

# Week 4 Term 3 2025



St John Bosco  
Catholic School



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

Welcome to Term 3. Tomorrow SJB are hosting the NAIDOC Celebrations for the Primary Schools, Highschool and Kindy from 11:30am-1:30pm. We will be holding a Flag Ceremony and then enjoying a performance from Sean Choolburra. Sean is also a talented Stand Up comedian and will be holding a free performance at the Workers Club -a free event for the Collinsville and Scottville communities. at 7:30pm. The Parent Engagement Forum have been selling tickets in a **Multi Draw Raffle** to raise funds for the school. This raffle will be drawn on the night. Families are asked send back to school any tickets sold. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our SJB families and local businesses for their kind donations of the prizes for this raffle. We have some amazing prizes on offer to win and we are extremely grateful. Make sure you have got your tickets! I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and carers who have been helping to organise this event. We have had parents sorting out prizes, tickets and money boards, parents organising the event at the Workers Club and the sausage sizzle for all the students. Thank you for your help- your time , effort and energy is very much appreciated.

The Townsville Catholic Education is working with all schools within the Diocese to improve the education experience provided to our students. TCE have sent a survey to all staff and families within our school communities. The collated responses will assist our schools in shaping their future directions and school improvement strategies. Your responses are very important in this process as we continue to strive to provide our children with the best educational, social, spiritual and emotional resources and environment. You will receive the surveys via email on **Monday 4 August** and we would like to ask that they be completed by **Monday 18 August**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us build stronger, more responsive school communities.

Nicole Preitz (Principal)

## Stay Up to Date



**7 August**

NAIDOC Celebrations  
@ SJB-11:30am

**7 August**

Stand Up Comedy  
Night -7:30pm

**13 August**

Highschool Visit to CHS  
-Orientation - Yr 6  
students @ 1:30pm-  
2:30pm -Tour/  
Welcome- parents to  
pick up from CHS

**15 August**

Parent Engagement  
Forum Meeting- after  
Assembly -9am

**22 August**

No Usual Assembly-  
Book Week Parade

**27 August**

STEM Robotics  
Workshops with  
Damien Kee

**29 August**

Parent Engagement  
Forum Meeting - after  
Assembly -9am

**3 September**

Year 6 Highschool Visit  
to CHS- 8:30am-  
11:00am (Manual Arts/  
Visual Arts)

## Religious Education

**Assembly this week**– Assembly is on this Friday morning in the Library at 8:30am–Year 3/4 are presenting this week. Award winners for the week will receive their certificates and we will draw the winner of the Bosco Bobby Dazzler. Hope to see you there.

### Sacramental Program

Bishop Tim visited St Mary's Parish in Bowen on Sunday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy communion for Ava, Callie, Marnie, Sonny and other members of St Mary's parish family. It was great to have him come. Congratulations to these children on this very important step in their spiritual journey.



### Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint, is celebrated on August 8th. It commemorates her life and legacy, particularly her dedication to providing education to underprivileged children. The Feast Day

honours Australia's first saint with prayer, reflection, and acts of service inspired by her life of faith and compassion.



### **P & F News**

Parent Engagement Forum Meetings will be held after Assembly this **Friday 15th August** 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. We will be discussing the up coming NAIDOC Celebration and Multi Draw Raffle. Hope to see you there.

## Learning and Teaching

### Bosco Beginners

Our Pre-Prep Transition Program "Bosco Beginners" will commence in Week 5 (Next FRIDAY) of Term 3 and will continue in Term 4. This program will only be available this year for students who have now been enrolled in Prep for 2026. Information regarding the dates and specific details of this program will be sent home with families this week.

### Writing at SJB

At St John Bosco, we are excited to use the 6+1 Writing Traits to help our students become better writers. This framework focuses on seven key areas:



**Ideas:** Developing clear and interesting main ideas.

**Organization:** Structuring writing with a beginning, middle, and end.

**Voice:** Letting each student's unique personality shine through their writing.

**Word Choice:** Choosing precise and vivid words to make writing more powerful.

**Sentence Fluency:** Writing sentences that flow smoothly and are easy to read.

**Conventions:** Using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

**Presentation:** Making sure writing is neat and easy to read.

This approach supports students in developing essential skills in text structure, language features, and grammar, as outlined in the curriculum. By integrating these traits into our teaching, we ensure our students are meeting national standards while becoming confident and effective communicators.

### **School Jumpers**

School jumpers are available for purchase from the school office—  
\$38.50 each.



Please ensure your child's jumper is marked with their name.



## Prep

Preps are working hard on their letter formation. They have begun morning handwriting to start the day. Some students are working with red and blue lines, focussing on placing the letters in the correct position. The students use the handwriting cat to support them. This method provides a visual and engaging way to develop consistent letter formation and improve legibility.



## Student of the Week

Prep - Stella (Wk4)

Year 1 - Max. J (Wk4)

Year 2 - Zaiden (Wk4)

Year 3 - Adreena (Wk4)

Year 4 - Kinsley (Wk4)

Year 5 - Eliette (Wk4)

Year 6 - Samira (Wk4)



## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to .....

Rosy

Sadie

Aarik

Saskia



## Year 1/2

Our literacy block is designed to support every student through small group learning that targets their individual needs. Students are placed into fun, themed groups and rotate through four stations each week:

Ms Paulette - phonics, reading and writing

Ms Lesley/Georgia - Phonics, reading and writing

Chromebooks - digital literacy and reading games

Tub Time - hands-on, independent literacy activities

This model allows for explicit teaching, engaging tasks, and independent learning.

Our goal is to build strong readers and confident writers in a fun and supportive environment.



Included in this newsletter - NAPCAN - Using words that help not hurt!: Beacon app flyer,





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