



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

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Can parents please read the rules governing the use of the pink zones when dropping off and picking up children (see page 2). Unfortunately people tend to be in a rush at this time of the year and safety concerns go out the window. Everyone at SJB is responsible for the safety of our children.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Parents and Friends meeting on Tuesday night. I thank all concerned for their ongoing support of the school, especially Lisa Duray and the P & F Committee

We have completed our second round of small group orientation meetings for Prep 2020 and look forward to placing them into their provisional classrooms for the whole group Orientation next Wednesday.

You are reminded that the school will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week for the staff to review our behaviour management plan and to introduce staff to the policies. Enjoy your long weekend.

Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at next week's Parent Helpers Luncheon.

RE NEWS

School Mass

There will be no School Mass tomorrow as Father Thomas is away.

End of Year Mass

This will be held on Saturday 14th December at 6pm. We hope many of the families can attend.

Year 6 Call To Action

Thank you all for the great response to this event. The year 6 students were able to raise an amazing \$2700 to donate to the COTS Foundation. A big thank you to year 6 parents as all the produce/products were donated which helped to make the profit even greater. Rose, from COTS, was able to visit today to receive the donation and also to thank the students for using their gifts to help those around us in need. We are very proud of the wonderful work the students have done in this area.

Liturgical Calendar

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YEAR C

[Lk 23:35-43:](#)

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

2019

Sun 24 Nov	Bunnings BBQ
Tue 26 Nov	Parent Helpers Luncheon
Wed 27 Nov	Prep Orientation 9-11am
Thurs 28/ Fri 29 Nov	School closure days (Staff In service)
Mon 2 -Wed 11 Dec	Swimming Intensive Program
Fri 13 Dec	Swimming Sports
Sat 14 Dec	Family Mass 6pm
Mon 16 Dec	Graduation
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
Wed 12-14 Feb	Year 5/6 Camp
25th & 26th March	First Reconciliation - Year 3, 11:30am
Saturday 2nd May	First Eucharist - Year 4, 6pm
Saturday 9th May	First Eucharist - Year 4, 6 pm
Sat 25 Jul	Year 6 Confirmation (12.30 and 3pm)

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 4

WEEK BEGINS	MASS Friday 11.30am	ASSEMBLY Friday 2.40pm
7: 18.11	No Mass	Prep
8: 25.11	No Mass	Student free Day
9: 2.12	TBC	TBC
10: 9.12	TBC	TBC
11:16.12	Captains Handover (Tue)	Year 6 (Mon)



SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

As Catholics, we believe Advent is a time of giving to others. It is a time to spread the joy, the peace, the hope and the love that God gives to each of us, to those who aren't as fortunate.

Each day St Vinnies helps around 5,000 people but at Christmas time that number grows to 24,000 as people struggle to cover the costs of Christmas.

Many thanks to all those who have shown such wonderful generosity at SJB. Our display and boxes outside the staffroom are slowly filling up with children's gifts that will bring joy to those most in need. With just 2 weeks left of the Appeal, please remember to drop off your gifts before the 6th of December.

Here's how we can show our love for those in need

At SJB we can donate gifts to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your gifts could be bought or made. Please be generous and spend around \$10 on a gift for a child who will not receive many gifts this year.

To make sure we cover all ages we have given each class a group to buy for:

- Prep- small soft toys for babies to kinder kids
- Year One - books or toys for babies to kinder kids
- Year Two - books or toys for 4 to 6 year olds
- Year Three- books or toys for 6 to 9 year olds
- Year Four- books or toys for 6 to 9 year olds
- Year Five and Six-- books, toys or vouchers for 10-13 year olds



There are hundreds of reasons to donate. I only need one.

ENGLISH NEWS

P-2 Take-Home Books & Library Borrowing

This week ends all take home borrowing - this is for our audits and purchasing books for 2020.

We encourage all students to continue reading at home – if you are not members of your local library it would be great to join up. For further information please go to the link to [Moonee Valley Libraries](#).

Library books will need to be returned this week. We have begun to send home overdue notes for books that have not been returned.

Please note that any books not returned will attract a fee to replace the book for our library.

Teaching the Magic Back into Writing

Throughout 2019, six teachers from SJB have had the opportunity to participate in professional learning about teaching 'Grammar in Context'. This knowledge has been filtered to all staff from Prep - Year 6. We have found this to be powerful and thought-provoking learning for our staff and it aligns with our school goal for the next four years to improve the quality of student writing. The main features of this new learning involve using quality literature and building language knowledge. Please see the poster displayed on our English display board for further information.

PARENT HELPER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A Christmas Luncheon for all parent helpers and school staff is being held on **Tuesday 26th November** in the multipurpose room. Drinks and a chat start at 12pm, followed by lunch at 1pm. All parent helpers are invited **if you would like to come, please return your acceptance by TOMORROW as numbers must be confirmed for catering**



CHILD SAFETY – PINK ZONE

We have again had concerns raised about parents parking in the pink zone. **Parents must remain in their cars and stay no longer than two minutes.** Staying longer than this is not only a traffic infringement but it exacerbates the traffic congestion, increases the frustration of other drivers and increases the risk of an accident.



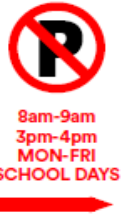
This zone is for a quick pick up and drop off only and will only work if everyone obeys the rules.

Parents/cares are reminded that the PINK ZONE is a NOT for waiting in.

The pink zone is a NO PARKING zone

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.



In the pink zone

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).

SRC VS STAFF SOCCER GAME

As you may know we have our SRC vs Staff soccer game coming up next Wednesday after lunch.



House Spirit points will be awarded for people who are cheering positively or make cool signs to show their support. Caitlyn and Aiden in Grade 4, who are part of our SRC House Spirit Team, will be helping out on the day along with staff to help create the collaborative and fun feel for the afternoon. Mikayla will be timekeeping with Miss Scicluna, John will be timekeeper with Mrs Azzopardi and the referee role will be shared by Jack Somerville, Tom Monaghan and Elena Beslis. Hope to see you there to join in the fun!

By Ethan Solomon (2019 House Savio House Captain) and Aden Catanzariti (2019 Vice Captain).

PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Father Simon's Ordination and Father Thomas' 40th Birthday Celebrations

On Saturday 16th November the SJB community had the pleasure of celebrating Prep family mass with Father Simon and Father Thomas. What a very special mass it was! Mass was followed by a sausage sizzle dinner organized by the Parish School Support Committee, who are always striving to strengthen the bond between the parish and school. The BBQ was well attended with over 200 people coming together to celebrate with Fr Simon and Fr Thomas. The adults obviously enjoyed catching up, while the children had a ball playing outside. Both priests were presented with a cake and special gifts from the SJB community. Congratulations on your 40th birthday Fr Thomas and thank you for all you do for our parish! Congratulations on your Ordination Fr Simon. We wish you all the best in your future ministry and we will miss you!



Thanks so much to the Reed Family of **Reed Plumbing and Drainage Solutions** who kindly donated the sausages for this event.

www.reedplumbingsolutions.com.au 0402 568 344



P & F NEWS

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 24th November

Thanks so much to Anh Nuygen, Melinda Spinks and Tracey Teague who are organising the Bunnings BBQ this year. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We still have a few spaces to fill, particularly in the afternoon sessions, 2pm-4pm and 4pm-6.30pm! If you haven't put your name down please do so by clicking on the link. <https://signup.com/go/SYKiurQ>

Thanks to the Catanzariti family for their generous contribution, funding the food and drinks for the BBQ!

Online Business Directory

Thanks to those who have shown interest in the directory. Thanks also to Sonja Scarpaci, who will be taking care of the admin duties and keeping us updated on the businesses in the directory beginning next week.

The OBD promises to be a wonderful asset to our community, supporting small business. Please feel free to let local businesses know about the OBD and pass on contact email businessdirectory@sjbnddrie.catholic.edu.au for any enquiries.

President's Final Report

Thanks to all who joined us at the meeting on Tuesday night, what a great turn out. We celebrated a massive year of achievements!

A big thanks to all involved this year, especially the committee members Tracey Teague, Kathy Denton, Sophie Witt and Anh Nyugen. Thanks to Peter, Marc and Sommer and all staff, particularly admin staff Maree, Jo and Lynn, we really appreciate your ongoing support.

We offer a huge thanks to every single person who helped in any capacity this year. People help in so many ways. Some people join committees to organise big events, others volunteer their time helping at stalls, icy pole selling, working bees, BBQs, earn and learn, etc., many people are time poor and help financially instead with donations, whilst others help by participating in events. Every little contribution counts and makes a difference to our community and our children's experience at SJB. The most important thing is creating wonderful memories of childhood and school experience for our kids. I think we are certainly doing that through P&F and Parish activities and events, as well as helping to fund projects and classrooms with our fundraising efforts.

Thanks to everyone involved in the following list of achievements:

*Trivia night
Mother's Day Stall and Breakfast
Election BBQ
Bogan Bingo
Father's Day Stall and BBQ
Chocolate Drive
Teacher Wish Lists
Earn and Learn
Working Bee
Sandpit Refurb and two holiday working bees
Bunnings BBQ
Icy poles Term 1 and 4
Online Business Directory*

It certainly has been a busy year! Congrats to all involved! The P&F wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Lisa Duray, P&F President

**NO TUCKSHOP NEXT TUESDAY
DUE TO THE PARENT HELPERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

*School Board and P&F Committee Dinner
 Tuesday 10th December
 The Essendon Hotel at 7pm
 914 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon
 Please RSVP to P&F Secretary Sophie Witt
 at
 sophiefisiak@hotmail.com*

Icy Pole Thursdays Term 4

Icy poles will be on sale after school today for 50 cents each



BOSCO BUZZ

Please return your order form as we need to have definite orders by **TOMORROW Friday 22nd November.**

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of **jumper and rugby tops** in our lost property bins **without names**. There are also a huge number of **lunch boxes and drink bottles** that must have owners in our school!

If you are missing these items please check the bins as soon as possible. We will donate any unclaimed items to the second hand uniform shop or St Vincent De Paul at the end of November.

Preowned St Columba's College Uniforms
 For Sale
 Contact **Lesley-ann on 0431 533 543**
 number of items as of 18/11/19

Season	Uniform Item	Size	Number available	Price
Sport	Tracksuit pants	12	1	\$20
	Delacey shirt	12	2	\$20 each
	Rugby Jumper	Medium	2	\$30 each
	Shorts	Small	1	\$15
	Shorts	Medium	1	\$15
	Cap	-	1	\$5
Summer	Summer Dress	12	6	\$30 each
Winter	Skirt	10	2	\$40 each
	Navy Jumper (wool)	14	2	\$50 each
	Blazer with VCE gold trim	95	2	\$80 each
	Vest	14	2	\$40 each
	Beanie	-	2	\$5 each
	Scarf	-	2	\$5 each
Other	School Bag	-	2	\$40 each

SAVE THE DATE: Year 2 Parents EOY catch up
 Wednesday November 27th 7.30pm at the newly opened Essendon Hotel, Mt Alexander Rd Essendon

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
 The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open on the **2nd Tuesday (before school)** and **last Thursday (after school)** of the month.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 AND FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Tuckshop Roster: Term 4 2019			
	11am-2:30pm	10am-12pm	12:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 22nd November	Helen Catterall	Silvana Loschiavo	Andrea Hill Lisa Duray
Tuesday 26th November	PARENT HELPER LUNCHEON NO TUCKSHOP		
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		
TUCKSHOP IS FINISHED FOR 2019			
Thank you to all volunteers for your help			

Thanking you

Peter Monaghan
 Principal

**ESSENDON
DOUTTA STARS
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Girls & Boys
2020 Junior
Registration Day**

Sunday 1 December 2019
10.00am - 12.00pm
Nipper Jordan Oval
Cooper Street, Essendon



Got some questions?
Give us a call

Damian Bellino
0403 498 600

Michael Ryan
0417 059 194

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St Bernards Junior Football Club Registration Day 01st Dec 2019



SUNDAY 01ST DEC 2019 9AM TO 11AM
ST BERNARD'S JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION
DAY

Perrett Pavilion, St Bernard's Football Club

Girls and Boys wanted

Get your 2020 Football career started in the right direction and head down to St Bernard's to register for the 2020 Junior football season. The club is celebrating after last years U/14 premiership and a number of runners up. The juniors represent a great environment for both girls and boys to become future football stars as demonstrated in previous years with Xavier O'Halloran (GWS) and Lachlan Sholl (Adelaide Crows) both drafted. Further, Ben Ronke (Sydney Swans) and Aisling Utri (AFLW Western Bulldogs) were drafted in 2017. The club fully supports coaches and players with experienced staff continuing to develop all facets of the game with the assistance of Ex-AFLW & VFL coach and partnership with Rookieme who have partnered with the AFL for combine testing and Elite training camps.

Don't delay, come and be a part of something you can share with your friends and even make new ones.

Age groups: Boys: U9, U10, U12, U14 & U16. Girls U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18.

Prices: New to AFL \$100; Transferring from another club \$260.

Family discounts apply. Contact

juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au for details.



**St Bernard's Junior
Football Club
Registration Day –
01st Dec**

**Be part of an
established family
club who look after
development of
junior social and
game skills**

**Experienced coaches
supported by EX TAC
coaching staff**

**Enhanced Skill
Development via the
Junior Development
Squad & Colts
Programs**

**Make new friends and
become part of a
new family**

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