



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

It was wonderful catching up with so many of the parents at the parent helpers luncheon. This day is our way of thanking all of the unsung heroes within our community. The luncheon was beautiful and the banter on each table was great to hear and share. Unfortunately not everyone could attend but we appreciate everyone's hard work.

Our Grade 2 children shared some Christmas cheer with the parishioners at the Parishioners luncheon yesterday. There is nothing more beautiful than to see the young singing Christmas carols, especially to the elderly.

Next Thursday we have our Swimming Carnival at Oak Park pool. Can I please ask all parents to make sure that their children have rash vests to protect their skin from the harsh Australian climate.

At present, the children are in the middle of their swimming program. It is great to see the enthusiasm on their faces as they head to swimming.

Can all people who are yet to finalise fees please do so as soon as possible. We currently have over \$30,000 in unpaid fees. Overdue notices will be sent this week.

RE NEWS

Family Mass/Whole School Mass

The final SJB **Family Mass** will be on Saturday 15th of December at 6pm. Thanks to those school captains who were available.

Our final whole **School Mass** will be on Tuesday 18th December at 10.45am. Please come along and celebrate a wonderful year as a school community and farewell to our amazing Year 6 students!

Advent

This Advent we focus on the gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a struggling community. He writes for the poor, disabled, women and other marginalized groups. We are called to reflect on how this gospel speaks to us and invites us to respond to the needs of others in our world today. The nativity account includes the Annunciation, the visit to Elizabeth, the birth of Jesus in a stable and the angels who appear to the lowly shepherds. God became human in the birth of his Son Jesus. His message of love, hope, peace and joy is a message for all.

Advent Paraliturgy

The children will gather next Thursday at 10:15 am in the multipurpose room for a whole school paraliturgy. We gather to reflect on the events of the birth of Jesus and the meaning of the Advent season in our lives today.

FINAL PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING – MONDAY 10 DEC

Come along to review and celebrate all the wonderful achievements of the P & F for 2018. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom at 7pm. **Everyone is welcome!!!**

IMPORTANT DATES 2018

Mon 3 – Wed 12 Dec	Intensive swimming program
Mon 10 Dec	Final P&F Meeting, 7pm
Wed 12 Dec	Year 6 Funfields Excursion
Wed 12 Dec	P&F Committee & School Board Dinner, 7pm
Thur 13 Dec	Whole School Orientation (Yrs 1-6)
Fri 14 Dec	School Swimming Carnival
Sat 15 Dec	Family Mass 6pm
Mon 17 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Tue 18 Dec	Last day for 2018 for students 12.30pm dismissal 2019
Tue 29 Jan	First day for Staff 2019
Fri 1 Feb	First day for student's years 1-6
Mon 4 Feb	First day for Preps (8.55 -12pm)

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

WEEK 9: 3.12.18	No Mass Friday 7 th Assembly 9am In Multipurpose Room
WEEK 10: 10.12.18	No Mass or Assembly
WEEK 11: 17.12.18	Year 6 Assembly: Tues 18 th December 9am Final School Mass: Tues 18 th December 10:45am School dismissal: 12.30pm

St John Bosco's Giving Tree (in multipurpose room)

Please give generously. We will focus on those young families who need a helping hand (Caroline Chisholm Society, (3 months to 5 years), the poor in our community (St Vincent De Paul) and refugees, new books(6-12 yrs), a school community who have many refugees (games toys). Please wrap gifts and indicate the age group it is for. We appreciate that items given will be new.

Liturgical Calendar for Schools

9th Dec: Second Week of Advent

Year C Luke Violet, Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist proclaims the Baptism of repentance

10th Dec UN International Human Rights Day

13th Dec Memorial of St Lucy

14th Dec Memorial of St John of the Cross

God Bless, Tricia Cossar REL

PARISH RAFFLE

Get your raffle tickets back to school to be part of the Annual Parish Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 16 December.



BOSCO BUZZ

The Bosco's Buzz is now ready for printing! Thank you to Sandra Fazio and the hardworking team of students who have spent the year compiling all the wonderful stories and pictures of 2018. If you still need to place an order please return an order form and money to the office tomorrow. Books are \$20 each.

Are you struggling to get
your kids to Mass?

Come along to the
Children's Liturgy!



This Saturday December 8th

This is a fun and engaging way for children, aged 4 and up, to understand the gospel reading using art, craft and colouring in, with other kids. Parents, you can actually sit and listen to the mass!

Run by school parents, Karen and Kerryn who have working with children checks and experience in teaching RE and working with young people.

Please contact Kerryn on 0417 049 748 if you have any queries.

TUCKSHOP FOR 2018 WILL FINISH TOMORROW
HOT DOG DAY IS NEXT TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS FOR 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

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.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE December 14th 2018

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2019

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

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The SJB School Swimming carnival will be held on Friday 14th December. This year's event is being held at the newly renovated Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre. **Please return permission slips to the classroom by TOMORROW.**

ICY POLE THURSDAY TODAY!!!!

Icy Poles are just 50 cents each and are sold in the playground straight after the 3:30pm.



And as an extra treat **Lucky Dips** will also be available for \$1



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The next second uniform shop opening will be
Tuesday 8th December from 8.30 to 9am

The uniform shop is located at the rear of the parish hall

A large advertisement for a "Kids Fitness" program. The top half features a photograph of children and an adult participating in a fitness activity on a playground. The text "Kids Fitness" is written in a large, white, bubbly font over a blue background. Below the photo, the text "Core Strength & Playground Skills" is written in a large, orange, bubbly font. A list of bullet points describes the program: "Children aged 5-15 years", "Programs designed by an Occupational Therapist", "Small group setting (4-6) for personalised attention and friendly atmosphere", "Friendly trainers with kids fitness and education experience", and "Autism friendly". At the bottom, it says "Saturday afternoons at Avondale Primary School" and "NDIS Registered". The logo for "fun2move Family Fitness" is in the bottom right corner. Contact information is provided at the very bottom: "0438 313 536 | fun2move.com.au | info@fun2move.com.au | [Facebook icon]".

Thanking you

Peter Monaghan

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Principal

Safety around schools

Providing safe school zones for all children

Keep children safe in a school zone by:

- walking or cycling to school to decrease traffic congestion
- adhering to the 40km per hour zone when travelling in an operated school zone
- checking the restrictions set by the regulations and parking signs in the area and abiding by them
- not stopping or parking illegally – these actions will be noticed and infringements will be issued by Council.

You should:

- always let your child out on the kerb side of the road
- never call your child from across the road – teach them to wait until you walk over to get them or to use the school crossing
- talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time.

A children's crossing is a legal crossing when two flags are in place.

Teach your child to:

- always stand one step back from the kerb
- wait for the Crossing Supervisor to go out onto the crossing and blow their whistle (two short blasts), then cross the road
- not ride bikes, bounce a ball, fight, muck around or run across the crossing
- always stay within the lines of crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them)
- always be alert and listen to what the Crossing Supervisor says.







Parking near a school

- Do not park on or near a school crossing.
- Do not double park and let your child out on the road.
- You cannot stay in the drop off/pick up zone for longer than two minutes or you will be issued with an infringement. Make sure your child is waiting in the zone before you arrive.

Infringements

Council regularly patrols schools as part of our School Crossing Program. Council will issue infringements to anyone who does not obey signs or regulations. Infringements can be affixed to the vehicle or posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

Offence	Offence description	Fine
 Stopped in a 'no stopping' area	Drivers cannot stop, even briefly.	\$161
 Stopped in a bus zone	Only public buses can stop here.	\$97
 Parked for period longer than indicated	This is when you have overstayed the time limit indicated on the sign.	\$81
 Stopped in a parking area for people with disabilities	You need a special disabled parking permit to park here. The permit number and expiry date must be visible from the outside.	\$161
Stopping on or near a children's crossing	A driver must not stop on a children's crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before, or 10 metres after the crossing.	\$161
Stopped on a footpath	You cannot leave your car standing on a footpath, it obstructs the path of pedestrians and is also very dangerous.	\$97
Stopped on or across a driveway or other way of access	No part of your vehicle can be parked or stopped across a driveway or other way of access.	\$97
Parked/stopped on a nature strip	A driver must not stop on a nature strip as it can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic and cause damage to infrastructure.	\$97

The drop off and pick up zone

You might have noticed our pink signage and line markings for our drop off and pick up zone. This zone is not for waiting in.

Carers should always drop off or pick up their child/ren from the designated area and, in this zone:

- ask your child to head straight to the pick up zone once the bell rings – they will then be ready and waiting once you arrive
- plan to arrive after the bell rings, not before, as you cannot wait in the zone
- remain in your vehicles at all times
- move forward to join the queue so that other vehicles can get into the zone
- use the hand brake and put the vehicle in park when it is stationary
- do not double park
- do not park across a pedestrian crossing
- do not undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Students should:

- keep your seat belt on until the vehicle has stopped in the zone
- have your school bag and other items in a safe position on the floor and ready for you to take with you when the vehicle has stopped
- always get in and out of the vehicle through the safety door (the rear footpath-side door).

What does the no parking sign mean?

It means that you cannot park in the zone during the times identified on the sign as it is to be used only as a pick up or drop off zone during those times.

You can only stay in this zone for two minutes. If you overstay this time limit, you could receive an infringement.

