



## *A Message from our Principal....*

Term 3 is drawing to a close. It's hard to believe we are in week 10!

Father's Day celebration - Wow what an amazing afternoon we had at our Father's Day Celebration. Thanks to all the guys who came along to celebrate. We had a very competitive time creating "Secret Handshakes" thanks to everyone who got involved the children really enjoyed spending this time with you. Thanks to all our P/F members who helped out in anyway- especially to Lorna who cooked up a storm with the sausages!

The 3/4 students had a sleepover at school last Friday night and it was also a great experience. Thank you to Mr Witt, Miss Georgia and Miss Emma for organising a fun night for the students- we appreciate you giving up your night to host this for the students. Thanks to the parents who also helped with breakfast. Pizzas, games and a movie with mates, what more do you want on a Friday night?

Bosco Buddies, Bosco Beginners and Our Preps enjoyed a celebration of Learning at the Enchanted Garden party last Friday morning and it was a beautiful morning of amazing activities. Thank you Miss Sarah, Miss Wendy and your team of helpers for providing such wonderful experiences for our SJB children and the wider community.

Term 4 will be a busy one and some key dates have been included in today's newsletter- please be sure to mark these on your calendars,

Finally, as the last day of term is Thursday 18th September, there will be no Bosco Buddies or Bosco Beginners this week. This will commence again on the first week back of Term 4. I take this opportunity to wish all families a restful and enjoyable holidays and look forward to hearing the holidays stories on the first day back next term. Look after yourselves.

Nicole Preitz (Principal)

### Stay Up to Date



#### 18 September

Last Day of Term 3  
Wear Your Team  
Colours Day

#### TERM 4

6 October

Public Holiday- Kings  
Birthday

7 October

Extra Pupil Free Day

8 October

First Day of Term 4  
STEM Robotics Comp  
Friday 10

Bosco Buddies and  
Bosco Beginners start  
back

Assembly - No Class  
Presentation

13 October

Miners Memorial Day  
5pm

17 October

Bosco Buddies and  
Bosco Beginners  
Assembly

Parent Engagement  
Forum Meeting- after  
Assembly -9am

20-24 October

Nic Away -Principal  
MTGs

# Religious Education

Assembly this week– No Assembly this week as it is the first day of HOLIDAYS!

## The Year of Hope– Jubilee Year Mass

On Monday we celebrated a lovely Mass with Fr Sibi in the church. It was a wonderful celebration to mark the "Year of Hope" for the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year for 2025.



## School Mission Statement

As many of you would be aware this year we have been working to either to revise the SJB School Mission Statement as part of our priorities from Validation and our Annual School Improvement plan for 2025. I thank all those members of our school community who have had some part in the process for their input and engagement. A school mission statement is a concise declaration of a school's core purpose, guiding principles, and what it aims to achieve, outlining its fundamental "why" and how its community will work together to realize its educational goals. It serves as a strategic tool that defines the school's unique character and priorities, providing focus and clarity for decisions, actions, and initiatives within the entire school system. A strong mission statement is realistic, memorable, and reflective of the school's actual operations, connecting daily work to its overarching vision. Below is the final version of the Mission Statement for your reflection and feedback. Please let me know if you have any final comments to make.

*With God at the heart of all we do, we nurture a welcoming and inclusive space where faith is lived and everyone is encouraged to be their best.*



## P & F News

Parent Engagement Forum Meetings will be held after Assembly **Friday 12th**

**September at approx. 9am in the Library.** All parents are

encouraged to come along and be involved in these meetings and be part of our hard working P/F group. Hope to see you there.

# Learning and Teaching

## Life Education

This week we are having a visit from Healthy Harold from Life Ed Qld who works in partnerships with more than 800 schools and teachers across the state to support and reinforce the important health messages being taught at home and in the classroom. All primary modules are aligned with the Australian curriculum for Health and Physical Education and are developed to support teachers reach these specific learning outcomes and complement learning in the classroom. The students love seeing Healthy Harold and will cover the topics below;



- My Body Matters
- Growing Good Friends
- Friends and Feelings
- Relate, Respect, Connect.



Non-State Schools Accreditation Board

## Revised NSSAB Time Allocation Guidelines

The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) have made changes to the requirements for schools to deliver the approved curriculum for non-state schools. The changes are designed to give schools the flexibility to meet students' needs while balancing minimum requirements alongside school values and community expectations. They also strive to maintain the integrity of the curriculum and ensure students' entitlement to learning.

In **Prep to Year 2**, priority is given to:

Literacy and numeracy development - primarily through English and Mathematics. Physical activity, movement skills development, and safe and healthy personal practices.

In **Years 3-6** the provision of an appropriate range of learning areas continues to prioritise:

English (and literacy development) Mathematics (and numeracy development)

The change to these guidelines will have some impacts on how we implement learning time across the school- more information to come.

## EXTRA Pupil Free Days

To assist schools in undertaking the implementation of the new Educational Guidelines, Townsville Catholic Education has allocated an additional 2 pupil-free days:

**Tuesday, 7th October 2025**

**(first day of Term 4); and**

**Tuesday, 27th of January**

**(first day of Term 1, 2025)**





# Library

## Heads up for Term 4 Book Lovers!



Thank You to All Our Book Lovers!

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased books through Book Club this term. Your enthusiasm and support turned our shelves into treasure troves and helped us raise vital funds for future literacy initiatives. Your generosity means a lot to our school. Term 4 date for Book Fair is yet to be confirmed

## Student of the Week

Prep - Bryce (Wk10)

Year 1 - Lachlan (Wk10)

Year 2 - Richelle (Wk10)

Year 3 - Letisha (Wk10)

Year 4 - Marnie (Wk10)

Year 5 - Sadie (Wk10)

Year 6 - Callie (Wk10)



## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to .....

Callie



## A message from Miss Jilly

During Term 3 we continued the valuable Seasons of Growth program for 3 small groups of students. So far they have been reflecting on the challenging changes in their lives, acknowledging that hard times come and go, identifying their feelings and learning about techniques to calm themselves down. I feel very privileged to have this role at SJB, and everyday there are meaningful student connections, support times and activities. It is a true honor to meet and work with your beautiful children. Check out our Facebook page for some photos of the goings on. See you in Term 4, I pray that you truly enjoy your child's company over their break.



Included in this newsletter - Upcoming Events, Holiday dates flyer, P&F Minutes, NAPCAN - Listening to Children

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*



**Last Day of Term 3  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

# **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**School Resumes  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
October**

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