



Week 4 Term 1 2023

Important Dates

Year 6 Retreat

Friday 24 February

**Induction for
Volunteers 2:15pm**

Thursday 2 March

**Clean Up Australia
Day**

Friday 3 March

Assembly 1-2R

8:50am

Friday 3 March

**Coffee Van onsite -
reasonably priced -
8:25am - 9:00am**

Friday 3 March

**School Board
Meeting 6:30pm**

Wednesday 8 March

**Pupil Free Day -
Staff Reflection Day**

Friday 10 March

**Adelaide Cup -
Public Holiday**

Monday 13 March

NAPLAN

Tuesday 14 March

NAPLAN

Wednesday 15 March

NAPLAN

Thursday 16 March

NAPLAN

Harmony Day

Assembly 3-4H

P & F Special Lunch

Friday 17 March

Prayerful Gathering

1:30pm

Tuesday 21 March

8:50am

Friday 24 March

Friday 24 March

Yrs 3-6 SACPSSA

Swimming Carnival

Friday 31 March

Palm Sunday Prayer

- Receptions

9:00am

Tuesday 4 April

Holy Thursday

Prayer - Yr 1-2

classes 9:00am

Wednesday 5 April

Stations of the

Cross - Yrs 5-6

9:00am

Thursday 6 April

Good Friday -

Public Holiday

Friday 7 April

Easter Monday -

Public Holiday

Monday 10 April

Easter Mass - Yrs 3-

4 9:00am

Tuesday 11 April

SJB Sports Day

Friday 14 April

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 14 April

Principal's Message

I hope you are all managing to stay cool with the current heat wave. It was lovely to see our community gather on Tuesday morning for pancakes. Shrove Tuesday is always a big hit with the children and adults! On Wednesday we gathered together for Ash Wednesday Mass with many parents and parishioners joining us to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. From Rome, Pope Francis encourages us to use our 40 days of penance to let go of individualistic and self-reliant habits, and to refocus our hearts on God and on service to those in need.

Parents and Friends

Last week the Parents and Friends had a successful meeting planning out the years events. We were very pleased with the response from our community, volunteering their time and energy for planned events throughout 2023. Volunteers that returned a form indicating events they can assist have received an email outlining the parents and friends who will work collaboratively to plan particular events for our children and families. If you are yet to receive an email please contact Franca Jeffery for information.

Chess

Chess Mate is coming to St John Bosco School on Tuesday afternoons, 3:15pm to 4:00pm in our library. Weekly classes of chess helps develop many skills including problem solving, creativity, concentration, teamwork, decision making and general aptitude for learning. Book now at <https://chessmates.com.au/> to secure your child's position, classes begin on Tuesday 28th February. The cost for participating is \$10.00 a session.

Volunteers Induction

Volunteers are a valued part of our school community. Our volunteers create a range of opportunities for our children through sport, learning and community. If you would like to be a registered volunteer at St John Bosco School we invite you to attend our upcoming Volunteers Induction session on Thursday March 2nd at 2:15pm. Elaine and I will work with parents, grandparents and friends to complete the process to ensure you are ready to attend your child's next excursion, assist at community events or even coach a sporting team. Please register your attendance through email info@sjb.catholic.edu.au or popping into the front office.

Pupil Free Day

Care is available for students on our upcoming Pupil Free Day on Friday March 10th. A cost of \$49.00 per day applies on Pupil Free

Days. Please contact our OSHC Director Mirella if you require care for your child/ren.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment will take place earlier this year throughout Australia. The testing period begins from Wednesday 15th March to Monday 20th March with catch up testing occurring from Tuesday 21st March until Friday 24th March.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.





From the APRIM

Shrove Tuesday

This week the community came together to enjoy pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. A big thank you to the parent helpers and teachers for serving delicious pancakes to our children and families.

'Shrove' comes from the word 'shrive,' which means to obtain absolution for a person's sins. Christians believe they are absolved of their sins during Lent through a process of confession, penance and by fasting or forgoing comforts.

Christians often give up their favourite foods during this time. This is believed to represent the sacrifices Jesus made when he went into the desert for 40 days to pray and fast.

Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday because, on this day, people often use up all the foods they're going to give up during Lent. The ingredients are added to flour to make pancakes.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten period of the Liturgical calendar. Today we celebrated Mass with Fr Long Hai, our Parish Priest. It was very nice to see so many parishioners and family members in the congregation. As there are no longer restrictions, we hope to see more and more of our community members joining us for mass. Our next mass is celebrating Easter on Tuesday 11th April

at 9:00am.

Cartias Australia - Project Compassion - For All Future Generations

Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.

Your generous support can help change lives today - and For All Future Generations.

Today your son/daughter will come home with a Project Compassion collection box and pamphlet. Please donate what you can. We acknowledge the rising costs of living, so please contribute what suits your family.

Sara Hart



Celebrating Valentines Day in RJJ

Last week, Valentine's Day provoked a conversation in Reception JJ about love. The children created clay hearts and decorated them, while they discussed what they know and think about love. They took their heart creations home to share with their loved ones. The Reception learners will continue to revisit this discussion as they learn more about one of the St John Bosco School values; Loving Kindness.

When do you feel love?

I feel love when my Mum cuddles me - Ayok

I feel love when everyone plays with me - Ariana

I feel love when my Dad gives hugs - Iyla

I feel love when I go to the playground and I see my friends - Lena

I feel love when my Mum cuddles me - Elijah

What is love?

It's like when you love someone - Markos

It's helping children when they fall - Zoe

How do you show love?

I show love when my Mummy gives me a kiss and a cuddle - Amalia

By giving cuddles - Arcadius

Who or what do you love?

I love my Mum, my Dad and my brother - Thomas

I love my Dad - Kiansh

I love when I see my friends at my birthday. When they give me a present, I give them a love heart lollipop - Amelia

I love my dog and my cat and my bird - Crystal

I love my Mum - Jozef

I love my Mum - *Dion*

Terry - *Sebastian*

I love my family - *Sophia*

I love my Mummy - *Darcy*

The children explored the following scripture and quote from Mother Teresa throughout this learning experience:

This is my commandment:

- love one another as I love you- *John 15:12*
- Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier- *Mother Teresa*



SJB 2023 House Captains



Last week, our school community gathered together in house groups to vote for the children who would lead our houses for 2023.

Several Year 6 students displayed great courage to put themselves out there and presented speeches in front of their respective house peers. Two Year 6 students represent each house as their House Captain. Some could query why there is not a boy and girl captain for each house? A boy and girl captain is not a rule because in some years only boys or just girls nominate themselves as prospective house captains. We are an inclusive community and this is the best and most equitable option for this.

We are pleased to announce the House Captains for 2023.

ST DOMINIC SAVIO – GOLD - Feast Day: 9th March

The youngest person declared a Saint in our Church. He was considered a peace maker, making sacrifices “to serve the Lord with joy” at all times. Dominic gave his life to be a true follower of Jesus.

Congratulations, **Victoria and Ivy**.

ST MARY MAZZARELLO – BLUE - Feast Day: 14th May

Co-foundress of the Salesian Sisters. Her charity and simplicity combined with integrity and a joyful heart has inspired women all over the

world to follow her example.

Congratulations, ***Elijah and Giulia.***

ST FRANCIS de SALES – GREEN - Feast Day: 24th January

St John Bosco called his followers Salesians after St Francis de Sales, because he wanted his members to be filled with the spirit of gentleness, patience and charity.

Congratulations, ***Harriet and Mia.***



Can you help?

We are Looking for Easter donations for raffle prizes.

Please leave your donations here



The Parents and Friends ask for your support for donations for their annual Easter Raffle.

A box will be placed in the school foyer alongside the above poster where you can drop off your donations.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school community.

Join us at St John Bosco School for a...

COFFEE CATCH UP



March 3rd 2023

Available to purchase 8:25-9am

COFFEE VAN ON SITE



An opportunity to connect with each other and chat over a cup of coffee!

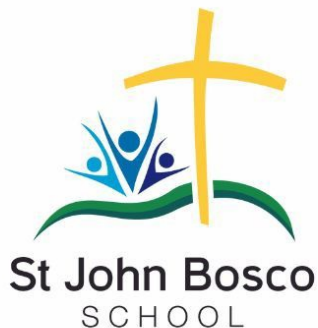


Join us at Playgroup

**EVERY
TUESDAY
9-10:30am**
During School Term



Welcoming, inclusive environment
Rich, authentic learning experiences
Form supportive and meaningful connections
Members of the wider community welcome



Playgroup Room
St John Bosco School
19 Lipsett Terrace
Brooklyn Park

Contact our Playgroup Coordinator
carmelina.cavuoto@sjb.catholic.edu.au



We are now on Instagram!

Follow our account to gain an insight into the wonderful learning experiences we share together in this inclusive and welcoming community.



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Shop 5, 516-520 Henley Beach Rd, Fulham

Phone: 8350 7940

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Monday 8:00am – 11:00am

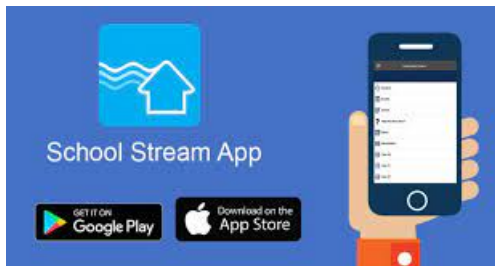
Wednesday 3:00pm – 6:00pm

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Subway lunch orders are available through our QKR app and delivered to our school every Tuesday and Friday.

Please make sure you update your child's class details on QKR so lunches are delivered to the correct class.



A Must Have App

Communication of School Alerts, Events and Reminders are sent to our families via this app.



Download this app to order and pay for School Fees, OSHC, Subway, Excursions, Camps and more, at a time convenient for you.





St John Bosco School

TUESDAY

3:15 - 4:00 The Library

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20 % compared with children who have not

**To book online, scan or go to
chessmates.com.au/schools**

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