



# 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



Well, we are finally united and our school community is back again. It was lovely to see so many of our children back at school bright and early to spend some time reacquainting themselves with their peers prior to the day starting.

We thank the children, parents and staff for the wonderful job they have done to keep us united during these difficult times.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we have decided to cancel the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this year. We will reschedule the First Eucharist celebration for the children in Grade 4 this year, to first term in 2021. As for Confirmation, discussions will be held with secondary schools as to how these can be celebrated in 2021.

You are reminded that when picking up your children you need to social distance and if using the pink pick up zone, please move on promptly to that the next car park.

Tomorrow all children will be given a zoopa dooper to celebrate our return to school. Their will be no charge for these.

Reminder that being 4th term all children need to wear a hat if they wish to go outside. Please see that your child is dressed in the proper school uniform, so that we can reinforce common school expectations. If your child is wearing incorrect uniform and there is a valid reason please notify their teacher.

While we have all worked closely to organise the past two terms, I would like to single out our magnificent Deputies Marc Guzzardi and Sommer Azzopardi for their wonderful organisation of the children who were working onsite. Without them I would be lost. I am blessed to have such wonderful people to support me.

## TERM 4 AT SCHOOL



Summer uniform, including a hat, is required for all children in Term 4.

Children must have a drink bottle with their name on it.



If your child needs cutlery to eat their lunch or snacks, please ensure they pack some in their lunchbox.

## IMPORTANT DATES 2020 - TERM 4

Fri 23 Oct	AFL Public Holiday
Mon 2 Nov	School Closure Day
Tue 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day
Tue 17 Nov	Yr. 3 First Reconciliation, 10am
Tue 15 Dec	Last day 2020, 12.30pm Dismissal

### 2021

Monday 1 Feb	First day for students 2021
Thurs 1 Apr	Last Day Term 1, 1pm dismissal
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday
Mon 19 Apr	First Day Term 2
Fri 25 June	Last Day Term 2, 1pm dismissal

## RE NEWS

**Liturgical Calendar:** 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: [Mt 22:15-21](#)  
**Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.**

### Gospel Reflection

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

### MASS OPTIONS DURING COVID.

Each week Father Nhan and Thomas celebrate Mass and it is shared with parishioners. In recent weeks Mass has also been celebrated via zoom at 10:30 am on a Sunday morning. Please contact the Parish office if you would like the details to join: 9337 9994.

## SACRAMENTS 2020

Unfortunately, due to Covid the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will not be celebrated this year. Further information will follow about these as the situation allows for future planning.

Students in Year 3 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday 17th November here in the MPR at 10 am. Fr Nhan and Fr Thomas will be available on the day. At this stage due to Covid restrictions parents will be unable to attend however this may change as things progress.

## STUDENT LIAISON

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK!!!! We are so happy to finally have all the children back where they belong, interacting with their peers, reconnecting with their friends and teachers. A very big congratulations and well done to all parents for all your hard work, commitment and dedication to home learning. JOB WELL DONE.

### Children Feeling Unwell

Just a reminder that it is imperative at the moment that any children who are unwell in any way are to be kept home until all symptoms have cleared. In addition, if they have Covid symptoms, the children may need to be tested and follow Dept. of Health guidelines regarding their return to school. Please err on the side of caution in regards to these matters.

### Reports

This semester we are pleased to announce that you will be receiving your child's semester reports online via the **nForma Parent Portal** for the first time. Therefore, no paper copies will be sent home. You will have the opportunity via the portal to print out the report.

Throughout the term you will be receiving information regarding steps to take to set up your username and password for the **nForma Parent Portal**.

It is very important that you have updated your email addresses with the school, as an automated email containing instructions and login details will come from [no-reply@nforma.com.au](mailto:no-reply@nforma.com.au) and not the school. You will receive this automated email a week before reports are available to access. Please ensure that you check your junk/spam folder for an email from that address.

In the meantime, I will keep you posted on the easy steps required to set up your parent portal.

Welcome back and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers, Marc Guzzardi

## STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see everyone having fun with friends again, running around outside, creating amazing memories & helping each other learn again.

This term, we are focusing on the expected behaviours relating to being RESPECTFUL from [SJB Responsible Behaviours](#), which is perfect as we get used to being around peers and teachers again. The House Spirit trophy winners from last term were **MacKillop House** as you hopefully saw through the wonderful video some of our School Leaders presented for SeeSaw in the last week. We look forward to continuing to reward people for remembering these respectful behaviours. Our SRC are excited to meet in person again next Thursday and I'm sure they have many great ideas

to help us keep the strong community we have created here at SJB and celebrate our term 4 together.

Another great resource that we encourage you to explore is the free Smiling Mind app and their 'Back to School' care packs that can be downloaded free from the [Smiling Mind website](#). The short, kid friendly meditations for all ages are great for improving focus, relaxing a busy mind and encouraging awareness of our surroundings. There are meditations focusing on gratitude, breathing techniques, easing worries and general relaxation. They are well worth exploring during this busy time, as we get used to the school routine again.

If you need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and have a really wonderful weekend.

Sommer and Naomi, Wellbeing Team

## Book Week



Hi Everyone,

**GOOD NEWS!!!!** As the Years 3-6 children will be returning to school next week (starting Monday 12th October) **ALL students will now be able to join in the excitement of Book Week and dress up on Thursday 22nd October in their favourite book character costumes.** We will still be having a parade where the students will parade around the multipurpose room grade by grade. We will then stream the parade to each classroom so that all students will be able to view everyone's costumes.

Each student who comes to school in a costume will have their name recorded on a piece of paper which will then be put into a box. Each class teacher will randomly draw out 1 girl and 1 boy's name to win the dress up competition. A prize will be given to the two winners from each grade. So come to school in your favourite costume to be a chance to win a prize. We cannot wait to see each and everyone of you in your costumes next Thursday!

Thank you for your patience and understanding with all the changes - I really appreciate it!!

Danielle Thompson (Literacy Leader)

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

**We require second hand summer uniform, particularly in larger sizes, to stock our second hand uniform supplies. Please leave any donations at the school office.**

As Covid19 restrictions prevent us from opening the second hand uniform shop for parents to visit, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to email any urgent uniform requirements. Office staff will check the shop for any suitable items and leave them at the office for collection.

We ask a gold coin donation for each second hand uniform item. Please email with your second hand uniform requirements to [sjbadmin@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjbadmin@sjbniddrie.catholic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

### TOP SCHOOL WEAR

Top School Wear is temporarily closed due to the COVID lockdown. In the meantime, the business will be open strictly only for "contactless Click and Collect" order collection.

Uniform purchases will still be available by either:

1. Sending an email to [info@topschoolwear.com.au](mailto:info@topschoolwear.com.au)
2. Telephone order – 9331 1066
3. Make an appointment if you need to come in to collect your order

Free delivery will still be offered for all purchases until the end of Term 4.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Parents and friends update

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone! It's so good to see all the children and teachers back together at school. We've missed quite a few annual events this year. Hopefully we can all meet up again some time soon!

In the meantime, we will be hosting a few online events this term to keep our wonderful SJB community connected.

We will host a movie night and a disco bingo evening.

**\*Save the Dates: Movie night- Friday 30th October  
Disco Bingo - Friday 6th November.**

We are in the middle of finalising details and will have more information next week

## REBEL SPORT - COMMUNITY GIVEBACKS

A BIG thank-you to all those that have signed up to the Rebel Givebacks program by simply linking their membership/ account with our school and mentioning this when making a purchase.

Simply by shopping at Rebel and linking our school to your account, St. John Bosco's have received further credit notes for spending at Rebel Sport which total \$554.45. To date we have received credits totalling \$663.21.

The credit notes will be applied to purchasing sporting equipment for our children.

This incentive program is ongoing, so for those that wish to contribute, simply become a member of Rebel next time you shop at rebel Sport and link your account with our school. Please ensure that you stipulate St. John Bosco's Niddrie (as there are a few St. John Bosco's schools in Rebel's system). Thank-you again to all those who have contributed, Sophie Witt, P& F committee

## SJB Cookbook



There have been some technical issues with email address that was originally set up to send your recipes to.

We have a new email address: [sjbrecipes2021@gmail.com](mailto:sjbrecipes2021@gmail.com)

If you have sent a recipe to the old address could you, please resend it to the new address.

We are really keen to get as many recipes as we can to produce a really fabulous **SJB COOKBOOK**

**Details required when sending your recipe:**

**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 [sjbrecipes2021@gmail.com](mailto:sjbrecipes2021@gmail.com).in the format above, 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!*



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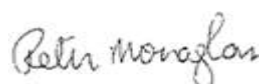
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Thanking you



Peter Monaghan  
Principal