 1pm dismissal</b>
<b>Mon 8 Oct</b>	<b>First day Term 4</b>
<b>Sat 24 Nov</b>	<b>School FETE</b>

## MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>MASS Friday 12.30pm</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY Friday 2.40pm</b>
<b>2- Fri Feb 9</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>3 -Fri Feb 16</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>4 -Fri Feb 23</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>5-Fri Mar 2</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>6- Fri Mar 9</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>7- Fri Mar 16</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>8- Fri Mar 23</b>	<b>Prep</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>9- Thurs Mar 29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Prep</b>

You can locate the booklet on our new website under the heading of **Our School - 2018 Parent Information Booklet**.

Finally we are looking for parent volunteers and students for our **Walking School Bus!** The WSB walks to school each Wednesday. It leaves from the corner of Moushall Ave and Shaw Street at 8:30am. If you have 15 minutes to volunteer each Wednesday we would love to have you onboard!

As always feel free to come and see me or send through an email if you have any questions.

Sommer Azzopardi [sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au)

## PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION FORMS AND MEETINGS

Yesterday we sent home a questionnaire for you to provide us with relevant information about your child that may be pertinent to their happiness and success at school.

This questionnaire MAY REPLACE the Parent Teacher meetings that are normally held at the beginning of each year. Therefore it is NOT compulsory to attend a meeting.

However, if you feel that the questionnaire is not enough and you still require a catch up with your child's teacher, Parent/Teacher meetings times can be booked via the website booking system.

**The web address is: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)**

**The school event code is: ubffh**

Bookings can be made for Tuesday 13th February and Wednesday 14th February. Meeting times of 5 minutes per child can be scheduled between 3.45pm and 5pm (Tuesday) and 3.30pm and 5pm (Wednesday). If you do not have internet access, you can make bookings through the school office. If you have any queries or concerns do not hesitate to contact:

Marc Guzzardi: [mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) or

Sommer Azzopardi: [sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au)

### **SCHOOL PARENT LIAISON**

#### **Classroom Helpers**

A very big thank you to the new parent helpers who attended the induction meeting. We have 21 new helpers, 89 continuing parents throughout the school, 17 parents to assist in 20 min student support which will commence in term 2 and 42 home helpers.

All parent helpers must have a Working with Children Check. To apply or to renew your check, please visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). Once you have obtained your WWCC **YOU MUST** provide a copy for the school. You should have received a School Community Child Safety Code of Conduct form, please read, sign and return it to school.

The classroom helper time table will be placed outside your child's classroom. Please fill in your availability on that timetable. Helpers will begin in Week 4.

#### **Parenting Ideas**

Below is a link to the Parenting Ideas Website. This week the article is **6 Skill Sets to Help your Child Succeed**

[Parenting Ideas](#)

Thanking you, Marc Guzzardi

[mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au)



#### **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP**

<http://www.sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au/>

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **new school website** for St John Bosco's Primary School. We have designed this website to provide a comprehensive overview of our aims and values, useful information and links to your child's year level site.

Our website will always be an **evolving** work in progress. We will continue to update our website regularly with news, events and information from the school and classrooms. Please take a moment and navigate through our new website. If you have any questions or comments regarding the content contained in our website, please feel free to share your views with any member of staff.

We will **NO LONGER** use the **Skoolbag App** to send notifications to Parents as we have in previous years.

We request that you download the new St John Bosco's app that is connected to our website. We will now use this NEW app as a way to send out notifications to you. You can find the link to download the School Mobile App on the website or alternatively, download the app by searching St. John Bosco's Primary School in the App or Google Play store. Please ensure you download the Fraynetwork app and NOT Skoolbag.

### **R.E NEWS**

The Year 3 students have prepared the **Whole School Mass** for tomorrow at 12:30pm.

**Ash Wednesday** is next week, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> The students will be attending Mass at 9:15am.

This will start the season of Lent, the period of time leading up to Easter. During these 40 days we as Catholics are called to reflect upon our faith and our relationship with God.

We are called to pray, give alms to the poor and fast - these actions allow us to focus on our spiritual and faithful lives. During this time we are asked by Caritas to donate money for the poorest of poor in our world. We will have Project Compassion boxes in the classrooms and we ask you to show your generosity by donating to this important Catholic organization.

[Ash Wednesday in 2 minutes](#)

We have been invited to participate in Moonee Valley Council "**Wipe Out Waste**" program. This program will help us identify how we manage our waste and what steps we can take to reduce the waste we generate. As Catholics we are stewards of the world and we are called to do all we can to protect and preserve the environment. If this is something that you think you would like to be part of- please let me know. I would love to include the parent community to help drive this initiative throughout the whole school.

#### **Liturgical Calendar for Schools:**

13.2: Anniversary of the apology to Australia's Indigenous people

14.2: Ash Wednesday

God Bless,

Tricia Cossar REL [pcossar@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pcossar@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au)

#### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DIRECT DEBIT AVAILABLE**

Families who are contributing to the Parish Stewardship Program are able to make contributions by direct debit. Please contact Faye at the parish office for more information. Phone: 9337 9994 or email [Niddrie@cam.org.au](mailto:Niddrie@cam.org.au).

#### **CHILDRENS LITURGY AT SJB**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be resume on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February at the 10.30am Mass and will now be held on the second Sunday of every month.

If you would like your children to get more out of the Mass and the weekend scriptures, then bring them along and Kerryn McGurk, one of our parishioners will lead the children in an innovative way of exploring the scriptures during Mass.

The children will be taken into the sacristy whilst Father speaks to the adult congregation. Appropriate child activities, prayer and reflection will be shared with children during this time. The children will then return to their families at the Presentation of Gifts.

#### **PE AND SPORT NEWS**

Welcome to another year of PE and sport!

We have just a few reminders for term 1:

Students must bring their hat and drink bottle to all PE and sport classes this term. We understand that sometimes children are unable to participate in the lessons because of illness or injury, when this happens students need to bring a note to school so we are aware and can modify the activities if possible. Looking forward to a fun term!

Libby and Jen

## **VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FOR AFL, BASKETBALL, NETBALL AND SOCCER FOR 12 YRS & UNDER**

If your child is 11 or 12 and playing at a very high level in any of the above sports and would like to try out for the Victorian teams you must read the information provided by School Sports Victoria (SSV) on the website <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

All application forms need to be endorsed by the school and we are only allowed to endorse 3 girls and boys per sport. If your child is interested please see or email me [ljolley@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ljolley@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) no later than Thursday 22nd Feb. Please include the sport your child would like to try out for and the experience your child has outside of school eg clubs and grade they play for, any awards, eg best and fairest, coaches awards etc. This way if there are more than 3 students per sport a decision can be made.

I will notify you by Friday 23rd Feb, so there is plenty of time for the registration to be completed.

**Registrations are open now and close on Thurs 1st March and there is a non-refundable \$25 application fee.**

Thanks, Libby

### **Parents and Friends 2018**

On behalf of the Parents and Friends I would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a very warm welcome to families who are new to our community.

**Our first P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staff room.**

In P&F meetings we have a cuppa, hear the latest news happening around our school and the Parish, plan and organize our fundraising activities for the year and have an opportunity for our feedback to be heard. It is a great way to be involved in our school community.

There is no obligation to do anything nor attend every meeting.

There are of course, loads of opportunities to become actively involved. In our first meeting, we will be holding the elections for positions for the year such as President, Secretary and Treasurer. Feel free to give me a call if you want some more info on what these roles involve.

P&F fundraising money goes towards extra resources for our children, such as IT equipment, books and playground upgrades. Come and have your say on where you would like to see it go.

We are already looking forward to a great year with planning the Fete in November, a Bunnings BBQ in March and a Working Bee.

Be great to see you at our first meeting

Tracey Teague

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## **ST JOHN BOSCO'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

At the beginning of each year people are requested to nominate themselves for the role of Classroom Parent Representative. Volunteers show interest to the classroom teacher and reps are chosen in the first couple of weeks. Each class from Prep to Year 6 will have at least one Parent Representative. If more than one person volunteers there can be multiple representatives for a class working together. The function of the Parent Representative is not formally structured and is not meant to be an arduous task.

The purpose of the Parent Representative is to help foster good communication in the school and to assist in the development of school community. It provides another means of uniting the school community and enhances the quality of relationships within the school between teachers, parents and the children.

Ways in which past parent representatives have fostered communication have traditionally included:

- Collecting contact details of members of the class at the beginning of their role (It has been suggested that this can occur with a sign-up sheet at the first parent teacher interview day)
- Circulating email contact details to facilitate members of the class to arrange playdates, catch ups and events
- Meeting with the Class Teacher and discussing the role that the Parent Representative will play that year
- Welcoming new members of the class and their families
- Fostering a supportive community informing people and facilitating the giving of gifts to the teachers or classroom parents on significant occasions (examples include the birth of a child or an end of the year thankyou)
- Organising social events for parents to get to know each other, ideally one per term such as morning teas, or dinners. When held early in the year these events such as dinners can really help parents get to know each other early and can really foster a sense of community
- Actively engaging in the school community. This could be by attending catch ups, attending and encouraging attendance at school events or attending P&F meetings for example
- Where appropriate, communicating parent experiences/suggestions/concerns to staff, board members or principal

### **ICY POLE THURSDAY'S ARE BACK!**

These popular little Icy Poles will be on sale again on Thursday straight after the school bell goes at 3:30pm. Sellers will be located at the table near the yellow slide with esky's full of icy poles for just 50 cents each.

We are also looking for volunteers for our Icy Pole stall. If you have a spare 30 minutes one Thursday this term, let us know and we can note you on the seller roster. This is a great little event to be a part of that doesn't demand a lot of your time or effort, yet you are still meeting new parents and being a part of and helping the Parents & Friends Committee. Win, Win ☺

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**A box will soon be available at school,  
Essendon Fields and Airport West Coles.  
If you shop at Coles, please help us collect  
these vouchers**

TUCKSHOP ROSTER: TERM 1 2018			
	11am-2.30pm	10am-12pm	12.30-2.30pm
Fri 9 Feb	Nicole Arthurson	Therese Patton	Helene Sexton Melissa Ryan
Tue 13 Feb	Virginia De Nittis	Tracey Teague	Suzanne Speranza Cheryl Falzon
Fri 16 Feb	Helen Catterall	Joanne Caddeo	Vanessa Lo Giusto Sharin Ramsay
Tue 20 Feb	Mary Pantalleresco	Joely Curwood	Katherine D'Arcangelo Linda Patronias
Fri 23 Feb	Sonia Andersen	Lynda Rizzetti	Michelle Favero Angie Czaja
Tue 27 Feb	Julie Marchese	Amanda Cashmore	Simone Callegari Kelli Giampiccollo
Fri 2 Mar	Kim Pinner	Joanne Mosca	Kathy Hogan Carmen Guardo
Tues 6 Mar	Liz Wallis	Naomi Breen	Janet Mastropasqua Gaetana Jessen
Fri 9 Mar	Sue Chivilo	Margaret Conroy	Lili Giglia Andrea Hill
Tue 13 Mar	Silvana Loschiavo	Roxie Riley	Debra Buckley Belinda McGregor
Fri 16 Mar	Eloise Romeo	Fiona Jessen	Natalie Khoury Lisa Glavis
Tue 20 Mar	Narelle Somerville	Rebecca Ryan	Sonia Medawar Sonia Hadchiti
Fri 23 Mar	Julie Seddon	Karen Healy	Rosemary Morais Holly Noonan
Tue 27 Mar	Antoinette Agresta	Michelle Tankard	Kathy DeBono Libby Nelson

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book club orders are due by  
**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**STARTS NEXT WEEK TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Thanking you

Peter Monaghan  
Principal

**SJB FETE**  
**24TH NOVEMBER 2018**

It's time for the community of St John Bosco to come together again and host another Fete.

This is a very exciting time for the children to see their SJB community work together to run their most loved fete.

Running a fete is time consuming but as the saying goes "many hands means light work". I believe if we all come together this fete will be as successful as our last.

Below is a list of stalls that have been successful in our previous fetes.

Please have a look and choose a stall you would like to run or help out on. Once you have chosen a stall contact me and I will send you all the information you will need to get your stall running. This information is a guide if you think of a better way to run your stall please do so. Also if you have an idea for a stall that is not listed again please contact me to add it to the list.

Also attached is a Volunteer Registration form.

Once you have chosen a stall to run or help on, please fill in this form and return it to the school so I can add your name to your preferred stall. Thank you for time.

Fete Organisers: Silvana Loschiavo 0403 888 705, [lucon23@inet.net.au](mailto:lucon23@inet.net.au) and Katerina Rintoule 0418 563 653, [katerina.rintoule@gmail.com](mailto:katerina.rintoule@gmail.com)

**STALLS**

Corn on Cob	Devonshire Tea
Lamb souvlaki	Lucky Dip Stalls
Nachos	Tickets & Wrist bands
Pasta	Sausages & Cold Drinks
Face Painting Stall	Dutch Pancakes
SJB X factor	Choc Fondue
Raffles/ Spinning Wheel	Cup Cake Stall
Hampers	Slushie Machine
Jams Preserves Stall	Coffee Cart
Candy Stall	Lemonade Stand
Buy a balloon win a prize	Tattoo Stall
Fire Trucks	Second Hand Book Stall
Smoke Busters	Second Hand Toy Stall
Hot Dogger	Home Made Craft Stall
Ice Cream from canteen	Contact Sponsors
Cake, Biscuit & Slices Stall	First Aid
Dunk the Teacher	Floater (help at any stand)
Animal Farm	Walkers (Flyers)
Popcorn	Class Displays, Auction
Hair Sprayers Stall	
Fairy Floss	
Police Cars	
Guess Sweets in the Jar	

**FETE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grades:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stand Description** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Ordinator Of Stand** \_\_\_\_\_

**Helper on Day of Fete**      **Yes**                      **No**

**Other Volunteers**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Will you sponsor this stand Financially**                      **Yes**                      **No**

Please be advised that sponsorship is NOT compulsory to run a stand.  
Any help would be appreciated.

**If Yes, Full Sponsorship:**                      Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

**Part Sponsorship:**                      Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you give us permission to pass your details onto the stall organizer**  
**Yes**                      **No**

**Thank you for helping us make the 2018 St John Bosco Fete a successful event.**  
**"Many hands make light work"**