



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

Dear Parents

I hope the week is going well as we enter this new stage of lockdown.

We continue to have children in our school as we support those parents who cannot work from home.

We are looking at increasing our face to face time with the children in our home learning program as we continue to balance out the learning and teaching needs with those on a social/emotional side. At St John Bosco's the mental wellbeing needs of the children and parents will always take precedence.

That being said we would love to know what people are thinking of our attempts to meet the needs of our diverse community. We are in constant discussions about how we can better meet the needs of our community. If you would like to share with me your thoughts on our online/home learning procedures, please contact me by phone on 9337 2314 or email me at pmonaghan@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au



Happy birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week

Julian EL-KHOURY, Mila LASKOVSKI,
Eva LASKOVSKI, James MARINAKIS,
John MIKHAEL, Beth RULE, Sienna PATRONIAS,
and Terry PATRONIAS,



RE NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. [Mt 14:22-33](#)

Command me to come to you over the water.

Some discussion starter for this Gospel that might be timely in today's climate.

Where were Jesus and his friends in today's Gospel?

What did his friends do when they saw Jesus walking on water?

What did Jesus say to them?

Why did Peter begin to sink when he got out of the boat?

What did Jesus do?

Jesus comes to help us when we find things hard.

What are some of the things that you need Jesus to help with?

We pray that we might believe in Jesus, even in the hard times.

IMPORTANT DATES

2020

Wed 19 Aug

Fri 18 Sept

Mon 5 Oct

Mon 5/Tues 6 Oct

Mon 12 Oct

Mon 19 Oct

Tues 15 Dec

Parent Teacher Interviews

Last Day Term 3, 1pm dismissal

First Day Term 4

Year 3 Urban Camp

School photos (revised date)

Whole School Photo

Last day 2020, 12.30pm Dismissal

This week we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) on the 8th August.

Blessed Mary MacKillop is one of Australia's most remarkable and inspiring women. Mary was known for her compassion for anyone in need, regardless of race, colour or faith, and are inspired by the woman's goodness and reverence for the dignity of others especially those most neglected in society. Many were moved by her trust in God and her profound sense of gratitude. Mary MacKillop is an outstanding example for ways people can live in society today.

O God, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross, teach us, we pray, by her example to live the gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.

Through our Lord.

Amen



PARENT LIAISON

This week I have just a few reminders. Firstly if you are an essential worker and require your child to attend school during stage 4 lockdown restrictions, a form has been sent earlier this week on seesaw. If you HAVE NOT filled out this form and you require onsite supervision, please fill out the form ASAP, as it will allow us to organise correct staffing. If your allocated working days change then please email me on mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au and I will be able to make the relevant changes to the attendance timetable.

If you have not organised a time for Parent teacher discussions via google meet on Wednesday 19th August 8.30- 4.30pm please do so by 5pm Friday 7th August, as booking form will be closed at 5pm.

Log into <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and type in the code r2ybd.

You will receive a letter today via email (with this newsletter) and seesaw outlining expectations and requirements for the Parent Teacher Discussions. Once again if you have any questions and queries please do not hesitate to email me or your child's teacher.

Finally, it is important to remember that we are in this together, let's continue to support each other, be patient with each other, be patient with the kids, be flexible, have time to laugh, sing and dance with your child at home and be kind.

Cheers, Marc Guzzardi

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

A reminder to parents of students learning on-site

If a student is booked in to be learning on-site but will not be attending, you need to email Marc Guzzardi or SJB admin as soon as you are aware of the absence. These email addresses are

mguzzardi@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

sjbadmin@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

NOTIFICATIONS

Please make sure you have turned on notifications on the SJB school APP and Seesaw so that you don't miss out on any important reminders or

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

Last week we shared some of the wonderful coping strategies our students across the school are implementing at home to help them stay positive and successful during home learning. The strategies selected last week from the whole school SEL activity revolved around **being active**, one of the [5 Ways to Wellbeing](#) which have been proven to support our mental health. This week it is a joy to bring you some of the strategies students said they are doing which relate to staying **connected**, another one of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Hopefully this inspires some others to try a few new strategies which may help.

- **Going on walks with my family - Max Stojanovski PKR**
- **My reward is to Facetime with my cousin when I have finished my work - Archie Moore 1AT**
- **Hugs - Allegra Corsica 1NL**
- **Call my friends and build Lego - Spencer Falt 2RS**
- **Staying in contact with my friends - Jacob Teague 4AM**
- **To make some things with my family and go for bike rides - Addison McGregor 4SS**
- **Play with my dog or hug my beautiful mum - Aiden Phillips 4SS**
- **Getting feedback from the teachers to help me understand work and add more detail to it. This makes me more confident and glad I have someone by my side - Elena Spyrellis 5TS**
- **My Mum helps and cheers me and sometimes I get a little break - Johnny Hadchiti 5TS**
- **Spending time with my family and having a laugh - Harlan Coppola 6SC (MacKillop House Captain-Green)**
- **Do some work on the bench so that when my parents come to get stuff we can say hi - Lilian Read 6SC**
- **Staying in touch with my friends and living in a happy and supportive environment - Lily Matthews 6SC**

In keeping with the theme of connecting, our senior SRC leaders met together via Google Meet last week to brainstorm ideas to help support everyone and stay connected during online learning. It was wonderful to hear their positivity and enthusiasm to let the school community know they're still keen to serve and lead in any way possible. There are some great ideas in the pipeline but the first one they would like to share with you is a fun one we would encourage everyone to be a part of in some way, so please read their lovely message to everyone below. We can be very proud of our SJB SRC leaders for 2020!



CRAZY MASK DAY

Hello everyone, we are hoping that you are all well during COVID-19 online learning. The School, Vice and House captains have come up with the idea of having a **Crazy Mask Day** to help us reconnect with each other in a positive and very memorable way. On this crazy mask day, you can share a picture of yourself wearing a mask or a picture of your very own design for one. If you can make one, then that's even more impressive of course. Your design can be weird, funny, fun or just plain different.

It is optional so you do not have to do it if you don't want to, but it is just a bit of fun that can hopefully put a smile on your face. You can choose what day you want to share your mask photo or picture, or share it with us on the email below so that it can go in **next week's newsletter**. This is to celebrate our achievements in home learning and is a way for our school to come together as one big SJB community. We hope to see as many masks as possible to show your creativity. The photos or pictures will be shared in the newsletter, so get creative and get crazy! Ms Scott is happy to have the crazy masks shared to her email - nscott@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au

It was great to meet together again as a senior SRC team and brainstorm ways we can still support each other and be there for everyone to help keep the positive feel that our school is known for.

Stay safe, sane and positive!

Ben & Emily

SJB School Captains 2020

(on behalf of the SRC team)



SJB ON-SITE STUDENTS



Thanking you

Peter Monaghan
Principal

