



# 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

Thank you all parents who attended the parent teacher nights or returned their student information sheets. It is imperative that we share our knowledge so that we can nurture your beautiful children together.

We have our Prep/ Year 6 Buddy Night tomorrow evening from 6pm to 8pm. We look forward to catching up with our Prep and Year 6 families and welcoming new families.

Thank you to those people who attended the beginning of the year Mass last Saturday. It is always lovely to celebrate the Eucharist as a school/parish community.

This week we have been looking at what it is to be RESPONSIBLE and READY in the classroom. This is centered on our dispositions when participating in learning tasks, listening to and acting upon feedback and looking after our belongings.

For the next two weeks we will be looking at being RESPONSIBLE and READY in play spaces. This will involve trying to solve our problems before seeking out an adult, taking responsibility for our behaviour and playing within designated areas. We ask parents to talk to their children about these targets and support the classroom teachers and leadership in highlighting these behaviours.

Please be aware that parents are not allowed to drive into the school yard to drop off or pick up children. This does not change because of inclement weather!

Staff are not permitted to drive into the yard after 8.30 am and leaving the yard before 3.50 pm.

A reminder to all children who ride bikes to school that riding in the yard is not permitted. All bike riders must wear a helmet and provide a lock for their bike. Any child not following these rules will be banned from bringing their bike to school. The school will not be responsible for stolen bikes.

## PARISH SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – The picnic will be held after mass on the school grounds with a sausage sizzle lunch and lots of fun activities for the children. More details to come!

Our first Parish School Support Meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to join this committee please call Lisa Duray on 0411 206 210. We will be focusing on organising the Parish Picnic, choosing a date for our first pizza night after family Mass and promoting Children's Liturgy.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2020

Fri 21 Feb	Prep/ Year 6 Buddy night, 6 – 8pm
Mon 24 Feb	Buckley District Swimming Carnival
Tues 25 Feb	School Board meeting
Mon 9 March	Labour Day
Tue 10 March	Parents & friends Meeting 7pm
Tue 10 March	Year 4 Camp –Angahook, Anglesea
Fri 6 March	Classroom Open Morning 9:10 – 10am
Fri 13 March	School Community Fun Run
Wed 18 March	Prep Enrolment Information Session 12pm
Fri 20 March	Trivia Night
Mon 23 March	Athletics Carnival
Tues 24 March	Eucharist Sacrament Evening – Year 4
Wed 25/Thu 26 Mar	First Reconciliation - Year 3, 11:30am
Fri 27 March	Last Day Term 1, 1pm dismissal
Mon 13 April	Easter Monday
Tues 14 April	First day Term 2
Sun 26 Apr	Parish Picnic
Sat 2 May	First Eucharist - Year 4, 6pm
Mon 4 May	School Photos
Sat 9 May	First Eucharist - Year 4, 6 pm
Sat 25 Jul	Year 6 Confirmation (12.30 and 3pm)
Fri 26 June	Last Day Term 2, 1pm dismissal
Mon 13 July	First day Term 3
Fri 18 Sept	Last Day Term 3, 1pm dismissal
Mon 5 Oct	First day Term 4
Mon 5/Tues 6 Oct	Year3 Urban Camp
Mon 18 Oct	Whole School Photo
Tues 15 Dec	Last day 2020, 12.30pm Dismissal

MASS & ASSEMBLY TIME TABLE		
WEEK COMMENCING	MASS Friday 11.30am	ASSEMBLY Friday 2.40pm
4: 17.2.20	5TS	Year 4
5: 24.2.20	2RS	Year 1
6: 2.3.20	5NS	Year 5/6
7: 9.3.20	No Mass -Fun run	Year 2
8: 16.3.20	4WK	Prep
9:23.3.20	3BA	-

## IMPORTANT NOTICE NO TUCKSHOP LUNCHES TOMORROW

Zooper doopers and moosies only- to be sold at lunch time.

## RE NEWS

### Captains Family Mass

Thank you to all the families and our staff members who attended our first Family Mass for 2020. Congratulations again to the many students who gained leadership positions and we wish them well on their journey this year.

### Year 3 Family Mass

Our next family Mass will be held on **Saturday 14th March** at the 6 pm Parish Mass. All Year 3 students are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone in our school community is also most welcome to celebrate with us. The Year 3s are preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation as this is a wonderful way to participate and prepare. Family invitations have gone home this week with the Year 3 students. Please remember that all members of the school and parish community are welcome at this Mass.

### First Reconciliation Family Night

Notes have gone out with Year 3 students informing them of the Parent/child night. We hope each student who is making the Sacrament will attend. It will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm** in MPR.

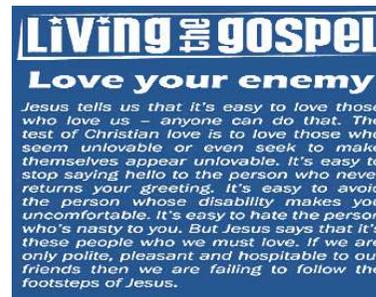
### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season in our Church. The students will attend the Parish Mass at 9 am sharp on Wednesday 26th February. The students will be learning about this Season in the Church as the term progresses.

### Liturgical Calendar

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Mt 5:38-48

### Love your enemies



## SCHOOL PARENT LIAISON NEWS

### Classroom Helper Workshop

A reminder to all new parents that if you are interested in becoming a classroom helper you must attend 1 of the 3 **Parent Helper Workshops held in the staffroom on Tuesday 25th February either at 9am, 2.30pm or 7pm.**

If you would like to participate in the Parent Helper Program and have not completed a volunteer form, please do so and return it to the office ASAP. If you require a new form please collect one from the office.

Cheers, Marc Guzzardi.

## STUDENT WELLBEING

Both the verbal and written feedback we have received from families this week about their children has been wonderful. We thank you for taking the time to do this. This week's Insights article '**Working Closely with Your Child's Teacher This Year**', encourages us to consider the foundations to building great teacher/family relationships. Research has shown that our students benefit from the adults in their educational lives forming a respectful professional relationship based on trust and communication. This quick and easy read will help you work effectively with your child's teacher this year. See the article at the end of this newsletter.

We welcome parent engagement in our **Classroom Open Morning this term on Friday 6th March from 9:10 until 10 am.** Parents are invited to participate in activities running in the classroom and view their children workbooks. To make the most of your visit to the classroom, this term the learning focus will be literacy based. Open mornings next term will be a Maths focus.

Our **Walking School Bus** is off to a great start. We thank our parent helpers Sharin Ramsay and Sian D'Cruz for volunteering to coordinate the bus this year. If your child would like to join the Walking School Bus please send through an email to Sommer [azzopardi@sjbiddie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:azzopardi@sjbiddie.catholic.edu.au) Our WSB operates each Wednesday morning at 8:30am. The meeting point is at the corner of Moushall Ave and Shaw Street.

Thank you to those families who have returned their forms to participate in the **School Dental Program.** We can still accept any late forms for the remainder of the week. We look forward to their visit next Thursday and Friday.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all our School Leaders for 2020. The Class Captains were all very excited to receive their badges and be presented to the community at Mass on Saturday night and we're sure they will represent the students at SJB beautifully this year.

Have a wonderful weekend, Sommer Azzopardi & Naomi Scott, Student Wellbeing Team

## ART NEWS

The Art Room is in need of a few things for this term.

- **Bottle caps** - plastic and metal
- **Lids from jars**
- **Bread tags**
- **Corks**
- **Rolls of paper towel**
- **Cardboard cylinders from paper towel or wrapping paper.**

Thank you for your assistance, Karen Doody, Visual Arts



## SPORTS NEWS

### Buckley District Swimming Carnival

A number of children have qualified for the Buckley District swimming carnival on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Essendon Swimming Pool. We wish them well in representing St John Boscos.

### Victorian representative teams for AFL, Basketball, Netball and Soccer for 12 years and under

If your child is 11 or 12 by the 31 December 2020 and playing at a very high level in any of the above sports and would like to try out for the Victorian teams you must read the information provided by School Sports Victoria (SSV) on the website <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

All application forms need to be endorsed by the school and we are only allowed to endorse the following numbers of children per sport:

AFL boys - 3 in total      AFL girls - 3 in total  
Netball - 3 in total      Basketball - 3 boys and 3 girls  
Soccer - 3 boys and 3 girls

**If your child is interested please email me [ebeslis@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ebeslis@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) no later than TODAY, Thursday 20th February.**

Please include the sport your child would like to try out for and the experience your child has outside of school e.g. clubs and grade they play for, any awards e.g. best and fairest, coaches awards etc., this way if there are more than 3 students per sport a decision can be made as to which children we will endorse. I will notify you by **Monday 24th February** so there is plenty of time for the registration to be completed.

Registrations are now open and **close on Sunday 1st March** and there is a non-refundable \$25 application fee.

Thanks, Elena Beslis

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

### School Community Fun Run

We're three weeks out from our school fun run! Thanks to all who have created a profile and begun their fundraising, we are close to \$5,000 after 4 days!! The more we raise, the more we can spend on PLAYGROUND UPDATES!

Don't forget that 20% of profits will go to a school affected by bushfire. The Fun Run Committee will be researching schools affected and their needs and will inform our community with details.

If you haven't created your profile please do so, it's really easy and fun! Everyone who joins in and raises above \$1 goes into the prize draw for a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience (see sponsorship book for more details.) If you are having any trouble or have questions please get in touch with the Fun Run team on 1800 FUN RUN. The best way to share your link is through direct text message, social media and email. It is recommended you share every couple of days!

Please return volunteer slips ASAP if you are able to help. The committee will meet weekly up until the event and we are hoping to organize a volunteers roster next week.

A timetable will be created for the day and shared with parents prior so that you can come and cheer your kids on at their designated running time.

Thanks for supporting us with our fundraising efforts, we look forward to celebrating an amazing day together!

## ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Notes with reply slip will come home on Monday. Chat with friends about creating a table together (maximum 10 per table) Please return your form with money to the office by 5<sup>th</sup> March. If you don't have a table, don't stress! We can put people together, just fill in the 'I/We'd like meet some new braniacs' section on the form! Add your child's class and we will try to put you with people from your year level. This is especially great for Prep parents. By the way... It's only \$10 per person; the night will be hosted by Funky Bunch Trivia and... WE'VE BOOKED A DJ!! Get ready to bust a move!

### WANTED! TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS

**If you have a business or a great contact, please consider making or organising a donation toward the Trivia Night. In the past we have received vouchers, hampers, gym memberships, AFL memorabilia, photography packages, wine, dining experiences, tickets for events, etc. No donation is too small (or too large!) We have a donation request letter which you can collect from the office if you plan on asking a contact for a donation. We have attached our online business directory letter if they are also interested in advertising on our website.**

**If you are able to help, please contact the P&F at [pandf@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) or call Lisa on 0411 206 210.**

**Thanks to the people who have already donated!**

## Have U Been Paying Attention?

Are you on Facebook? If so, did you know our school has this group page? It is an informal digital community notice board for parents. Of course all official communications from the school remain in this newsletter, the school app, and Seesaw. The Facebook group is simply a supportive place where parents can connect online, and it comes in very handy for reminders, swapping parent rosters, lost property, etc.

You can join in by searching for the Facebook group called "Have U Been Paying Attention?" and sending a join request. If you know another parent who is already part of the group, they can also invite you to join. Note: this is a private group meaning it is only available to current SJB school parents. It is important to note that this is not a forum to discuss school issues, these should be discussed directly with teachers or school leaders.

Thank you to all parents who already contribute to this page, making it a valuable forum and keeping it aligned with school spirit. Thank you especially to our administrators Melinda Spinks, Tracey Teague and Daniella Urbino who volunteer as part of Parents & Friends committee. If you'd like to know more please reach out to us or join us on Facebook.

## REBEL AND ATHLETE'S FOOT KICKBACK

Just a reminder that SJB receives great kickbacks from Rebel and Athlete's Foot so please make sure you have your rewards attached to St John Bosco's School Niddrie. There are a few SJB schools nationally so please make sure you are specific with the suburb!

## SJB BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Just a reminder and an introduction to our new school families about our SJB Business Directory.

Our P&F Committee launched the directory late last year and have received great interest so far. If you haven't already, please contact Sonja Scarpaci on 0432 143 761 or via email [businessdirectory@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:businessdirectory@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) to discuss uploading your business.

As a registered business, the directory will allow you exposure to our schools 300+ current families as well as an opportunity for business networking amongst our other registered businesses.

As a member of our school community, the directory will be a useful resource to access goods and services you require from local businesses who are affiliated in some way with our school. You may wish to offer a discount or incentive that will be exclusive only to the SJB school community.

All of the current registered businesses are uploaded on our School website under the School Community page <http://www.sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au/school-community/business-directory/>

Please remember to use our Directory as a point of reference for local businesses that you may require services from. Each business is connected to our school in some way and they welcome the opportunity to assist you. We thank them for their contribution to our school and look forward to building strong relationships with them.



### ICY POLE THURSDAY

These popular, little fundraising Icy Poles will be on sale again today and each Thursday after the school bell goes at 3:30pm. Sellers will be located at the tables near the yellow slide in the playground with esky's full of icy poles for just 50 cents each.

## SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Enrolment applications are being accepted for Year 7 2022 at Simonds Catholic College. The Catholic college for boys has campuses in West Melbourne and North Fitzroy.

School Tour dates are available throughout 2020. Please see the website for further information [www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au).

Thanking you

Peter Monaghan

Principal

Tuckshop Roster: Term 1 2020			
	11am-2:30pm	10am-12pm	12:30pm-2:30pm
<b>Friday 21st February</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN ORDERS THIS WEEK Zooper Doopers and Moosies only</b>		
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>		Liliana Najdovski	Annette Villani Carmen Guardo Bridges
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	Sonia Andersen	Margaret Conroy	Kestie Farrugia Kirsty Prosser
<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>		Natalie Grieve	Therese Garth Debra Buckley
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	Melissa Ryan	Karen Healy	Kylie Zouggras Nella Duvnjak
<b>Tuesday 10th March</b>		Sonia Scarpaci	Roslyn Scalise Gabby Benton
<b>Friday 13th March</b>	Lisa Duray	Rebecca Ryan	Janet Mastropasqua Sonia Medawar
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>		Liz Wallis	Simone Callegari Kelli Giampiccolo
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	Eloise Romeo	Therese Patton	Natalie Khoury Megan Lewis
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>		Stella Condos	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Virginia De Nittis
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	<b>HOT DOG DAY</b>		

## TUCKSHOP ROSTERS FOR 2020 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. A roster will be made up according to the number of volunteers.

**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 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>11.00am – 2.30pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>12.30pm – 2.30pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>11.00am – 2.30pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>12.30pm – 2.30pm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<http://schembrilawyers.com.au/>



<http://westwoodaccidentrepairs.com.au/>

**St Bernard's Old Collegians Cricket Club**

**Feeling Inspired?**

Are you watching the women's World Cup and thinking you want to get involved?

Have you got a young girl aged between 5-13 that wants to get into cricket?

Are you looking to play in a Seniors Women's social T20 competition and give cricket a go?

If you're looking to play cricket in a fun, family friendly and development focused environment, St Bernard's DCCC is hosting an information evening on:

**Tuesday March 3rd**  
at the College Pavilion starting at 7pm

Meet club committee members and hear our plans for the 2020/21 season.

For information, please contact Brendan Davey via [davey.brendan@gmail.com](mailto:davey.brendan@gmail.com)

**#getonboard**

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

41 Rosehill Road, Essendon, 3040.

## ENROLMENT APPLICATION

### YEAR 7, 2022

#### ENROLMENT APPLICATION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

(New and Current Families)  
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020

at  
**7.00 PM**  
in

**O'BRIEN CENTRE GYMNASIUM**

The evening is for Parents/Caregivers only.

Booking for the Parent Information Evening is not necessary.

Applications for Year 7 2022 close on **Thursday, 16 April 2020.**

TOURS of the College in 2020 are as follows:

TERM 1 - 10 February, 11 February, 17 February, 18 February, 19 February, 24 February, 27 February, 2 March, 3 March, 4 March, 5 March, 11 March, 12 March, 23 March, 25 March, 26 March,

TERM 2 - 15 April, 16 April, 20 April, 21 April, 22 April, 23 April, 27 April, 28 April, 29 April,

Families assemble in the O'Brien Centre Foyer – entrance to O'Brien Centre Gymnasium

School Tours commence at 8:45am and conclude at 10:45am  
**Bookings essential** – via College website or [www.trybooking.com/TYRI](http://www.trybooking.com/TYRI)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION :

Refer to -

COLLEGE WEBSITE: [www.sbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au)

or Telephone: College Receptionist - Jenette Nicholl on 9289 1182 (Wednesday – Friday)

## INSIGHTS

**Working closely with your child's teacher this year**

*In my work as a presenter and educator I've visited hundreds of schools, spoken with hundreds of school leaders and worked with many educational innovators and researchers at the forefront of modern education. These people and experiences have given me valuable insights into what makes great schools tick.*

Strong parent-teacher relationships are one of the hallmarks of all great schools. They're a major contributor to student success. The research into schooling across the Western world reveals that positive parent-teacher partnerships are a more significant factor in student success than parent income levels or social status.

However, parent-teacher relationships require effort and energy from both parties if they are going to really benefit children and young people.

**Way to help form strong bonds with your child's teachers this year:****Knowing (building affinity)**

Know – the first element – requires you to be both proactive and patient. *Proactive because you need to be willing to meet and work at maintaining relationships. Patient because it may take some time to build a working relationship.* For your partnership to be meaningful and successful you need to meet with your children's teacher(s) with the goal of forming a respectful professional relationship. Share your aspirations for your child and be willing to build the teacher's knowledge about your family.

Get to know your child's teachers' aspirations and gain an understanding of their approach and the focus they have for this particular year group. Also commit to continuing to know what's going on in the life of your child's classrooms as well as the life of the school on an ongoing basis.

**Supporting (building trust)**

Children need to know that you are fully behind what their teachers are trying to achieve if they are going to commit fully to learning. The best way to support your child's teacher is to trust their knowledge, professionalism and experience. Avoid the temptation to question the expertise of teachers in front of students, particularly when the teachers use methods that you are unfamiliar with. Initiate conversations with teachers around methodology to give them the chance to explain the approach they are taking.

**Participating (building links to student learning)**

Participation – the third element – takes into account the level of parent engagement in student learning. There's a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent engagement in student learning and their educational success. If you want your child to improve his learning, take an interest in what he is doing. Follow school and teacher guidelines about helping at home and attend as many conferences, meetings and events involving your child as possible. This simple strategy has a significant, long-term impact.

**Communicating (building relationships)**

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids of any age. Family circumstances change. Friends move away. Illness happens. Mental health challenges can hit anyone at any time. These changes affect learning. Keep teachers up to date with significant changes or difficulties that your child or young person experiences so they can accommodate your child's emotional and learning needs at school.

**Advocating (building loyalty)**

Advocacy – the last element – means that you talk teachers and your school up rather than tear them down among children and the wider community. Teachers hold very public positions and generally work hard to build good reputations both within their school and their wider education community. Consider a teacher's reputation among the community and also with children when you discuss educational matters with others.

Building parent-teacher relationships doesn't just happen. They take good will from both sides, a commitment to setting aside the time necessary to support the home-based learning tasks that are expected, and a willingness to communicate both concerns and commendations through the correct channels.

Parent-teacher relationships – long may they prosper!

**Michael Grose**

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.