



## Week 8

### Term 4 2025

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

There's something in the air at St John Bosco – a sense of excitement and anticipation. It's a time of celebration and preparation. This week, Transition Day brings an exciting opportunity for our staff and students to begin preparing for a great year of learning and striving to be our best in 2026. The Library is being transformed by the P&F into a Christmas wonderland in readiness for our Christmas Concert on Monday 1st December. Please join us for nibbles at 5:30pm prior to the concert which will commence at 6pm. On Sunday, the Church celebrates the First Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of a new year in the Church. The focus of the Season of Advent is preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ, so themes of hope, peace, love and joy are its focus. Families are invited to join our school Mass on Monday 1st December at 8:45am, which will bring our community together in prayer at this special time of the year. On the last day of school, students will enjoy cooling off at the pool and water park in the morning before coming back to school for a pizza lunch. All students must wear sunsafe swimmers or a T-shirt whilst swimming. School finishes at 12pm on Friday 5th December.

Many in the school community are looking forward to celebrating with the Year 6 students at their Graduation Dinner on Thursday evening at the Workers Club. To ensure a focus on the Year 6 students and the adults who have supported their primary school journey, we ask families to make alternate arrangements for younger siblings. Thank you to everyone for their preparation for the night, especially Ms Emma Drake who has been working hard behind the scenes to bring the event together.

We farewell Mr Stefan Cop, and thank him for his contributions to the school. In 2026, the school will welcome Ms Kerrilyn Hill and Ms Ashleigh Burns to the staff. Mrs Sarah Ryan will be taking on an additional role in the school, so Ms Suzy Maltby will teach Prep/Year 1 teacher for one day per week. Thank you to the staff, students and families for everything you have done to make 2025 a great year. We wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Anita Livingston

#### Stay Up to Date



**26 November**  
Transition Day  
**27 November**  
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner  
6pm @ Workers club  
**28 November**  
Assembly 8:30am  
Bosco Buddies and  
Bosco Beginners  
X-mas Party  
**1 December**  
Final Mass 8:45am  
Tuckshop closed this  
week  
Report Cards come  
home  
**3 December**  
Tuckshop Closed  
**5 December**  
Last day of school  
Tuckshop Closed  
Rewards Day  
School finishes 12pm

**28 January**  
School Resumes

# Religious Education

## Advent

During Religion lessons, students have been learning about the Season of Advent. Advent commences this Sunday 30th November. In every Catholic church around the world, the first candle of the Advent Wreath will be lit symbolising hope. As each week passes, another candle will be lit for peace, joy and love. The wreath is a physical symbol of the journey of preparation to welcome Christ into the world that is taking place within each person and within each community.



## Christmas Hampers

Thank you for supporting Vinnies by donating Christmas goodies. It's been lovely to watch the Vinnies boxes filling up with yummy treats of all kinds. The Christmas Hampers will be distributed to members of the community by members of St Vincent de Paul.



## P & F News

Parent Engagement Forum Meetings are held after Assembly. The next meeting will be held in 2026. 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.

# 2026 Elected Leaders

Last Friday, the Year 5 students presented speeches as part of their leadership journey. Everyone present agreed that their speeches were heartfelt and inspiring. I'm pleased to announce the elected leaders for 2026:

**School Captains:** Eliette and Victoria

**Mercy House Captains:** Cooper and Maya

**Grace House Captains:** Sadie and Mia

**Student Representative Council:** Nick and Suvannaha

We will congratulate these leaders on Assembly this Friday, and look forward to their leadership in 2026.

# Learning and Teaching

## NAPLAN 2026

The NAPLAN tests will again occur in Term 1 in 2026. In 2026, NAPLAN will be held from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 23 March. Moving NAPLAN to Term 1 means results will be available earlier and can be used to inform teaching and learning.



## Coloured Sand Products Recall

As you may have heard, there have been recent recalls on several coloured sand products sold in major retailers, including Kmart, Target, and Officeworks.

These products have been recalled after testing identified the presence of microscopic asbestos fibres in some samples. While the risk of airborne asbestos fibres is considered low in the current state of these products, asbestos is a prohibited substance in Australia.

The withdrawal of these items from sale has been taken as a precautionary measure. Townsville Catholic Education schools have followed all advice as per the recall notices and WHSQ. The safety of all our students is our number one priority, and we will continue to monitor the situation. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact the Acting Principal, Anita Livingston.

## Last day of school reminders!

- Students will be going to the Pool and Water Park
- Sunsafe swimmers or T-shirt must be worn to participate
- Pizza lunch provided (bring snacks and water bottle)
- School closes at 12pm

## Year 1/2

Our Year 1 and 2 students have been enthusiastically participating in our daily literacy program, building confidence and strong foundations through a range of engaging activities. Each morning, students revisit key skills in a structured daily review, helping them strengthen their understanding over time. They explore phonics through hands-on practice and explicit instruction, supporting their growing reading and spelling abilities. Choral reading helps them develop fluency and expression as they read aloud together, while partner work encourages teamwork, active listening, and shared problem-solving. Together, these routines create a vibrant and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive as a reader and writer.



### Student of the Week

Prep - Harper (Wk8)	Year 4 - Marnie (Wk8)
Year 1 - Addison R (Wk8)	Year 5 - Suvannaha (Wk8)
Year 2 - Zaiden (Wk8)	Year 6 - Callie (Wk8)



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to .....

Addison S	Tahni
Harper	Max J
Victoria	
Mia C	



## Year 3/4

This week, Year 3/4 discovered that Mr Witt didn't have a Christmas tree... so our class decided to fix that! We spent the afternoon creating a fun art collage, with each student designing their own unique piece to add to our very own classroom Christmas tree. The kids used their imagination and every artwork was different, colourful and full of personality.

Once we put all the pieces together, our tree turned out even better than a real one. It was a lovely way to start the Christmas season in our classroom.







**LAST DAY**  
**OF 2025**  
**FRIDAY 5TH DEC.**  
**12PM FINISH!**

**HAPPY**  
*Holidays*

**SCHOOL RESUMES**  
**WEDNESDAY 28TH JAN**  
**2026**

Warmest thoughts and best wishes  
for a wonderful holiday season.



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