



St John Bosco
Catholic School

Term One Week 7

A Message from our Principal...

Welcome to Week 7. It's hard to believe we have passed the mid mark of Term 1. It has been great to see everyone popping into school to catch up this week. We have missed seeing you all. I encourage parents and carers to come in and see their child's classroom and say hi to their teacher.

I am away for a few of days over the coming week as I attend Principal's Meetings in Townsville. Mrs Dianne Stevens will be holding the fort while I am absent. If you need anything please don't hesitate to come in and see Dianne. I am also always contactable via email. This week we welcomed Miss Catherine Ahern to the SJB family as the Prep/Year 1/Year 2 teacher and we are very happy to welcome her. Catherine has a passion for and expertise in Early Years Education and comes to St John Bosco Catholic School with 14 years teaching experience behind her. She is enjoying getting to know the students.

Congratulations to Miss Grinstead and her small group of support people who have helped to cook or donate ingredients for the Year 3/4 Bake Sale. Thanks you to all those families who ordered some goodies from the sale, we hoped you enjoyed them! The bake Sale was able to raise \$600 that will go towards taking the Year 3/4 students on an excursion to Bredls Wild Farm. The farm is an unique, Australian, hands on experience like no other. It is home to a diverse range of Australian wildlife and exotic animal species in which the students will have the opportunity to handle, including snakes, lizards, baby crocodiles and much more. Hand feed kangaroos, emus and cassowaries and enjoy a cuddly encounter with a beautiful koala. It will be an excellent experience for our children and I thank Miss Grinstead for the enthusiasm and energy she is putting in to make this excursion happen.

Just a reminder that due to the easing of restrictions we welcome you all back to Assembly this Friday morning in the library at 8:30am. Bosco Buddies will also resume this Friday morning and we are looking forward to seeing everyone come along for a play and a coffee. Next Monday 14 March we will officially welcome our new parish priest Fr Sibichan Kaippanplackal during our opening liturgy and our school leaders for 2022 will finally receive their badges. We hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Nicole Preitz
Principal

Stay Up to Date



10 March

Parent Engagement
Forum Meeting 8.30am

11 March

Year 4/5/6 Soccer
Gala Day

14 March

Opening Liturgy-School
Leader Induction
8:30am

17 March

SJB Cross Country

17-18 March

IEP Meetings

21 March

Parent Teacher
Interviews start this
week

25 March

Interschool Cross
Country

27 March

Lions Youth of the Year
Speech Competition

29 March

School Photo Day

Religious Education

Assembly this week– Assembly is back on this Friday in the library at 8:30am. Prep/Year 1/Year 2 will be presenting. We hope to see you all there. Awards winners will receive their certificates and we will also draw the winner of the Bosco Boddy Dazzler.

Opening Liturgy and School Leaders

Our Opening Liturgy will be held on **Monday 14th March** with our new parish priest Fr Sibi. All members of our school community are invited to attend this celebration.



Project Compassion

Last week your child would have brought home a Project Compassion box. Project Compassion is the annual fundraiser of CARITAS and support of this is encouraged by Bishop Tim. During the next six weeks students will be focusing on our fundraising in the form of Cari-TAP-tastic. By giving the students a tangible item, a Tippy Tap, to relate their fund raising to, helps them to see how the money we raise helps others especially those people living in very poor areas of the world. A Tippy Tap and soap cost \$6.00 to buy. Tippy Taps are a simply designed tap that allows communities with limited water resources or no access to running water to have a hand washing system in place to help stop the spread of disease. We will be keeping count on how much money is being brought in and will keep an updated display of how many taps we have actually been able to buy in the office foyer. I have included some information about Tippy Taps in today's newsletter. There are many simple actions we can all take to "be more" for our world and Lent is a great time to reflect on this.



Learning & Teaching

Book Club LOOP

PLACE YOUR ORDER

BOOKCLUB

A Book Club catalogue was sent home in last week's newsletter. Orders need to be received by the 18th March! Order online via the

Loop App or at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Cash payments will also be accepted at the school office.

NAPLAN 2022 Year 3 and Year 5

The Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in a practice test for NAPLAN 2022 on **Thursday 24 March**. The Year 3 students will complete an Omnibus test which is a mixture of samples all the tests from the actual NAPLAN test. The Year 5 students will participate in the Omnibus Test as well as a Writing Test on this day. These tests are just a practice and no results are recorded but they are important for the students to be involved in so they know what to expect for the actual testing. Please ensure that your child attends school on this day to be part of it.

Story Box Library

It seems that the login details that were sent home earlier this year were incorrect. Here are the correct log-in details for our school's access to the story box library.



Find out more on the home page:

<https://cloudfront.storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

Login page:

<https://cloudfront.storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

Viewer Login for staff, students and families:

Username: bosco

P/W: stories

You can turn on captions to encourage the students to read along with the narrator.

P & F News

CHANGE OF DATE

Come along with all your good ideas!

NEXT P & F Engagement Forum Meeting will be this **Thursday 10th March at 8:30am** in the Bosco Buddies room.

Uniform News

Our new sports shirts, shorts and hats are now available from the school office.

Shirts - \$38

Shorts - \$31

Hats - \$11.00



Prep/Year 1/Year 2

The students in Prep/Year 1/Year 2 are enjoying getting to know their new teacher Miss Catherine Ahern this week who has been team teaching with Mrs Stevens so she is aware of the routines that have been established already in the room and to getting to know the students. The students have been learning about insects and arachnids and their diets and habitats. The students have also been working on their numbers and counting. In English the Preps have been learning how to play some phonics games and the students have also explored Information Reports about koalas and Dingos.



Student of the Week

Prep -Ruby

Year 1 - RJay

Year 2 -Nick

Year 3 -Nagol

Year 4 -Elijah

Year 5 -Tyler

Year 6 -Karter



Happy Birthday to....

Happy Birthday to

RJay



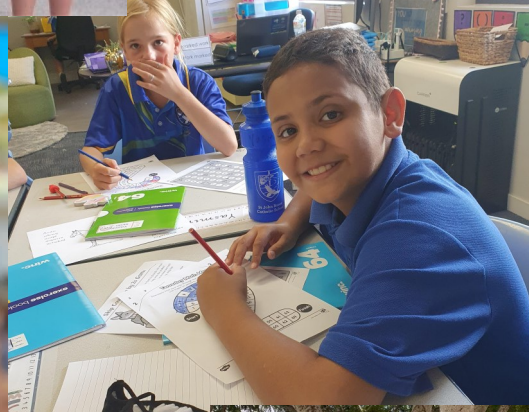
The Truth about Multi-age Classrooms -Part 2

In the Multi-age classroom our students are viewed as unique individuals and the Australian Curriculum is differentiated to accommodate their individual learning needs. Our teachers focus on teaching each child according to his or her own strengths and there is no expectation that all children will be at the same place at the same time with regard to ability or knowledge and understanding.

Our Multi-age classes use effective differentiation based on regular formative and summative assessment allowing our teachers to regularly determine a student's current achievement. The use of Responsive Planning at SJB allows our teachers to create learning and teaching experiences that are reflective of the students in each class. Using integrated curriculum approaches imbedded in the pedagogy of the Gradual Release of Responsibility model our learning and teaching experiences allow for collaborative learning across year levels. Differentiated success criteria are linked to tasks, activities and help support student's current capabilities so that all students have an appropriate level of challenge regardless of their year level. Students are able to learn at their own rate. The Multi-age Class allows us to do this.



Included in this newsletter– National Day of Action Against Bullying Information, What is a Tippy Tap?,



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