



ST. JOHN BOSCO'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"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

St John Bosco's School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students and young people

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Our children in Grades 3 and 5 have just completed their NAPLAN tests. Congratulations to all for your wonderful efforts. Now let's get back to using data to drive teaching rather than to keep politicians happy.

Next week we have our Science night on Tuesday. Come along and enjoy watching your children being captivated by the wonderful world of science. Thank you to Michele Kop for her organisation of the event.

Thank you to Tracey Teague and all those people who have made themselves available to help with the Election Day sausage sizzle.

Next Thursday we begin our interviews for the Prep 2020 intake. These interviews finish on Wednesday 29th May.

Thank you to all who helped to celebrate our beautiful mothers with a special breakfast last Friday.

A special thank you to Jaylene Coppola, Cathy De Bono and Sophie Witt for their wonderful organisation, to the dads who volunteered and to Marc Guzzardi and my dedicated staff.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TO SUPPORT FOODBANK VICTORIA

Tomorrow students can wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin to donate to Foodbank Victoria. They are a not-for-profit organisation that is devoted to providing less fortunate Victorians with meals. The work this organisation does is exceptional. Last year, they distributed 8.4 million kilos of food which equates to over 15 million meals and continuously aims to closely support the 1 in 7 Australians who experience food insecurity. For every dollar donated, Foodbank Victoria can distribute over five dollars' worth of food. Thank you for your support of this organisation.

SCHOOL PARENT LIAISON

What a great Mother's day breakfast. A huge thank you to the students that took time out to assist and help serve. We are very proud of you - Aden Catanzariti, Ethan Solomon, Jamie Hadchiti, Jack Tassell, Olivia McGregor, Alexandra Richardson, Jessica Hadchiti, Matthew Farrugia, Sophie Conroy, Marcus LaSpina, Christian Scalise, Mason Prossar, Emily Aspros, Daniel Bukovinsky, Gemma Hill, Daniel Sexton, Lucas Gerace, Harlan Coppola and Olivia Hanna. And a big thank you to Miss Scott for organising the students.

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 2		
WEEK BEGINNING	MASS Friday 11.30am	ASSEMBLY Friday 2.40pm
4: 13.5.19	1NL	Year 2
5: 20.5.19	3RM	Year 6
6: 27.5.19	2TC	Year 5
7: 3.6.19	6SC	SJB Got Talent Year 3/4
8: 10.6.19	Prep ET	Year 4
9: 17.6.19	Prep KR	Year 3
10: 24.6.19	TBA	No Assembly

IMPORTANT DATES 2019

Fri 17 May	Casual Clothes Day – Foodbank Vic
Tue 21 May	Family Science Night
Tue 28 May	P & F Meeting, 7pm
Wed 29/Thu 30 May	Reconciliation Year 3
Fri 31 May	Open Classroom Morning 9.10 - 10am
Mon 10 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tue 25 June	School Closure Day-Parent Teacher Meetings
Fri 28 June	Last day Term 2, 1pm dismissal
Mon 15 Jul	First day Term 3
Sat 27 Jul	First Eucharist 4SS, 6pm
Sat 3 Aug	First Eucharist 4AT, 6pm
Sat 14 Sept	Confirmation
Fri 20 Sept	Last Day Term 3, 1pm dismissal
Mon 7 Oct	First day Term 4
Mon 4 Nov	School Closure Day
Tues 5 Nov	Melbourne Cup holiday
Fri 8 Nov	Arts Night
Tue 17 Dec	Last day 2019, 12.30pm dismissal

WELLBEING NEWS

It has been quite encouraging to hear the number of parents who have attended the Steve Biddulph parenting evenings this week at St Bernard's. Steve has always promoted emotional intelligence and connection with our children with the purpose of raising well rounded children. I look forward to hearing him speak in August. It's not too late to hear him present; he has a couple more evenings in Melbourne this year. You can find more information about the Raising Boys and Raising Girls evenings online. The feedback has been that the evenings are both engaging and powerful.

This week we have attached an article which gives some pointers on helping our children navigate the ups and downs of friends. A quick and easy read that may provide insight and reassurance.

Classroom Open Morning

We invite you to come along to our next **classroom open morning on Friday 31st May**. Feel free to pop in from 9:10-10. It will be a great opportunity to join in with class activities and see the wonderful work your children have been producing. Our Year 6s will be participating in a different style of learning on the day, Inter School Sports. Be sure to stop by and cheer our teams along!

Thanks, Sommer Azzopardi & Naomi Scott, Wellbeing Team

ELECTION DAY BBQ 18TH MAY

Election Day has approached very quickly! Thanks to all who have signed up to help at our **Fundraising BBQ on Election Day this Saturday 18th May**. We have 1 spot left at 10am-12pm and 3 spots left at 4pm-6pm. The late timeslot will mainly be packing up and we may finish before 6pm, depending on sausage sales and demand. Please click on the link below to sign up. We'd love to see you there!

<https://signup.com/login/entry/1277011434832206097>

SRC NEWS

Our SRC have started three little Action Teams to work on areas they feel will benefit our school community. So we now have a Student Support Team, Kids News Team & Lifestyle Leaders within the SRC. The Kids News Team have nearly finished editing their second episode of SJB Kids News so keep an eye out on the website for that and the Student Support team will meet next week and have lots of ideas which we can't wait to tell you about. Watch this space!

RE NEWS

Reconciliation

Please keep the Year 3s in your prayers as they prepare to make the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Year 3RM will make their Sacrament on Wednesday 29th May at 11:30am whilst Year 3BA and 3WK will be on Thursday 30th at 10 am and 11:30 respectively. Thank you to the teachers for ensuring the students are prepared.

Year 2 Family Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 25th May at 6pm. All are very welcome!

Confirmation 2019

A note will be coming home this week regarding date and times of Confirmation for year 6 students.

Family Mass schedule

Please note this is the final draft of the Family Mass schedule for 2019. There have been a few changes. Please take note of these.

FAMILY MASS TIMETABLE 6 PM SATURDAY 2019	
Term 2-	25th May: Year 2 22nd June: Year 4
Term 3	20th July: Year 6 17th August: Year 3
Term 4	19th October: Year 1 16th November: Prep 14th Dec:

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 19th May 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C
John 13:31 - 35 *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

Prayer: Love One Another

Dear Lord, I **pray** for all Christians around the world. I **pray** that we would begin to walk in **love** for **one another** like never before. Amen.

Thank you, Helen Lannin, REL

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The Social Justice Team is busily preparing for National Reconciliation Week and at Assembly tomorrow they will explain their fundraising initiative (Book Swap) to the school. Please follow this link to find out more about this worthy cause and encourage your child to start searching for a book to bring on this special day.

[SJB Great Book Swap](#)

GRADE 5 DINNER

Grade 5 parents are invited to get together for dinner at Chiba, Hall St, Moonee Ponds next Thursday 23/5 @ 7.30pm. Please email gabriellebenton@gmail.com if you would like to join us. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thanks, Gabby Benton Yr 5 Class Rep

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2019

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously across the country. This event will take place at SJB next Wednesday. This year we will be reading **Alpacas with Maracas**, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove.

Be sure to look out for our display on the English noticeboard (located outside the staffroom) to showcase student responses to the text.



CHEMICAL CARNIVAL FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Next Tuesday, 21st May

Be a scientist for a night!!!

We'll be learning about chemicals and reactions and participating in lots of interesting and fun experiments!! There will be two sessions: 5.00pm until 6.15pm and 6.30pm until 7.45pm. Please confirm your attendance by today. Thank you, Michele Kop, (Science Teacher)

LOST

Please check the Lost Property boxes if you are missing any items of uniform, drink bottles or plastic containers. The boxes are overflowing!

FOUND

Silver bracelet with a love heart lock found on the crossing in Teague Street.

Dolce & Gabbana glasses, tortoise shell frames, found in the staff room about 2 weeks ago.



For adoption, 2y.o. cat, Female petite black and white, desexed, vaccinations and worming up to date. Owner's circumstances have changed and she sadly can't keep her. If interested please contact Kylie Allen 0411299749

GRADE 1 CATCH UP

Grade 1 parents are invited to a catch up on Wednesday 22nd May at Carosello in Moonee Ponds at 7.30pm. RSVP by 18th May to your Classroom Reps. Thanks, Kathy Laskovski.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Open on FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH from 8.30 - 9am and the LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH from 3.30 - 4pm

P & F NEWS

Thank you again and congratulations to our wonderful team who organised the **Mother's Day Breakfast**, Jaylene Coppola, Kathy Denton- De Bono and Sophie Witt, along with Marc Guzzardi. It was an incredible success with over 600 people being served breakfast over two time slots! Thanks also to the many volunteers including dads, students and school staff. It couldn't happen without you and we sincerely appreciate your time and effort. Thanks also to the families/companies who contributed in different ways to make the breakfast a success. Sandra Sinopoli (Victoria Wholefoods), Pasta Aldente, Tony's Pies and the Cutri family. Every single person involved contributed to the happiness of our mums and children!

Thanks again to Sonia Scarpaci and Sandra Mazzone for organising the Mother's Day Stall. A big thank you to the very talented ladies who made and donated gifts for the stall ... Melinda Spinks for the heat packs, Holly Noonan for the make-up brush holders and Rose Clark for the beautiful handmade cards. Many thanks for your hard work and generosity. We hope all the mums loved their gifts, we've had great feedback.



We've just received our second quote for the **sandpit transformation** but are struggling to get a third quote. If you know of any companies that specialise in this type of work, could you please email Lisa Duray at pandf@sibniddrie.catholic.edu.au or call on 0411206210. We are aiming to have the works done over the school holidays for the children to enjoy the sandpit in Term 3! Please continue to collect Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths. We are at 7629 stickers to date, with 6 weeks to go. We need 5000 a week to reach our target! See below for more information.

Our next **P and F meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday 28th May**. All welcome for a drink or a cuppa. Spread the word, we'd love to see you there! P&F Committee



Earn and Learn

It is that time of year again, Woolworths Earn and Learn!! Last year the St John Bosco's community collected just over 36,000 stickers, which enabled the school to exchange them for robots to help students in science classes and to learn computer programming. This year we are aiming for 40,000! Please ask grandparents, uncles and aunts, older cousins and friends who are not collecting for their own children to collect them for you. The promotion will continue until June 25th. Collection boxes labelled with our school name can be found at local Woolworths supermarkets (Niddrie, Airport West and Milleara Mall) as well as in the corridor next to the library returns box. There will be a tally near the office so that we can track our progress. It is very helpful if you can ask your children to fill the sheets provided at Woolies or in the office foyer with the stickers, it saves us a lot of time. Thanks for all your efforts and happy collecting!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ON SALE NOW

You can purchase either the physical books or if you prefer the digital membership, both are valid as soon as you make your payment until June 1st 2020. For more information please contact Kylie Allen at kyliebriton@msn.com or head over to the payment page at www.entbook.com.au/9219r85. Alternatively, fill in an order form at the school office.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER: TERM 2 2019

	11am-2:30pm	10am-12pm	12:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 17th May	Sonia Medawar	Joanne Caddeo	Janet Mastropasqua Maria Caramia
Tuesday 21st May		Joely Curwood	Katherine D'Arcangelo Linda Patronias
Friday 24th May	Megan Lucas	Margaret Conroy	Helene Sexton Karen Fitzpatrick
Tuesday 28 May		Rebecca Ryan	Rosanna Ramondetta Liliana Najdovski
Friday 31st May	Helen Catterall	Karen Healy	Michelle Favero Angie Czaja
Tuesday 4th June		Sonia Scarpaci	Daniella Polimenakos Virginia DeNittis
Friday 7th June	Sue Chivilo	Therese Patton	Andrea Hill Evelyn Pappas
Tuesday 11th June		Roxie Riley	Roslyn Scalise Kathy DeBono
Friday 14th June	Eloise Romeo	Silvana Loschiavo	Vanessa Lo Giusto Nella Duvnjak
Tuesday 18th June		Katherine Cimino	Carmen Guardo Bridges Gabby Benton
Friday 21st June	Melissa Ryan	Liz Wallis	Rosemary Marais Natalie Khoury
Tuesday 25th June		Mary Pantalleresco	Debra Buckley Jane Federico
Thursday 27th June	HOT DOG DAY		

insights

Helping children make and keep friends

by Michael Grose



Enjoying healthy relationships has a tremendous impact on your child's wellbeing and their overall success at school. Many children who experience behavioural problems at school have difficulty interacting with their peers.

Coach your child in positive social skills

Children who develop healthy friendships generally have a definite set of social skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with. If your child is struggling to make friends consider coaching them using this three-pronged approach:

Be open: Some children close themselves off to forming new friendships, preferring to stick to one or two friends. Encourage your child to be open to forming friendships with a wide variety of children in and outside school and in doing so encircling themselves with many friendship groups

Be inclusive: Encourage your child to include a wide number of children in their games and activities rather than restricting the possibility of joining in to certain children. Healthy friendship groups are open and inclusive of others, while unhealthy relationships, such as cliques are restrictive, one-sided and full of gossip and criticism

Be aware: Encourage social awareness in your child. For instance, a socially-aware child would be discrete when giving out birthday party invitations at school, being protective and sensitive to the feeling of those not invited. This level of social awareness doesn't necessarily come naturally to all children, but it can be reinforced by parents and teachers

Encourage friendships with both genders

The primary school age is an ideal time for children to form friendships with both genders. This is particularly valid if your child has siblings of their own gender, or don't have siblings. It's through these early relationships that we gain the confidence to mix with different genders in later life. Forming friends helps to break down the mystique that can form, when a child has little contact with the 'other' gender.

Understand the impact of gender on friendships

Research shows that boys' friendships groups are more inclusive and less changeable than friendships enjoyed by girls, particularly those in the eight to twelve year age group. Be prepared to support your daughter through the hurt of friendship breakdowns and remind her that new friendships are just around the corner. Help her reflect on her own place in a friendship breakdown, and be open to restoring a relationship once emotions are in check.

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Thanking you,

Peter Monaghan
Principal