



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

Another term is almost gone and we still seem to be unsure of so many things.

At this stage our **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 children** will be returning to full time on site school learning from the 12th October. As we have had reduced contact with the children and access to assessment pieces, we will be stopping classroom teacher online learning and communication at the end of Tuesday October 6th for Prep-Year 2 children. Teachers will return to school on Wednesday 7th October to start assessment in Literacy and Numeracy for all children in their class. The teachers will be assessing children on Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th October. They will then be planning on Friday 9th with up to date data. This will enable us to teach our children at their point of need from the beginning of their return to school. Parents of Prep-Year 2 children will be given instructions to book a time online for the children to come into school and undertake these assessments. Please note that specialist classes will still be available to complete over the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The **children in Grades 3 to 6** will undertake the same assessments in the week prior to their commencement. They too will not have access to their teachers from the end of the Tuesday before returning to school. At present we hope that this will be the week beginning October 26th.

Events that are still uncertain include the athletic sports, swimming lessons, swimming fun day, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, school photos and Prep transition programs. We will inform you as to these dates or cancellations as they become available.



Happy birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week

Hamish DITFORT, Farid SAWAF, Joseph GRECH, Luca BIANCHI-ROSSI, Alex FOTI, Lara LO GIUSTO, Charlie TREVASKIS and belated birthday wishes for Olivia Papageorgiou on August 30th



Sacraments 2020.

From the Government announcements last Sunday, we can see that we are still some time off with being allowed back into the Church to hold Sacraments. Parents will be updated with any news of these events as soon as we are aware that these events can take place.

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

Fri 18 Sept	Last Day Term 3, 1pm dismissal
Mon 5 Oct	First Day Term 4
	Online Home Learning continues P-6
Mon 12 Oct	Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 return to school
	Online Home Learning continues 3-6
Mon 5/Tues 6 Oct	Year 3 Urban Camp (cancelled)
Mon 12 Oct	School photos (revised date)
Mon 19 Oct	Whole School Photo
Tues 15 Dec	Last day 2020, 12.30pm Dismissal

RE NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Twenty- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. [Mt 18:21-35](#)

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Gospel Reflection – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

Abdi K Aden - Year 6 Guest speaker

Last Thursday the Year 6 students had the opportunity to listen to Abdi speak to them via Google Meet. Abdi spoke of his life as a refugee arriving in Australia from Somalia when he was just 15 years old with no family and no English.

He spoke of his early struggles but also of his achievements to go on and gain an education and become a youth worker. Abdi spoke about the importance of being true to yourself and loving yourself firstly. He also spoke about being kind, caring and giving to others without expecting anything in return. He was very impressed with the Year 6's as an audience! I was proud of the way they listened, despite some technological glitches and Abdi speaking English as a second language. They also posed some great questions at the end of Abdi's talk. Thank you also to Ben and Emily for preparing a thank you speech in their role as School Captain.

Here are a few of the responses to the guest speaker from Year 6 students:

Lily Hogan 6JG

I think we chose Abdi as our guest speaker because he has really represented the gifts of the Holy Spirit. At 12, an explosion hit his home in Somalia, it was hard for him to get food whilst looking for a new home, he had an awful experience at refugee camp, got bullied and discriminated against at high school and he couldn't get a job because he didn't know how to speak English. He is doing God's work by carrying on what Jesus was doing. Abdi is helping people by sharing his story and making others feel not so alone which I am sure is what God and Jesus would have wanted. His slogan is "If you don't love yourself you can't love others".

Madi Phillips 6SC

1. Why do you think we chose Abdi as our guest speaker?

I think you chose Abdi as our guest speaker because he is a modern day Saint. He helps the people like him come to Australia and live a happy, healthy life. He is a very kind and compassionate and funny man that we should have more in our lives.

2. What challenges or struggles has he faced?

Abdi has faced a lot of challenges and struggles in his life from his dad dying to his house in Somalia burning. He has lost a lot of friends and family in his life like his 2nd BFF. He has been dumped on Sydney Road and had to go to high school and people bullied him. He got asked to go with a lady for a 4 month walk from Somalia and out of that 380 people only 5 survived and he was one. He has been tricked about him going to Switzerland but he actually went to Romania.

3. How is the Holy Spirit alive in him? How is he doing God's work?

The Holy Spirit is alive in him because he is kind, courageous and he has a lot of knowledge about the stuff he does. Abdi is courageous because of all the things he has been through in his life from writing a book to the war in Somalia. He is a compassionate person because he has sponsored people from countries like Somalia that have war to come to Australia and live a happy life here.

4. If Abdi had a 'catchphrase' or slogan what would it be?

"You have to love yourself. The way to go is you"

I think that could be his catchphrase because he said that yesterday and it was a very nice thing to say and he is a very moving person.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed a special weekend sending lots of love to their special Dads, Grandads, Stepdads and all the wonderful male role models in our lives. Any excuse to celebrate our loved one is a good one so we hope you enjoyed the day.



Today is **R U Ok? Day** and it seems more relevant and important than ever this year to acknowledge the day and check in on each other.

There have been SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) activities relating to this day shared amongst all classes. We have been focusing on connecting with each other, asking how those close to us are doing and just generally maintaining friendships. Take the time to look over this simple and helpful guide that the R U OK? team has shared and maybe there is a time over this weekend that you might be able to encourage your child/children to check in on their friends. We should also make time to reach out to one another and create an opportunity for a conversation with those close to us, where we can check in to ask if they're ok and share how we are doing too, remembering the wonderful theme for this year is **'There's more to say after R U OK?'**

Joe Grech 6JG:

Yesterday we had a guest speaker Abdi come in to our google meet because he survived a war and he now helps others in the world. I think teachers chose Abdi because of his back story and how he didn't let things affect him after the war. Also because of how helpful and kind he is because at only 13 he looked after a child that was 2 and half years old, while he was trying to also survive himself. He didn't give up and say he was going to die. Out of 313 people, he and 4 others survived the journey to escape. He struggled with getting somewhere safe and eventually arrived in Australia and was left alone on the side of the road in Brunswick, not being able to speak English and nowhere to go. The Holy Spirit is alive in him because of how he helps people in the world. Abdi doesn't just help them, he speaks to them and makes them laugh. He is a one of a kind with what he has been through and for what he does today. His catchphrase would be, "Always believe and you will succeed."

Ben Answerth 6SC

I think that the teachers chose Abdi as our guest speaker because we have recently been learning about modern day heroes and modern day saints. I think he is a modern day saint because even running away from Samaria he helped people and he treated people very kindly here in Australia although all the kids were mean to him.

He faced many challenges because as a refugee of war you have to escape the evil army and even the national army and these days it is so hard to get into a country and if you do you have to spent months or even years in refugee camps which are terrible and almost impossible places to live in.

He helped multiple people when he walked from Samaria to Kenya and when he had been in Australia for a couple of years he helped in the community centre and is now a social worker I think but he also gives talks to schools and classes. He would've shown the gifts of the Holy Spirit when he made that journey and was here in Australia for different scenarios.

If Abdi had a slogan it would be the simple but effective "Never Give Up".



Book Week



Hi Everyone,

As you may already be aware, Book Week for 2020 has been postponed until Week 3 of Term 4 (Monday 19th - Friday 23rd of October). The Book Week theme for this year is **Curious Creature, Wild Minds!** We are planning on celebrating Book Week over a two-week period starting from Week 2 and finishing on Friday Week 3.

As our Prep-2 students will be at school when we celebrate **Book Week**, they will be undertaking activities in Literacy to engage, encounter and enjoy the various books that have been nominated for the Book Week Awards. These activities will have a strong Literacy focus, but will also involve craft, grammar, storytelling, reenacting stories, creating role plays etc. just to name a few. We cannot wait to engage our students in books and the love of reading through these activities. The Friday ending 23rd October will be our Book Week Parade. However, due to our current circumstances, this will look very different to previous years. Instead of having a whole school parade, we will be conducting a virtual parade for our students in Years Prep-2. Each grade will parade around the multipurpose room, and we will stream their parade live to all the other classes in the school. So get your thinking hats on and start creating your AMAZING costumes!

Our students in Years 3-6 will not miss out on the fun either! We will also have these students participating in activities relating to the Book Week stories, however, this will be completed remotely. There will be many different tasks that the students will undertake at home and they will all have access to all the books digitally. Some of the activities will include role playing, creating an artistic response to the text etc. These tasks will be supported by the teachers and we cannot wait to see what the students produce. This will be a time for our students to read, explore and to just enjoy picture story texts as well as investigating strategies that authors use to engage readers of all ages. As the students in Years 3-6 will not be at school during this time, we ask that they dress up in a costume, take a CLEAR photo of themselves with their book they got their inspiration from, and send it through to my email address (dthompson@sbniddrie.catholic.edu.au) by TUESDAY 21st October, so that we can create a 3-6 digital parade to send home on Friday 23rd of October. This photo can be taken any time before the due date and sent as early as they would like!

We are very sad that we cannot celebrate Book Week in the same way as we have done in the past, but look forward to seeing all students engage in the love of reading through these beautiful picture story texts!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email. Happy Reading!!!
Danielle Thompson

SJB SPOONVILLE



SJB Cookbook - Future Fundraiser

One of our future plans was to produce an SJB Community Cookbook, and what better time than now to start collecting recipes, while everyone is cooking up a storm in lockdown! We will include a variety of sections such as breakfast, snacks, light meals, appetisers, dinners, 5 ingredients or less, 30 minute dinners, desserts/sweets, easy recipes for kids, mocktails and cocktails. Please add whether your recipe is GF, vegetarian or vegan. If you think of another important category, please suggest it!

Category:

Title:

Submitted by:

A little bit about the recipe: (optional - family tradition/history/short description)

GF? Vegetarian? Vegan?

Serves:

Ingredients (in order of use in recipe)

Method (if using oven, please state preheat temp in first sentence)

Tips and Suggestions (eg. freezes well, keeps in fridge 4 days, store in airtight container, etc)

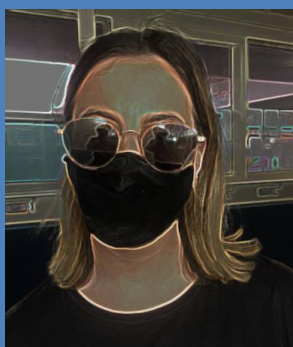


Please send to SJBrecipes2020@prontomail.com in the format below, preferably with a photo attached You will receive an acknowledgement email, please make contact if you don't. We want to ensure that we don't miss any recipes!

We can't wait to share your family favourites!

We are aiming for the book to be produced and sold in 2021.

Who am I? Can you guess the masked SJB staff?



Thanking you

Peter Monaghan

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Principal

