

# St John Bosco's School NEWSLETTER



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Edition 16 22 August 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 teachers, children and parents who attended last Saturdays Year 3 Family Mass. I love seeing so many school families enjoying each other's company while sharing the Eucharist.

On Monday we had our Book Week parade which was highly successful. The children were magnificent with their colourful costumes and the staff helped make the day with their creative outfits. We were very lucky to be joined by Nikky Johnston, the illustrator of popular picture story books such as 'Go away Mr Worrythoughts', 'The Fix-it Man' and 'Grandma Forgets'. The work she did with the children was very much enjoyed by all.

Sommer, Naomi and I have spent this week visiting more kinders within the area and we are excited meeting the class of 2020. Our kinder visits will continue in the coming week.

#### Parents of Grade 6 children

I am concerned by the number of teachers who are speaking to me about the lack of respect shown by the Year 6 children towards staff. I will not tolerate children showing a lack of respect for each other and adults. Children who are disrespectful of their fellow students or school staff will automatically be given a detention for lunchtime of that day. Children who are not prepared to follow school rules and show respect for others may be asked to stay home and graduate early.

#### **Absentee Notification**

A reminder for parents to please email class teachers by 8.55am if your child is absent. Please do not use Seesaw to notify class teachers of absentees. Also, any child who is late to school and is not present at the morning bell should be signed in as late by parents or guardians at the front office.

#### **RE NEWS**

#### **Confirmation Retreat**

Year 6 students participated in a special day at Moonee Ponds Bowls Club last Thursday. They received a visit from Bishop Terry who spoke to them about the gifts of the Spirit and answered many of their questions about the Sacrament and the ceremony coming up.

Rose from the COTS foundation was also an inspirational speaker. Teachers and students were all touched by Rose's talk with the students and are inspired to work together after Confirmation to support her in her journey assisting the homeless in Melbourne. We all agreed Rose exhibited many of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in her life already. She

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

2019

Wed 28 Aug Father's Day Stall

Mon 26 Aug Open Classroom Morning, 9.15am

Tues 27 Aug School Board meeting
Fri 30 Aug Father's Day BBQ
Sat 7 Sept Working Bee
Tue 10 Sept Whole School Photo
Sat 14 Sept Confirmation
Mon 16/Tue 17 Sept Year 3 Urban Camp

Fri 20 Sept Last Day Term 3, 1pm dismissal

Mon 7 Oct First day Tem 4

Sat 19 Oct Year 1 Family Mass 6pm & Pizza Night

Mon 4 Nov School Closure Day
Tues 5 Nov Melbourne Cup holiday

Fri 8 Nov Arts Night

Sat 16 Nov Prep Family Mass 6pm

Sat 24 Nov Bunnings BBQ

Thurs 28/ Fri 29 Nov School closure days (Staff Inservice)

Sat 14 Dec Family Mass 6pm

Tue 17 Dec Last day 2019 12.30pm dismissal

2020

Fri 31 Jan First day for Year 1-6 students
Mon 3 Feb First day for Prep students

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 3					
WEEK	MASS ASSEMBLY				
BEGINNING	Friday 11.30am	Friday 2.40pm			
<b>6:</b> 19.8	2RS	Year 1			
<b>7:</b> 26.8	6TS	Year 3			
<b>8:</b> 2.9	6LC	Year 4			
<b>9:</b> 9.9	PREP SM	Year 5			
<b>10</b> : 16.9	TBA	TBA			

was definitely a role model for all in the room to aspire to.

A special thank you to Greg Catterall and Natalie who gave up their time to cook the BBQ lunch - your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Year 6 teachers, Mr Guzzardi, Mr Monaghan, Father Thomas, Father Nhan, Simone, Di and Tracey who attended and worked hard to ensure it was a successful day.

#### **Year 3 Family Mass**

It was great to see so many families and teachers attend last Saturday night.

#### **Liturgical Calendar**

Twenty - first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C Luke 13; 22 – 30

#### Gospel Focus – First and Last

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

#### STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

A big shout out to Mel Spinks for her wonderful work on creating our calming mini bean bags. Some of our classes have thoroughly enjoyed using them to help feel settled and focused on their learning. Mel had generously donated her materials and time to make over 30 calming mini bean bags for us. Be sure to check out her business 'Slobba and Spu' for beautiful baby bibs, pram liners and other baby products.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Lego Masters Grand Final, the creations built were outstanding! We look forward to announcing our winners at tomorrow's Assembly.

Our Term 3 Open Morning will be held next Monday 26th August. We invite you to come and share in your children's learning from 9:15-10:00am.

Have a lovely weekend, Naomi and Sommer

#### **PLEASE NOTE- Student Health Notice**

We have been notified of a case of Influenza B amongst our students. If your child shows signs of influenza please refrain from school until well and consult your doctor. Influenza can be more serious in children with chronic medical conditions, weakened immune systems and chronic respiratory conditions (including asthma). As influenza is infectious we encourage children to practice the following to reduce the spread:

- Wash hands regularly and thoroughly
- Cough or sneeze into elbow
- Do not share cups or cutlery
- Use tissues then bin immediately and wash hands

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

The Social Justice Team would like SJB to Make a Swap to gain certification as a Fairtrade School. This can be achieved through the purchase of a minimum of two Fairtrade products.



The team has decided to target the staff epicentre, the staffroom, by enticing staff with high quality Fairtrade coffee, tea and chocolate. A tally is also being kept to record staff's willingness to 'Make a Swap' to Fairtrade products.

Meanwhile, families are encouraged to also 'Make a Swap'. Some other Fairtrade products also include ice-cream, vanilla, cotton and sports equipment. More information can also be found here <u>Fairtrade Australia</u>.

"Purchasing is always a moral- and not simply an economicact." (Pope Francis, 2015)

Thanks Helen & Kate.

#### PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

At our last meeting Fr Thomas said that he has noticed 'tremendous' change this year in relation to the efforts made by all to strengthen our parish community. This is very heart-warming as we receive the most lovely feedback about Fr Thomas, and we want to ensure that he feels supported in his mission here at St John Bosco's Parish. A special thank you to Fr Thomas for all that he does for us and for the lovely liturgy he celebrates.

Did you know that Fr Thomas offers Reconciliation every Saturday night before Mass at 5.30pm? Reconciliation gives the opportunity to reflect on your life and actions, say sorry for your sins and be absolved of them. For most people who haven't been to Reconciliation in years, it is surprising how liberating it can be, giving you a sense of peace and happiness. It is a great opportunity to exemplify your faith before your children and, by going to Reconciliation with them, it is a wonderful way to continue to grow their faith and relationship with Jesus.

The Parish Pastoral Team are ready to get quotes for the presbytery renovation with the hope of works beginning very soon! Thanks to all who contribute to our parish financially, we have approximately a third of parish school families who contribute to the thanksgiving program. All parishioners who contribute have made the renovation possible. Further contributions could see the parish hall being upgraded so that it can be hired out for functions, as well as a range of pastoral care programs put into place.

We will be sending out an info sheet in the near future to help you understand how the parish works, how your contributions are used, etc. If you would like to contribute please call Faye at the presbytery on 9337 9994. \$4 a week, the price of a coffee, is all that it takes to make a difference!

#### PARISH FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Tickets to be returned by tomorrow morning as the raffle will be drawn on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August after the 10.30am Mass.

#### SCHOOL BANKING-IMPORTANT NOTICE

The last day for School Banking for term 3 will be the 10/9. School banking will then resume on 16/10. Please note that our banking day will change from a **Tuesday to a Wednesday** starting from next term.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A new catalogue for scholastic book club was distributed last week. Take a look at the great books on offer! All orders must be returned to school by **Thursday 5th September.** 

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH from 8.30 - 9am LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH from 3.30 – 4pm

#### P & F NEWS

Bogan Bingo – What a wonderful event this turned out to be! We have had fantastic feedback with many saying we must organise this event again in 2020! Thanks to all who attended, you came in your best bogan gear and with an open mind. The bingo and competitions were so much fun, as was the free time for people to just mingle and dance the night away. The SJB community really shone, especially when 100 or so people danced to Daryl Braithwaite's 'Horses' arm in arm!

While this was a fun-raiser rather than a fund-raiser, after breaking even on ticket sales, we were so fortunate to have Nelson Alexander Essendon sponsor us to the tune of \$1,000!! So in the end we've made a tidy profit, which is a huge bonus. Thanks also to the Stables Wine Society (Wallis Family), Cantru Meatworld and Peter Monaghan for their generous donations. Thanks to all who helped with organization, set up and clean up, we couldn't do it without you. Can't wait to see all you bogans and your mates next year!!

#### **Chocolate Drive**

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support. Each family who returns their chocolate money (or who gave a donation instead) by the due date of Friday 30th August will go into a draw for a prize! Thanks to Graz Starc, Mary Pantalleresco and Vanessa Lo Giusto for organising this fantastic fundraiser.

#### Father's Day events

The **Father's Day Stall** will be held on Wednesday 28th August at 9am, with gift-wrapping on Monday 26th August at 7pm and Tuesday 27th August at 9am. Please return your slip ASAP if you are able to help. Children can purchase gifts

for \$5 each. A limited number of handmade cards will be available for \$2 each.

We've had a great response to the **Father's Day BBQ**, which will be held on Friday 30th August after Year 3 assembly. We look forward to seeing many dads there, enjoying time with their children and SJB friends. Thanks to Jaylene Coppola, Kathy Denton-De Bono and Sophie Witt for their organisation, as well as the many volunteers who will help on the day. The P&F have purchased two new BBQs and gas bottles for this event, which will also come in super handy for future events!

#### **Online Business Directory**

The P&F are working towards developing an Online Business Directory which will include businesses from current and past families, as well as parishioners and local community businesses who support us with donations. All going well, we are hoping to launch the OBD next term! Thanks to the OBD committee for all your research and work.

#### Dates for your diary!

Working Bee – Saturday 7th September Bunnings BBQ –Sunday 24th November

P & F Committee

Thanking you,

Peter Monaghan

Principal

### Bogan Bingo Memories!!















### **BOOK WEEK 2019**

























TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 3 2019					
	11am-2:30pm	10am-12pm	12:30pm-2:30pm		
Friday 23rd August	Melissa Ryan	Therese Patton	Lisa Duray Natalie Khoury		
Tuesday 27th August		Sonia Scarpaci	Daniella Polimenakos Virginia DeNittis		
Friday 30th August	Helen Catterall	Joanna Mosca	Michelle Favero Angie Czaja		
Tuesday 3rd September		Roxie Riley	Jan Federico		
Friday 6th September	Silvana Loschiavo	Antoinette Agresta	Andrea Hill Evelyn Pappas		
Tuesday 10th September		Katherine Cimino	Carmen Guardo Bridges Gabby Benton		
Friday 13th September	Sophie Witt	Linda Patronias	Kathy DeBono Vanessa Lo Giusto		
Tuesday 17th September		Michelle Tankard	Debra Buckley Chelsea Fitzpatrick		
Thursday 19th September	HOT DOG DAY				



### St Bernard's OCCC



## Play Cricket for the Snowdogs in 2019/20!

Junior Cricket at St Bernard's is back and better than ever!

Come and play cricket in a friendly, family environment where development and enjoyment is paramount.

St Bernard's offers boys and girls the opportunity to play:

**Boys & Girls Cricket** 

Woolworths Blast Cricket

Boys Cricket

Formerly Milo Cricket

**Girls Cricket** 

Under 12's Under 14's Under 10's

Under 11's

Under 14's Both play on Friday nights
(inc a pathway into the

Games are Wednesday evenings

J.G. Craig Under 15 Competition)

Under 13's

Under 16's

Games are Monday evenings
Under 15's

(inc a pathway to senior cricket, playing in the VSDCA)

Games are Wednesday evenings

For more information please visit <u>www.stbernardsoccc.com.au</u>or contact David Micallef at david.micallef@physiohealth.com.au

#getonboard

TUCKSHOP ROSTER: TERM 4 2019						
	11am-2:30pm	10am-12pm	12:30pm-2:30pm			
Tuesday 8th October		Antoinette Agresta	Lina Cutri Debra Buckley			
Friday 11th October	Narelle Somerville	Joanna Mosca	Natalie Khoury Maria Caramia			
Tuesday 15th October		Michelle Tankard	Belinda McGregor Susanne Speranza			
Friday 18th October	Sophie Witt	Michelle Mlikota	Janet Mastropasqua Nicole Arthurson			
Tuesday 22nd October		Liz Wallis	Simone Callegari Kelli Giampicollo			
Friday 25th October	Megan Lucas	Margaret Conroy	Helene Sexton Karen Fitzpatrick			
Tuesday 29th October		Mary Pantallaresco	Joanne Saad Katherine D'Arcangelo			
Friday 1st November	Melissa Ryan	Karen Healy	Michelle Favero Angie Czaja			
Tuesday 5th November	MELBOURNE CUP					
Friday 8th November	Eloise Romeo	Therese Patton	Vanessa Lo Giusto Nella Duvnjak			
Tuesday 12th November		Rebecca Ryan	Liliana Najdovski Carmen Guardo Bridges			
Friday 15th November	Sonia Andersen	Sonia Medawar	Clare Hogan Kirsty Prosser			
Tuesday 19th November		Sonia Scarpaci	Roslyn Scalise Gabby Benton			
Friday 22nd November	Helen Catterall	Silvana Loschiavo	Andrea Hill Lisa Duray			
Tuesday 26th November	PARENT HELPER LUNCHEON					
Friday 29th November	TEACHERS INSERVICE DAY					
Tuesday 3rd December		Roxie Riley	Kathy De Bono Chelsea Fitzpatrick			
Friday 6th December	Julie Seddon	Sue Chivilo	Evelyn Pappas Rosemary Morais			
Tuesday 10th December	HOT DOG DAY					