



Important Dates

Little Bosco's 9am -
11.30am

Friday 27 November 2020

Upcoming Events

**SJB End of Year
Community Event**

Date: Friday 4 December

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: St John Bosco
School - Brooklyn Park

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4, what a term! How things change so quickly. Thank you for collecting your children in a calm manner on Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on Monday 23rd November at 8.45am. I do ask families to

ensure they have the School Stream App downloaded on their phone to ensure you are up to date on essential information. A brochure outlining how to download School Stream was sent home with the children earlier in the week.

We have enjoyed many activities so far this term with the children and staff celebrating many events that were postponed from earlier in the year. Unexpectedly, we now have COVID-19 rearing its head again, which has impacted planned activities this week. Our children displayed great resilience and understanding at the disappointment of swimming being cancelled. We will await to see what the next few weeks have in store for Adelaide, if necessary many of the usual end of year celebrations may need to be cancelled or scaled down to suit the current climate.

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of spending time with the Year 6 children at their camp at Port Hughes. The children engaged in many team building activities on the beach and at the camp site. The weather was kind to us, enabling the children to participate in many aquatics activities such as kayaking, fishing, raft building and snorkelling. It is always wonderful to connect with children out of the normal school environment, we certainly have a respectful and caring group of seniors who proudly represented our St John Bosco community. During our evening liturgy the children reflected on their primary school journey and gave thanks to those who have supported them. We also spent time looking to the future and embracing all the exciting adventures to come! I would like to thank Franca Jefferies, Dino Zandona and Nicki Sharrad for all the preparation before the camp and their energy and enthusiasm during the camp.

Camp was the best activity for the year because we got the opportunity to try new things - *Alex*

It was great to experience something new and be with my friends - *Jack*

Camp builds us up to be more mature and prepare us to be more independent - *Juan*

Camp was fun because we got to do snorkelling, kayaking and making rafts - *Nick*

Camp built my confidence and it showed me that I can be independent - *Antonio*

Being with the Year 6's was a great opportunity to get along with each other more - *Mikayla*

Camp was great fun and we learnt so much. I give it 4 ½ stars out of 5 because of the weather and the bugs! - *Ilina*

I loved camp so much because it was a fun experience and I got to hang out with my friends for three days. There were so many supersized bugs and they were interesting as well as a dead frog and you could see its skeleton - *Lily-Ann*

Some activities in camp were competitive and I enjoyed competing against the other teams - *Mason*

Our Year 5 children participated in their three day activities program last week. The children participated in Hip Hop dancing, an excursion to Morialta Conservation Park and to Woodhouse Activity Centre. Over the three days the children participated in many activities that required team work and positive mindset to attempt new and challenging activities.

The 3 Day Activity excursion has taught me about teamwork and cooperation. I loved working with my friends at Challenge Hill and having fun - *Tian*

I really enjoyed the huge slide that we kept on putting water on and then we all went down together at the same time. It was so much fun! - *Jordan*

All the challenges and activities were different and fun. One thing that I learnt is how everyone will cheer you on no matter if you fall or if you made it on the challenges. Also, everyone put their best effort into doing Challenge Hill and if they were scared they would still try - *Charlotte*

I had an amazing time playing with my friends at the Morialta nature playground. I learnt so much about the surrounding plants and other nature there. It was really fun collaborating with others while I was there and it taught me a lot about working together - *Kai*

I really the three-day activity was challenge hill. We also had a hip-hop lesson which was lots of fun and we went to Morialta playground. At Morialta, I liked going down the big slide and at a hip-hop lesson I liked how we used lots of teamwork so we could be in time with each other. Something I learnt was how to dance hip-hop and how to stay in beat with the music - *Freedom*

I would like to inform the community that Catherine Birchmore will be leaving our community at the end of the year. Catherine has been a valued member of the St John Bosco community for the past 24 years. Catherine has been a classroom teacher, specialist Japanese teacher while also managing the role of Religious Education Coordinator (REC). Catherine has been active in leading the community in Religious Education, working in partnership with the parish, school and families to ensure our school has a constant lens of continuous improvement in the area of Catholic Identity. Catherine has also been instrumental in maintaining a relationship with our sister schools St Josephs and the Divine Mercy School in Samoa. Please join me in thanking Catherine for her dedication and passion towards our St John Bosco community.

We have appointed our new Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM), Sara Hart. She was selected from a strong field of candidates, Fr Peter and I are extremely pleased with the appointment. We look forward to tapping into Sara's skills, knowledge and talent next year to ensure our Catholic Identity flourishes within the community. In the coming weeks Catherine and Sara will meet to ensure continuity through the transition.

With some final staffing to be confirmed in the coming weeks, I look forward to announcing the 2021 staffing in our week 8 newsletter.

It is always lovely to have children visit me and share their learning, while I was writing this article I had some of our Reception children knock on my door eager to share their completed books. Our early year's children engage regularly in book making. At St John Bosco we value the knowledge and skills children bring with them to school.

Lisa Burman an educational consultant explains the benefit of or children engaging in book making. "The Bookmaking Approach to literacy values and honours children's prior learning, their cultural competence and their dispositions for learning. It uses these to drive learning deeper and to create a culture of thinking, talking and noticing about picture books.

A Bookmaking Approach not only sees children from this competent lens, it empowers children to see themselves as competent writers. It supports children to build strong identities as writers and communicators. This rich pedagogy engages children in language and literacy, motivates them to become deeply involved in their learning and also excites educators when they see children learning to their potential".

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kate Turner

Reading with Mrs Turner



03.02.21

School Stream



School Stream is a school communication platform designed to deliver information to school communities.

Don't miss out on important school information. Instantly receive alerts, messages, updates and event reminders to your smartphone.

Please download this APP as it is our main source of communication directly to parents and caregivers for all information about our school including emergencies.

More information can be found by clicking this [link](#).

[View this article online to read more](#)

St Maria Mazzarello Fundraiser



On Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November St Maria Mazzarello House Team will be raising money to buy stationery and sports equipment for our sister schools in Samoa by selling Zooper Doopers for \$1.00 at lunchtime.

Confirmation and First Eucharist



Congratulations to Eunice and Scarlett who received the Catholic Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Father Peter celebrated with a special Mass that welcomes these young people into the church as they confirm their Baptism and

welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit into their lives. Over the past term, they have journeyed with Father Peter's guidance, reflecting on their faith and growing in the knowledge and love of God that they have experienced in their family and our Church.

Year 5 Three Day Activity Program



Year 6 Camp



Year 6 Commemorative Tops

We have now finalised the design for our Year 6 Commemorative Tops with our supplier.

This year all orders for Commemorative Tops will be placed directly with Devon Clothing via the online shop that has been set up specifically for St John Bosco School.

Families will need to access the online portal and follow the instructions to place your orders. Sizing information can be located on the online portal and sizing samples are also available in the 5-6ZT classroom. Please keep in mind that you may need to allow for growth over the holiday break.

Families wishing to purchase more than one top can do so, but please keep in mind, it must be done at this time only. No further orders can be taken at a later date.

The cost of the tops is \$44.00 and this amount needs to be paid up front upon ordering by no later than Wednesday 25th November.

Should you experience any issues in making payment or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school Office on 82494900.

[2021 Year 6 Commemorative Top](#)

Tuition Fees

All families will have received final Tuition Fee Statements for the 2020 year.

Fees are to be paid in full by Monday 30th November 2020.

If your family circumstances have changed and you are facing financial hardship please contact Louise Kennewell or Katerina Andrushenko via email finance@sjb.catholic.edu.au or phone 8249 4900.

OSHC Online Booking System



Our service will be moving completely to the Xplor software to take all booking requests including permanent and casual bookings from the beginning of 2021. Now is a great opportunity to begin using the Xplor software.

We encourage families to download the Xplor Home app on a device to familiarise yourself with its functions and capabilities. Should you require any help with the app, please approach one of our staff members who will be able to support you through the process, or access the software's straightforward knowledge base using the link below. Please note the app icon above for your reference.

[Xplor Home App](#)

Do you have any used postage stamps?

The Saint Maria Mazzarello House Team will be collecting used postage stamps to send to the Salesian Mission Organisation. Please deliver these to your child's class. We have made special boxes for these donations.

A reminder....

Year 7 Enrolments

Year 7 enrolments for new students, including siblings must be submitted by the end of Year 4.

Applications for Year 7, 2023 must be received by 18 December, 2020.

For all enrolment information please visit

www.nazareth.org.au/college/enrolment

