



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 all those who attended last Saturday's Family/Class Captains Mass. It was lovely to see so many members of our community share in their faith and celebrate what it is to be a part of St John Bosco's school family.

Thank you to the retiring Parents and Friends committee members, Sean Sweetman and Nicole Piccolo, for their services to the school committee. We are very lucky to have such magnificent people supporting our school. We welcome Lacey Haig as treasurer and Julieanne Galle and Melinda Spinks as joint secretaries.

On Monday our new priest arrived at St John Bosco's. It was lovely to meet Father Thomas Toretkiu and I look forward to working with him into the future. We wish him all the best in his vocation in Niddrie.

Next Tuesday at 7.00pm we have our first school board meeting for the year. Looking forward to catching up with our board members.



Welcome Father Toretkiu

IMPORTANT DATES 2018

Wed 28-Fri 2 Mar	Yr 5/6 Camp
Mon 5 Mar	Open Classrooms 9am- 11am
Tue 13 Mar	Reconciliation meeting 7pm
Tue 13 /14 Mar	Yr 4 Camp
Tue 20 Mar	P&F Meeting
Wed 21 Mar	2019 Enrolment Info Session 12pm
Sat 24 Mar	Yr 4 Family Mass 6pm
Sun 25 Mar	Bunnings Barbeque
Mon 26 Mar	SJB Athletics Carnival
Tues 27 Feb	School Board Meeting, 7pm
Thurs 29 Mar	Last day Term 1, 1pm dismissal
Mon 16 Apr	First day Term 2
Tue May 8	Whole School Photo
Fri 29 June	Last day Term 2, 1pm dismissal
Mon 16 July	First day Term 3
Sat 1 Sept	Confirmation 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Fri 21 Sep	Last day Term 3, 1pm dismissal
Mon 8 Oct	First day Term 4
Sat 24 Nov	School FETE
Tue 18 Dec	Last day for 2018 for students, 12.30pm dismissal

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE		
WEEK ENDING	MASS Friday 12.30pm	ASSEMBLY Friday 2.40pm
4 -Fri Feb 23	Year 4	Year 2
5-Fri Mar 2	Year 2	Year 1
6- Fri Mar 9	Year 1	Year 6
7- Fri Mar 16	Year 6	Year 5
8- Fri Mar 23	Prep	Year 4
9- Thurs Mar 29	-	Prep

in Australia. Her presentation was both moving and inspiring, helping us realize how blessed we are in Australia. Her work will hopefully motivate us to show compassion and generosity during this season of Lent. Moira's love and compassion have enabled her to bring hope to many. Please show your support by contributing to Caritas Project Compassion.

The Year 4 students have prepared the **Whole School Mass** for tomorrow at 12:30pm. The theme of their Mass is Almsgiving- during Lent we are called to be generous to the poor and needy.

Family Masses: The Year 4 children are preparing for the Family Mass on Saturday 24th of March.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: There will be a sacrament meeting for Year 3 parents and their child on Tuesday 13th March at 7 PM in the multipurpose room. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Wednesday 9th May during the school day.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be on the 1st of September. There will be two Masses: 6SC at 12:30 PM and 6TS at 3:30 PM.
God Bless, Tricia Cossar, REL

SCHOOL PARENT LIAISON / CLASSROOM HELPERS

It was great to see so many names on the classroom helper timetable. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to come in and help out. It is greatly appreciated by both staff and students. A reminder to Parents who are experts in particular fields, please let your child's teacher know as we can use your expertise in many ways. A note will come home next week in regards to this.

Thanking you, Marc Guzzardi

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TOMORROW



One of our popular fete fundraisers is our Casual Clothes Day. It is the last Friday of every month and sometimes will be changed for the last day of term. This is a major fundraiser as the funds raised help pay for the rides at our fete. **Our first casual clothes day for this year is tomorrow. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.**

FEE REMINDER

Thank you to those who have set up direct debits and to those who have paid fees. To those who haven't, please note that Term 1 Fees, all levies and Capital Fee are now overdue. Payment for Year 5/6 Camp is required before the children go to camp. Please contact Maree and/or Peter in the office if you have any queries.

R.E NEWS

Moira Kelly

We were privileged to have Moira Kelly speak to the Year 5 and 6 students about her work. She then spoke to the staff about her story and the works she has done overseas and here

STUDENT WELLBEING

Open Classroom Mornings

In 2018 we will be hosting open classrooms across the school from 9:00am - 11:00am each term. All parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to share in their learning experience, view their child's workbooks and participate in the life of the classroom. Our first morning will be on **Monday 5th March**. We look forward to seeing you then!

2018 Parent Information Booklet

It has been great to hear the feedback in regards to our first Parent Information Booklet. Please note you can access this through our school website under the heading of Our School - 2018 Parent Information Booklet.

CASEA Update

Overall we have had a great response from families in returning the CASEA questionnaires. If you still have yours at home please drop it into the office ASAP. The information provided allows us to gain a greater understanding of our student population. Our allocated RCH clinicians Rebecca Sobell and Leanne Pethick will be at SJB each Monday for term 1 and 2. We are very excited to have their expertise on board for our students and families.

Community Code of Conduct Agreement

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. Thank you to those families who have done this already.

Walking School Bus

This week I joined our WSB in walking to school. It was such a great way to start the day and join in conversations with the children about all things important in kids world! If you have 15 minutes spare each Wednesday Morning, we would love your help! The WSB walks to school each Wednesday. It leaves from the corner of Moushall Ave and Shaw Street at 8:30am.

As always feel free to come and see me or send through an email if you have any questions to sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au
Sommer Azzopardi

Seasons Program 2018 – Peer Support for Grief and Loss

We will be looking to start our 2018 Seasons Program soon. The Seasons Program is a peer support group for children who have experienced grief and loss in their lives and wish to work through their feelings and ask those commonly asked questions about their experience. Common reasons for taking part in the program include the death of a loved one, family separation or divorce. The group will meet for 10 sessions and each will be facilitated by myself or Sommer Azzopardi. Students are supported throughout the program by the teacher and their peers as they share their stories, ask questions and listen to each other. If you think this program would suit your child or children could you please email myself or Sommer, including the reason for participating. Once groups are sorted you will be contacted and given further information regarding session days and times.

Kind regards,
Will Kingston & Sommer Azzopardi
wkingston@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au
sazzopardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

MATHS

Thank you to those families who have promptly returned their 'Mathletics' forms and payment. If you would still like to take advantage of the reduced rate of \$37.00 per child for an annual subscription, forms and payments must be returned to the office by **Monday 26th February**. After this date, we are unable to accept any requests for 'Mathletics' subscriptions.

Many thanks Jamie Lambert
jlambert@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

P&F 2018 Committee

The first meeting for 2018, including our committee elections, was held on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who came along, it was great to see so many people there.

There are a couple of committee changes and on behalf of the P&F and the school community, I would like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing position holders, Shaun Sweetman and Nicole Piccolo for their time and commitment supporting our school. I look forward to seeing you both at future meetings and events during the year.

The 2018 P&F Committee Members

President	Tracey Teague
Vice President and Fete coordinator	Katerina Rintoule
Secretaries	Julieanne Galle/ Melinda Spinks
Treasurer	Lacey Schulz
Fundraising coordinator	Vanessa Lo Giusto
Maintenance coordinator	Angelo Scalise

Welcome to new and returning committee members. Looking forward to working together with you all during this exciting Fete year.

Our next meeting will be held on the **20th March 7pm** where we will plan the year. Everyone is welcome.

Feel free to contact me for any questions, suggestions or assistance

pandf@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

Tracey Teague

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 next 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 ☺
Melinda Spinks, mloizou43@hotmail.com
or Mobile: 0416142043



BUNNINGS BBQ – MARIBYRNONG MARCH 25TH

St John Bosco's had a very successful BBQ in December last year and we have been lucky enough to secure another Bunnings BBQ date to fundraise for our school. We have been allocated Sunday March 25th for our next BBQ.

We will be sending out forms soon to request helpers on the day for various roles. Stay tuned....

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP 2018

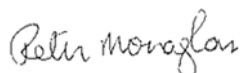
******* SALE *******

To clear out a lot of current stock there will be A BIG SALE on Friday 9th March from 2.30pm onwards.
Includes summer and winter uniform, some imperfect items.
ALL ITEMS ON SALE FOR \$1

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
The First Tuesday of the Month from 8.30 to 9am
The Last Thursday of the Month from 3.15 to 3.45pm
The uniform shop is located at the rear of the parish hall
If you need assistance outside these times please contact Florence on 0418 384 726 or Teresa on
0409 122 477

TUCKSHOP ROSTER: TERM 1 2018			
	11am-2.30pm	10am-12pm	12.30-2.30pm
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 Agesta	Michelle Tankard	Kathy DeBono Libby Nelson

Thanking you



Peter Monaghan
Principal

**TUCKSHOP
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The St John Bosco's School Tuckshop enjoys the generous support of many parents from the school community. Tuckshop duty provides a chance to meet and get to know other parents in a happy and informal environment while providing a necessary service to the school.

Volunteers are rostered for tuckshop duty three or four times for the year.

If you are interested in helping in the tuckshop, please complete the details below.

Tuckshop is held in the Parish Hall each Tuesday for Prep to Year 2 and each Friday for Year 3 to Year 6.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2018

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Eldest Child's Name: _____

Tuesday: 11.00am – 2.30pm

10.00am – 12.00pm

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Friday: 11.00am – 2.30pm

10.00am – 12.00pm

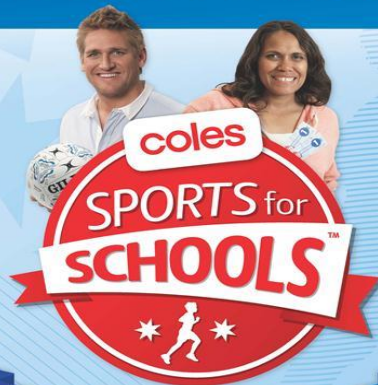
12.30pm – 2.30pm

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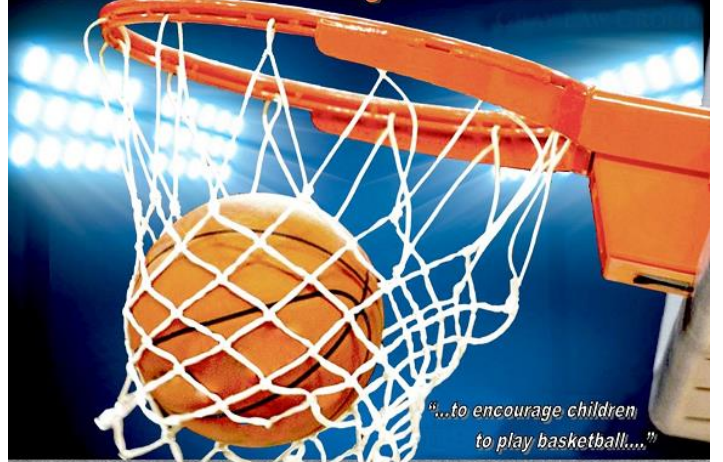
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St Bernard's Old Collegians Basketball Club



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

GIRLS & BOYS

St Bernard's Old Collegians Basketball Club is seeking expressions of interest for players interested in the following divisions for the upcoming season;

Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 14's

If you are interested in playing Basketball for a community and family oriented club please contact our List Manager with the following information;

Your name, contact number and email along with your child's name and date of birth.

Phil Thorpe
List Manager, St Bernard's Old Collegians Basketball Club
M: 0416 188 413
E: philthorpe@optusnet.com.au
W: <https://stbernardsjuniorbasketball.teamapp.com/contact>



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



St. Bernard's Junior Football Club OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS FOR JUNIOR GIRLS

If you are a young girl looking to play football, then St Bernard's is the place for you.

Come and give it a try at any or all of our open training sessions for junior girls (St Bernard's College Ovals). Bring your friends and have some fun.

Key Dates:

Sunday 11th February – 10.30am to 11.30am

Sunday 18th February – 10.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 22nd February – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Sunday 25th February – 10.30am to 11.30am

We have special guest Debbie Lee for our session on Thursday 22nd February.

Debbie is the current AFLW General Manager of Women's Football at the Western Bulldogs and current Victorian Women's Football Team Coach.

For all enquiries, please contact Andrew Brebner (Football Operations Manager) on juniorops@stbernardsfc.com.au or 0408 941 944.

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St. Bernard's Junior Football Club 2018 Registration Day Sunday, 25 February 2018

Michael Perrett Pavilion (enter via Gate 8) - 11.30am to 1.00pm

2018 Club Fees

For players joining the club from any Auskick venue and any player new to AFL football - **\$100 per player**

Current players** and for any player transferring to St. Bernard's from another club. - **\$200 per player ***

Siblings - 2nd player - \$150, 3rd player - \$50, Maximum payable (family) - \$400.

Payment of Club fees includes:

- All match payments (no money payable for umpires)
- A team jumper supplied by the club and returned at the end of the season
- Team photo
- Under 9 and 10 players – Training top and football
- Under 11 to 17 players – Training top

Teams: Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17 and Under 12 & 15 Girls

All new players need to bring their Birth Certificate or current Passport. A digital copy will be taken as part of the Registration Process.

All registration enquiries can be sent to John Tormey at juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au

* Please note that after Monday, 12 February 2018 the Club Fee for returning players will be \$280, not \$200, for the first player. For all players transferring to St Bernard's, the fee will remain at \$200.

** Current players have received an invitation to register via email.

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