



Week 8, Term 4 2020

Important Dates

Year 6 Excursion

Tuesday 8 December 2020

Year 6 Graduation Night

Wednesday 9 December
2020

Last Day Term 4

Thursday 10 December 2020

Pupil Free Day

Friday 11 December 2020

Term 1 2021 begins

Wednesday 27 January
2021

Principal's Message

As we enter the last stretch of the 2020 school year there is much to celebrate and be thankful for. Yes, COVID-19 has impacted our year significantly. What we have discovered is we all have an inner strength that we can draw upon when required. As adults we regroup and try to keep life as normal as possible for our children. I would like to thank the dedicated staff for their tremendous effort this year to ensure the continuity of teaching and learning continued through the ups and downs of the year. We must acknowledge the spirit, resilience and positivity of our children throughout the year. Even throughout the lowest points of the year; sports day continually being postponed, swimming, excursions and our end of year Christmas Picnic being cancelled our children put on a brave face and accepted the decision with dignity and a smile. I am thankful that each and every day I come to work in a community with staff, children and families that support each other through the ups and downs of life. Some of our children reflected on what they are thankful for in 2020:

*I'm thankful for no one being rude and everybody being kind throughout the year - **Santhana***

*I'm thankful for being part of Mission Day this year as we raised a lot of money for our sister schools in Samoa - **Madhav***

*I am thankful that we had the chance to keep going to school throughout COVID-19 - **Charlie***

*I am thankful for all of my great friends this year who have supported me - **Faith***

*I am thankful for the people who care for me and keep me safe at school and home - **Yuvraj***

*I am happy that most people kept making good choices this year - **Nate***

2021 Teaching Staff

On Monday afternoon, 7th December, our children will visit their 2021 class teacher and meet their new classmates. The children will bring home a letter at the end of the day, which will inform you of their class placement. I am pleased to present the class structure and specialist teachers for 2021:

Reception	Giovanna Burgess, Amelia Le Duff
Reception	Gloria-Rita Cirillo
Year 1-2	Sue Croese, Susan Steer
Year 1-2	Rebecca Werner
Year 3-4	Emma Hudson
Year 3-4	Lauren Pryor
Year 5-6	Nicki Sharrad, Alexandra Rolfe
Year 5-6	Dino Zandona, Anna Terminello
Performing Arts	Robyn Windham
Japanese	Alexandra Rolfe
Physical Education	Dino Zandona

Farewells

You may have noticed that there is a name missing in the teacher line up for 2021. Mark Black would like to retire gracefully and make a quiet exit without a fuss. It would be neglectful of me not to thank Mark for his work over the last decade for our community. In the short period of time I have known Mark he has proven to be a true gentleman that places the child at the heart of his work. Although Mark will not be at school each day in 2021 he has indicated that he will be our number one relief teacher, when he's not out hiking!

I would also like to farewell Rosy Caltabiano who has worked in our Uniform Shop for the last few years. Rosy has been a parent, volunteer and a staff member of St John Bosco School for quite some time. We deeply thank Rosy for her passion and dedication to our community always serving with a smile and piece of helpful advice.

Kerry Mooney one of our Educational Support Officers will also be retiring at the end of the year. Kerry has worked closely with the early year's children and teachers over the past few years. She particularly assists our children in the MiniLit program, ensuring each child is progressing on their learning journey. Kerry is looking forward to travelling Australia in her new Camper trailer and cruising the coast on her new paddle board.

Reena Aftab our Japanese teacher is leaving at the end of the year to venture into a new school community. Reena has been instrumental in leading a quality Japanese program, exploring the Japanese culture and language with our children. We wish you well Reena.

Evelyn Grantham has been ensuring our school is safe and sound as our Work Health and Safety Officer. Evelyn has decided it is time to retire and farewell our community. We thank Evelyn for her work within our community and wish her a happy retirement.

Finally, if you missed our last newsletter I announced Catherine Birchmore is leaving at the end of the school year. 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 on 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. We thank Catherine for her work over the last 24 years at St John Bosco School.

Please join me in thanking the staff for their dedication and passion towards our St John Bosco community. As a staff we will pay tribute to our parting colleagues next Thursday evening.

School Reports

Semester 2 School Reports will be emailed to families on Wednesday 9th December. Please ensure the school has your current email

address. If you do not receive your child's School Report, please check your Junk Mail and if you still can't locate it contact the school office.

Year 6 Graduation

We are thankful that we can celebrate and farewell our Year 6 children in a special way that they truly deserve. We have altered the plan this year to allow for COVID restrictions, we will have the Liturgy and Dinner at The Lakes Resort, West Lakes beginning at 6:30pm on Wednesday 9th December. We are grateful that we can farewell and celebrate our Year 6 children in a special way that they truly deserve. We look forward to farewelling the graduating class of 2020!

Little BoscOs Graduate

Our Little BoscOs completed their seven week transition program last Friday with a small graduation liturgy. The children are truly ready to begin their schooling journey with many friendships and connections already formed. We look forward to seeing our new Receptions in their St John Bosco School uniform on Wednesday 27th January.

Wishing all families a restful, happy and safe Christmas. Thank you for making my first year at St John Bosco School a memorable year in so many ways. I feel like I have been part of the community for much longer than a year. St John Bosco has a special place in my heart already.

Kate Turner



02.12.20

Uniform Shop News

Click this [link](#) here, find our School Logo and follow the prompts to place your order or make a booking to attend the Uniform Shop for a fitting with your child.

Our Uniform Shop will be open here at the school next Tuesday 8th December. Please keep in mind with the latest COVID restrictions announced and keeping in line with Devon Clothing procedures, families will be required to make a booking to attend the shop using the above link. **UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SHOP WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.**

From January next year Devon Clothing will be onsite once a week on a Tuesday with our Uniform also available from their shop in Edwardstown from March. All orders must be received by no later than close of business on the Friday prior to ensure your order is packed and received on the Tuesday when Devon Clothing staff are on site here at St John Bosco.

Back to school fitting appointments for Tuesday 19th January are now open and can be made using the above link. **PLEASE REMEMBER YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SHOP WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.**

For our 2021 Reception families, bookings are open and can be made for Tuesday 8th December as well as Tuesday 19th January.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation in ensuring you do make a booking if you wish to attend the shop for a fitting and encourage families to use online ordering where possible when sizing is known.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school Office.

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Moore Street Christmas Appeal



The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Inc.

It has been a tradition at St John Bosco School during the Season of Advent to support the Catholic Moore Street Centre for Homeless Persons. This year Moore Street will be supporting more than 6000 people in the Adelaide region. Any donations of non-perishable food, toys, games and sporting goods can be placed in the donation boxes at the main walkway entrance to our school. Christmas wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and commitment to helping those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas.

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Semester 2 Reports

Next Wednesday 9th December our 2020 Semester 2 Reports will be emailed to all families. Please note the from address that you will receive your reports will be Accelerus Reporting noreply@reports.accelerus.com.au

It is possible that your emails may be in your 'junk' file so it is recommended that you check this folder also if you do not have your child's report.

If you did not receive an email from us please contact Louise Kennewell via email louise.kennewell@sjb.catholic.edu.au to arrange for a new copy to be sent.

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Enrolment Forms for Siblings

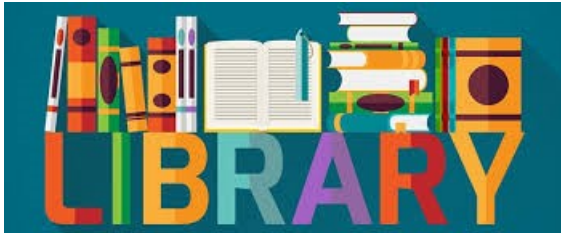
A reminder to parents if you intend for your children who are under the age of 5 to attend St John Bosco School in the future then you must submit an enrolment form as soon as possible.

There is no charge to submit this form, however it is a requirement to ensure a place is secured for your child.

Please contact our Enrolment Registrar Karen Matthews via email karen.matthews@sjb.catholic.edu.au or collect an enrolment form from the school Office.

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Library News



WOW! What a rollercoaster year we've had. It's hard to believe we only have one and a half weeks left. If your child still has books at home, could you please help locate and return them. All library books need to be back by the end of this week Friday 4th December. Thank you for your support throughout the year in helping maintain our book circulation and in the purchase of books through the Book Fair to expand our collection.

I wish you and your family a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to a healthier and happier 2021.

Franca Jeffery

Tuition Fees

Thank you to those families who have made payment of their Tuition Fees which were due by Monday 30th November 2020.

All outstanding balances are due and payable immediately unless payment plans continue to another arranged date or arrangements have been made for payments to be made within a reasonable time period.

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.

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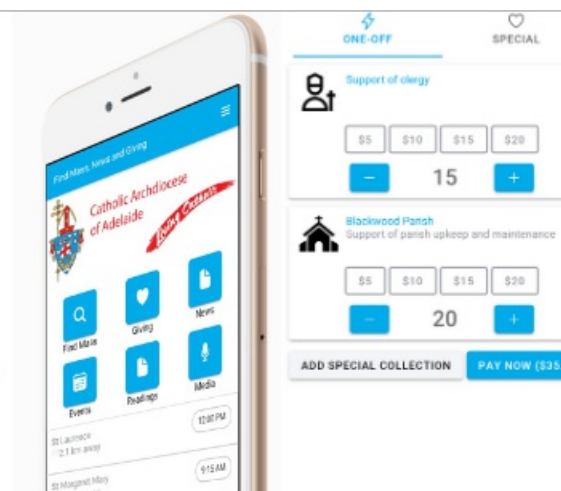
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Vacation Care School Holiday Program



Bookings are now open for the December and January School Holidays.

The program is jam packed with activities to fill the holiday break for your children.

All bookings must be made by no later than Wednesday 14th December to secure your place.

Visit the link below to access the full program.

[Term 4 Vacation Care Program](#)

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