



Annual General Meeting



2023 Report

Principal's Report

Throughout 2023 St John Bosco community continued to grow with many children and families joining our community, excited with the prospect of finding the hidden gem in the western suburbs.

As a school the lens of continuous improvement has led our work throughout 2023. We have worked collaboratively as a staff to ensure our teaching and learning is of a high standard. Our professional learning has been focussed on English, Assessment and how Data drives our teaching and learning. Our work with educational consultants and the St John Bosco team has led to improved pedagogy and improved results throughout the school.

The appointment of a Wellbeing Coordinator in 2023, initiated a whole school focus on a shared understanding on the science of Wellbeing. We concentrated on building a positive wellbeing culture to enhance the social and emotional wellbeing of children, educators and families.

With anticipation the community eagerly watched the construction of our new school hall and learning environments, which will host our OSHC and Playgroup. We look forward to celebrating many events in the large gathering space, while also utilising the space in hot and wet weather for indoor Physical Education lessons.

Finally, I would like to thank the School Board members for their partnership and collaboration in governing our school. I would personally like to thank School Board members George Katsos and Lester Marks who both step down as board members as their families move beyond the St John Bosco community.

I look forward to working with the 2024 School Board members to ensure St John Bosco is a school living and breathing our school values of Excellence, Loving-Kindness, Service and Belonging.

Go in Peace

Kate Turner
Principal



High Quality Teaching and Learning

In 2023, all children from years R-6 had a successful year of learning. We measured growth in various learning areas and every child made progress along their own learning path. Our committed teachers worked hard to deliver high-quality teaching programs, maintaining a consistent approach throughout the school.

Clarity Learning Suite and Data

St John Bosco School was an early adopter of the Clarity Learning Suite Professional Learning program, led by Dr. Lyn Sharratt. Our work in this area has continued through 2023 with a focus on building teacher and leader capacity to increase student achievement and growth in a sustainable way.

The staff participated in various professional development opportunities and have become more skilled in data literacy, enabling us to collect information about program strengths and growth areas, which guides our decision-making process.

Our Evidence and Engagement Schedule was co-constructed with teachers and leaders and has helped us determine which assessments to administer to the children and when. We worked in Learning Community teams to analyse the data and used that information to inform future goals and planning. We tracked each child's learning journey at a deeper level, and the staff collaborated to ensure that every child was thriving. As a result, we have witnessed positive outcomes in the learning achievements of our children.

On September 19, our school was invited to lead a presentation during a conference titled "A Day with Dr. Lyn Sharratt - Principles of School Improvement". The conference was attended by the leadership teams from various CESA schools. Being asked to present was a high honour bestowed upon our school, indicating that our efforts to improve children's learning outcomes have been recognised beyond our community.

English

The Reception to Year 2 classes continued to implement the InitialLit Program which is an evidence-based Literacy program that focuses on teaching basic early literacy skills to the children. This program has an emphasis on teaching the alphabetic code for both reading and spelling and focuses on language and vocabulary development through the storybook component. The program includes all five key components for effective instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Our data consistently shows that children have demonstrated significant growth throughout the year and this informed our teachers to analyse the data closely, effectively planning for future goals.

The Year 3 to 6 classes continued to follow a structured, synthetic phonics approach to teaching reading and spelling that focuses on developing children's understanding of the relationship between letters and sounds through the Playberry Literacy Laser Program. Our teachers explicitly taught the relationships between letters and sounds to support children in developing the foundational skills necessary for reading fluently and accurately. Children at these year levels consolidated their knowledge of spelling patterns and mastered spelling rules associated with how meaningful word parts, (morphemes) come together. The efficacy of a structured, synthetic phonics approach is evidenced by one of the strongest evidence bases in educational research.

NAPLAN results in Spelling for both our Year 3 and 5 children were above both the National and Catholic Education averages, which was a significant gain for our school and evidence that this program is achieving excellent results.

The Reception - Year 2 teachers observed the program in practice at another CESA school and were very impressed by the knowledge of the children. As a result, this Program will be implemented by our R-2 teachers in 2024.

Mathematics

In 2023, our staff at St John Bosco School made a stronger commitment to improve the learning outcomes of all children in Mathematics. As teachers, we closely analysed the PAT M and NAPLAN data and tailored our teaching to ensure that each child was demonstrating progress. We continued to teach the Rules for Base Ten, with a focus on developing thinking strategies, building number facts and problem-solving. Our teachers used the Learning Through Doing Mathematics Program which promotes structured, hands-on, high-impact use of visual mathematical models to support learning. This program provided valuable resources for our teachers and children to use and included detailed inquiry-based lesson plans which intentionally used hands-on learning activities with specifically designed resources and 'How-to' videos. The data collected throughout the year demonstrated improvement for all our children and is still an area targeted for improvement.

Key Capabilities

CESA has developed the resource known as the Key Capabilities Continua which is designed to support children to develop each of the seven Key Capabilities.

Some staff members attended Professional Development at CESA and supported our teachers in a staff meeting to develop an understanding of the Key Capabilities and their purpose. They identified ways to use the Key Capabilities in teaching and explored ways to integrate them as part of student reflection. We will continue to explore the Key Capabilities and create a whole-school plan for introducing them to our children and the community in 2024.

Inclusive Education

It has been a positive and productive year for Inclusive Education at St John Bosco. Our focus is on providing equal educational opportunities to all children, regardless of their abilities, disabilities, backgrounds or cultural beliefs. We focused on creating an inclusive school culture and promoted inclusive attitudes and practices among our teaching and learning community, where every child feels valued and respected.

The staff have undergone professional development throughout the year to consolidate their understanding about the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) and SEQTA, which is CESA's system data collection point for schools. The NCCD is responsible for collecting data about children with disabilities who are receiving adjustments to their learning in a consistent, reliable, and systematic way. As a result of this training, teachers are now confident in recording and uploading the required evidence on SEQTA.

Our staff collaborated with children, families and allied health professionals to provide exceptional care, support, and education to our children with disabilities. We adopted a "wrap-around" approach for children with complex needs and worked closely with the entire team that supports them. This helps us in fostering and educating the child as a whole, with our focus firmly set on the children as the centre of our attention at St John Bosco School.

All staff members completed the Disability Standards for Education online training. This training program helps them fulfil their legal obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). These obligations

ensure that all children with disabilities have access to their learning and help to strengthen our inclusive practices as a learning community.

The Inclusive Education Coordinator took part in CESA's Western Region Network gatherings every term to connect with our CESA consultant and other schools. These sessions had a specific focus and priorities for Catholic schools. They helped our school stay up-to-date with the most recent information and best teaching practices to ensure that children thrive in an inclusive environment.

Throughout the year, our staff participated in a variety of professional development sessions. These sessions helped us to better engage and support our children with communication and complex behaviours.

We conducted data analysis to identify children who needed additional support in Literacy. To provide the required assistance, teachers and Education Support Officers worked with small groups of children in the classroom and provided one-on-one support when needed. Throughout the year, we tracked children's progress and were thrilled to see significant growth and positive outcomes. As a result, children became more confident learners.

St John Bosco School is committed to providing a welcoming and safe inclusive environment that caters to the unique needs of all students within a Catholic community.

Nicki Sharrad

Inclusive Education Coordinator

Wellbeing

In 2023, St John Bosco School, alongside three other schools in our region commenced involvement in the PIP Project. The acronym 'PIP' represents 'Partners in Practice', with a focus on schoolwide wellbeing at each school. The collaboration amongst the schools has been imperative to our progress.

At SJB, we focused on establishing schoolwide consistency with language, approaches and Tier 1, 2 and 3 intervention towards wellbeing. This intervention will continue and develop as we enter 2024.

Our Tier 3 approach involved Karlee Cave, a developmental educator at school two days each week. Karlee worked 1:1 with a group of children on specific goals and outcomes to support their social skills and emotional regulation. Tier 2 wellbeing groups were led by teachers and Education Support Officers throughout the year. These sessions were focused on developing and nurturing social skills through a variety of group activities including gardening, sport and playing board games. Our Tier 1 approach to wellbeing was delivered through the Grow Your Mind Program. Grow Your Mind is an award winning social and emotional wellbeing program for schools and homes. It is grounded in four key pillars of research: positive psychology, public health, social and emotional learning + neuroscience. The consistent language and approach have become part of our everyday at St John Bosco School amongst children, staff, and families.

The staff engaged in professional development around wellbeing, character strength education and the Grow Your Mind program. We also held a family workshop with a focus on the Grow Your Mind program and how to continue this learning at home. We are excited to delve into 2024 and continue this journey!

Jess Rushby

Wellbeing Coordinator

Physical Education

I am pleased to summarize the program and celebrations in Physical Education at St Bosco School in 2023. As in all years, the aim of Physical Education at our school is to engage our students with high quality teaching with purposeful, authentic learning experiences through game-based pedagogies. This is guided through the outcomes and personal social capabilities of the Australian Curriculum. We aspire our students to develop the importance of physical movement as apart of living health and active lifestyles and to develop their personal and social skills so they can thrive and be purposeful members in communities.

The Physical Education Program offered our students a diverse range of experiences like Athletics, Soccer, AFL Football, Tennis, invasion field games and striking games so that basic fundamental movement skills, co-ordination and strategies can be developed and refined for play and purpose.

Physical Education played a major part in the school community with the celebrations of Sports Day, Be Active Day, Trophy Presentation Evening and Out of Hours Sporting Teams. Selected students also participated in various sporting carnivals offered through the South Australian Catholic School Sporting Association (SACPSSA). This included Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and Touch Football.

In Addition, in 2023 Auskick and Netball clinics were offered and conducted after school. These clinics were successfully run by Mr Mace van Weenen and Mr Lachlan Camm.

The success of Physical Education in our community would not be possible without the contributions made by parents and volunteers who invest their time and energy into roles such as coaching teams, marshalling at sporting carnivals, logistics and administration. I would also like to thank all the staff, in particular Mr Mace van Weenen for all their efforts in ensuring that Physical Education is a rewarding and high-quality experience for our children at St John Bosco School.

Dino Zandona

Physical Education Co-ordinator



Effective Administration and Resourcing

Enrolments

We began the 2023 school year with 202 children enrolled at St John Bosco School. We finished the year with 236 children enrolled in our community. It was the first time in many years that a stand alone mid-year Reception started, with a class of 22 children.

Staffing

We welcomed many new staff members to St John Bosco School, Matthew Scott our new Japanese Teacher and Performing Arts teacher. David Angus worked with our Year 3-4 children. Louise Marshall our EALD teacher and also worked with the Year 1-2 children. Charlie Willoughby also a Year 1-2 teacher, Charlie was very familiar with our community as she had worked in our OSHC. Jenna Weber worked with our Reception children. Kelli Rose also worked with the Reception children and our Year 5-6 children! Sarah Graham led our Little Boscos Transition Program in Semester One and became their classroom teacher alongside Nikki Hall in Semester 2. Mace Van Weenen worked alongside Dino Zandona as our Physical Education Teachers.

In April 2023 our substantive APRIM Sara Hart resigned. Leah Bellifemini stepped into the acting APRIM position for the remainder of the 2023 school Year. Leah won the substantive position of APRIM and will begin the appointment at the beginning of 2024.

Katerina our school finance manager resigned in 2023 with an exciting new opportunity with Anglicare. Mario Pietraroia joined our community in 2023 quickly adjusting to the position of finance manager in a school setting. Kaycia Jackson joined our community as an Education Support Officer mid-way through the year.

Marketing

Our presence on bus stops on Holbrooks Road and Marion Road continued to bring enrolments into our community throughout 2023. Many families attending Principal Tours acknowledged they became aware of our school through the advertising.

Building Project

The planning and preparation for Stage 1 of our Masterplan came to fruition during 2023. Harold and Kite were the selected builders to construct our new building which included a large gathering space, OSHC and a space for playgroup which included kitchen facilities. The favourable tender from Harold and Kite allowed room in the budget to also construct a new sports court between the new building and Marshall Terrace. The staff, children and families look forward to utilising the hall in 2024 with construction due to be completed by mid-February 2024.

Community

Parents and Friends

The Parents and Friends committee gathered week 1 of each term to plan and organise upcoming events for the term. The committee planned many celebrations and events to build community within the school. Each term the children enjoyed a special lunch including hotdogs, pizza and villi's pies and pasties. The annual school disco was a huge hit with the children. The Mother's Day and Father's Day Stall provided the opportunity for the children to purchase a gift for their parents. An Easter Raffle and Christmas Raffle was organised and well supported by families donating merchandise and selling raffle tickets.

Playgroup

St John Boscoss Playgroup extended to two mornings a week in 2023, Tuesday and Wednesdays. We welcomed children aged 0-5 years from the St John Bosco and wider western suburbs. Carmelina, a trained Early Years educator coordinated a quality Playgroup that experienced a significant increase in attendees.

Playgroup offered exciting educational learning experiences each week for the smallest members of our community. Families attending our playgroup came from school, parish and the wider community. It has proven to be not only a great educational experience for the children, it is also a perfect opportunity for parents and grandparents to socialise and connect with other families. Playgroup is the perfect platform for families to get a feel for our beautiful community with many school enrolments being initiated by our Playgroup.



OSHC

Our OSHC Director Mirella and her team of educators ran a quality educational and recreational program for our children throughout 2023. Bookings increased throughout the year with the need for an application to increase our licence from 35 to 45 children at each session. Mirella worked in partnership with our school finance officer and families to reduce OSHC debt, enabling the Service to make a profit for 2023.

Mirella and her team honoured the child's voice and their interests by co-constructing an engaging and child centred recreational program. The children and staff collaboratively created a weekly menu, ensuring that healthy and nutritious food options were available catering for the varying dietary requirements. The children take great pride in assisting by serving food to their peers.

Snapshots of the Week provided an electronic platform for families to view experiences that their children participate in at OSHC. Children, staff and families are invited to provide feedback and comments.

The Services Vacation Program was well utilised by our families. Most excursions have been booked out with children missing out if bookings are not made on the programs release.

Preparation for our OSHC service to move over to the new building in 2024 are well underway with the Education Standards Board booked to inspect and approve our new premises before the move occurs.



Catholic Identity

In 2023, we returned to whole-school gatherings and community events. As we continue to strive to maintain and enhance our Catholic identity at St John Bosco School, it is essential to reflect on our achievements in fostering a strong Catholic identity within our school community.

Charitable Work

Inspired by the Gospel's call to love and to 'Serve the Lord with joy', our school community actively engaged in various charitable events. From local initiatives to outreach programs, our children exemplified the Catholic commitment to social justice and compassion. We supported charities including Hutt Street Centre, Moore Street, Kick Start for Kids, The Heart Foundation and Centacare. Over \$7,000 was raised by the St John Bosco community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous monetary donations, as well as non-perishable items and toys for those less fortunate.



Outreach

The St John Bosco staff gathered on their Pupil Free Day in Term 3 to **Be of Benefit** to the wider community and cultivate the character strength of Kindness. We gathered for a Liturgy in the morning and then provided a service to support our chosen community groups. Some of the community groups included Women's and Children's Hospital, the Australian Red Cross, Clean Up Australia, and Pet Food Bank Fill Their Bowl Project. It was wonderful to see the staff engaging in these activities and providing service to others.

House Fundraisers

This year the St John Bosco House Teams individually planned and led House Fundraiser days where they raised money for charities of their choice. St Francis de Sales Captains, Mia and Harriet organised a Pyjama Day fundraiser which raised \$249.00 for Kickstart for Kids, who provide around 60,000 breakfasts and 10,000 lunches per week to South Australian Schools. St Maria Mazzarello House Captains, Giulia and Eli, led a Fundraiser which raised \$155 for Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools. Ivy and Victoria led the House Fundraiser for St Dominic Savio and planned a 'Crazy Day' for the SJB community. They raise approximately \$200 for people who are currently struggling with heart disease. Throughout all three days, children engaged in fun activities that allowed them to raise awareness for the chosen charities.



Mission Day

The Year 5/6 unit created small businesses/stalls to raise money for a chosen charity, Centacare. Centacare is a charity that supports the homeless and provides care packs for those in need. This year there were 13 stalls in total, each with a unique atmosphere. The children raised a staggering \$2653 for Centacare.

Project Compassion

\$473.55 was raised for Project Compassion in 2023. We once again thank the St John Bosco School community for their amazing generosity.

Masses and Liturgies

One of the cornerstones of our Catholic identity is our dedication to Mass and Liturgy. Throughout the academic year, we have continued to celebrate Mass regularly, incorporating liturgical seasons and special feast days into our school calendar. This practice not only strengthens our students' connection with their faith but also fosters a sense of community and reverence. We gathered for whole-school masses including Pentecost, The Assumption of Mary and All Saints Day. Liturgies/Prayerful Gatherings were held for events such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Remembrance Day, R U OK? Day and our graduations.



Catholic Charities Mass and Expo

The House Captains visited St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, where they attended the annual Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass and Expo. Mass was led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and then a Catholic Charities Expo was held in the Cathedral Hall. It was a great opportunity for the children to gain a better understanding of the work these agencies carry out and how the money we fundraise can help those in need. From this Expo, the House Captains chose Centacare as their charity for Mission Day in Term 4.

Sacraments

The APRIM's of St John Bosco School and Tenison Woods Catholic School assisted St John Bosco Parish members and Fr Long Hai in the sacramental program. The children were supported in the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Sacramental program is Parish-led, school-supported and family-centred. Seven children from St John Bosco celebrated the sacraments in 2023.

Religious Education

The Religious Education curriculum remains a focal point in shaping the Catholic identity of our children. Our dedicated teachers strive to provide a comprehensive understanding of Catholic teachings, encouraging critical thinking and personal reflection. The integration of faith into other subject areas ensures a seamless incorporation of Catholic values throughout our students' academic journey. Staff engaged in 1:1 Professional Development with the APRIM, in the Crossways Curriculum, to assist them with providing their students with rich and dynamic learning experiences and assessment tasks. MITIOG (Made in the Image of God) was delivered to children in Term 3. The RE Scope and Sequence developed in 2022 was utilised to ensure all Enduring Understandings were taught.

New Excellence School Bench

Our second bench was delivered in Term 3, 2023, by artist Anna Small and her husband, Warren Pickering. The artwork was originally designed by the SJB children. We are now in the process of finalising our last two bench designs, based on the school values of Loving-Kindness and Service. We look forward to receiving these benches early 2024.



Crossing Monitors at St John Bosco

The Year 5/6 children came up with the initiative to implement Crossing Monitors at St John Bosco. This initiative complements the 'Serve the Lord with Joy' Leadership Program, where children earn points towards leadership badges. Senior Constable Andrew Crowe trained the Senior children to be Crossing

Monitors in Term 2, 2023. School crossing monitors play an important part in road safety, especially around school zones. The Year 5/6 children will be retrained in 2024 to assist with crossing duty.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and NAIDOC Week

We gathered for a prayerful gathering on the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. We took time to acknowledge the 135,681 First Nations Catholics in our country. We honoured and acknowledged God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. We took a moment to recognise and appreciate the land on which our Parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Following our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday prayerful gathering, we commenced NAIDOC Week. The theme for NAIDOC Week in 2023 was 'For Our Elders'. It recognised the important role that Elders play in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities. Throughout the week, the children engaged in a range of learning experiences that helped them understand the importance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.



Farewelling our Year 6 Senior Children

At the end of 2023, we farewelled a group of 31 Year 6 children. We are proud of their achievements and growth in all aspects of school life. These children have demonstrated a growing maturity, independence, and a readiness to embark on the next phase of their lives. We hope the children look back on their years at St John Bosco with joy and remember the friendships they made, the opportunities provided to them and their contributions in making our school the wonderful community it is.

Our commitment to nurturing a vibrant Catholic identity lies at the heart of what we do at St John Bosco. Through prayer, education, service, and inclusivity, we strive to cultivate a community of faith-filled individuals prepared to navigate the challenges of the world with a strong foundation in Catholic values.

Leah Bellifemini

Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission (APRIM)

Finance Report

In 2023 St John Bosco School fees remained the same to continue the CESA initiative – affordable Catholic Education.

With an increase of students enrolled at St John Bosco in 2023 our income increased from school fees and grants from both the federal and state government.

A concerted effort was put in place to collect outstanding school fees from existing and departed families throughout 2023, with the assistance of debt collectors utilised. Many of our families have set up regular direct debit payments inline with their pay cycle, which assists the school in maintaining a steady flow of income.

With our enrolment growth our expenses for teaching staff, Education Support Officers and Administration staff increased.

With great leadership from our OSHC Director our service made a profit. The Parents and Friends Committee made a profit in 2023 from their fundraising initiatives.

St John Bosco had an increase in net operating cash flow in 2023 compared to the previous year.

With the construction of the new school hall in the later part of 2023 the school began to utilise their cash reserves and draw upon their loan to make regular payments to the builders throughout construction. The final payments for the new build will occur in the first quarter of 2024.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee and School Board for working in partnership with me in my first six months as Finance Manager at St John Bosco School.

I look forward to working in partnership with the staff and families of our community in 2024 to ensure our school remains in a healthy financial position.

Mario Pietraroia
Finance Manager

ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL FINANCIAL RESULTS

CASHFLOW



	DECEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022
INCOME		
SCHOOL FEES	\$440,857	\$371,299
OTHER	\$209,569	\$82,908
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRANT	\$737,332	\$704,200
COMMONWEALTH GRANTS	\$2,794,436	\$2,426,769
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,182,194	\$3,585,176
EXPENSES		
TUTION SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES	\$2,547,925	\$2,245,512
ADMINISTRATION SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES	\$274,957	\$252,928
GROUND,S,R&M,CLEANING,UTILITIES	\$129,036	\$140,261
ADMINISTRATION AND INSURANCE	\$140,192	\$143,315
LEVIES	\$210,929	\$202,183
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,303,039	\$2,984,199
TRADING ACCOUNTS - NET		
OHSC	34,143	1,148
PARENTS AND FRIENDS	5,093	2,404
OTHER TRADING ACCOUNTS	(3,364)	(3,337)
TOTAL TRADING - NET	35,872	215
NET OPERATING CASH FLOW	\$915,027	\$601,192
CAPITAL CASHFLOW	(\$862,490)	(\$211,635)
NET CASHFLOW	\$52,537	\$389,557

Parish Report

With the close of another year, I wish to express my gratitude to the Parish and School communities for their support extended to me throughout 2023.

Parish Pastoral Council

At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting of July, 2023, Brady Stallard and Catherine Fitzgerald accepted the nomination of Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish welcomed Brady Stallard and Catherine Fitzgerald to the roles and, on Sunday, 13 August 2023, the Parish Pastoral Council was blessed, commissioned and presented to parishioners at the 9am Mass held in the St John Bosco church.

Sacramental Program

Twenty-one candidates from the two Parish Schools and other schools prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

On Wednesday, 6 September 2023, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was held in the St John Bosco Church with 21 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and, 18 of the 21 children received First Holy Communion at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 9/10 September 2023.

Visit of the Relic Statue of St John Bosco

The relic statue of St John Bosco toured Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil on 30 March 1923 in Fremantle, Western Australia, to work in the spirit of Don Bosco.

With joy, on the evening of Friday, 1 September 2023, our Parish was extremely honoured to welcome the visit of the first-class relic of Don Bosco to the St. John Bosco church.

The visit of Don Bosco's relic helped to remind us of the holiness of St John Bosco and the fulfillment of God's work through Don Bosco. Also, it provided us with the opportunity to pray to Don Bosco in a special way in front of the relic.

Morning Tea after Mass

Following an interval of more than two years as result of the global pandemic, the Parish reintroduced morning tea on the third Sunday of the month after Mass at St John Bosco Church and St Aloysius Church, commencing Sunday, 17 September 2023.

All Parishioners and visitors at the Sunday Masses were welcomed to attend.

Class Masses

Class Masses were celebrated during School terms and, in particular Whole School Masses were celebrated on the Feast Days of Saints and the Beginning and the End of Year Masses.

Thanksgiving Mass

In 2023, Fr Matthew Lukaszewicz, a former parishioner, was ordained as a priest in Sydney and in December 2023, Fr Matthew celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass at the 9am Mass in St Bosco Church.

Fr Matthew was warmly welcomed by parishioners.

Building Community

In 2023, the Parish Hospitality Committee arranged events such as celebrating the Feast Days of St John Bosco and St Aloysius Gonzago and the Christmas BBQ to build Parish life. All events were well attended by Parishioners.

Looking Forward into the Year 2024

I reaffirm to you that I will continue to devote myself to the Parish and actively look to grow and strengthen my relationship with the Board, the School and celebrating Mass with the students.

Fr Long Hai Nguyen

Parish Priest

Brooklyn Park Richmond Parish