



# SJB Newsletter



## Stay Up To Date

**20 February**

Assembly 8:30am-  
Year 1/2 Presenting  
Bosco Buddies

**21 February**

Lions Youth of the  
Year Speech Comp.  
1pm

**23 February**

Running Club TBC

**24 February**

Swimming Lessons

**25 February**

Running Club TBC

**27 February**

Assembly 8:30am-  
Prep/1 Presenting  
P&F Meeting after  
assembly.

Bosco Buddies

**28 February**

Working Bee 8am-  
12pm

**2 March**

Running Club TBC

**3 March**

**NO** Swimming  
Lessons

## A Message from our Principal

The Term has started off well even if a little wet- students have been settled and are working well in class. Today we have our Parent Information sessions being held after school where teachers have the opportunity to share with families what is happening in their child's class. It would be wonderful to see families taking up this opportunity and coming along. I thank our teachers in advance for the presentations that they will share today and the time and effort that is put into sharing information about what is happening in our classrooms. We are blessed to have the teachers that we have at SJB- they go over and beyond to ensure that our Learning and Teaching is of a high standard and that our students feel valued and cared for. Thanks teachers!

We had a great Parent Engagement Forum meeting last Friday and I sincerely thank the parents who contributed to this meeting. The minutes of this meeting can be found in today's newsletter- please take the time to read these. There are lots of things happening at SJB that are extra to the curriculum and provide our students with a rich experience as a student at our school. These things are only possible to continue with the help and support of parents. I encourage all members of our school community to take up the opportunity to get involved in things that are happening at our school, no matter how big or small, as every involvement families have helps to make our school continue to thrive. The first of these is collecting donations from families of Easter items so that we can hold an Easter Raffle before the holidays and our upcoming Working Bee. Have a great week.

*N. Preitz*

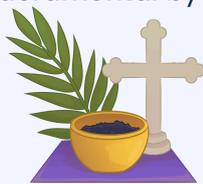
# Religious Education

**Assembly this week**– Assembly is on this Friday in the Library at 8:30am – Our 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. Year 1/2 will be presenting this week.



## Ash Wednesday

Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Liturgy. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Season of Lent. Lent is a 40 day period of preparation of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday). Traditionally Lent is a time of fasting and self examination. It is time when Catholics, give up something, give more to others and pray more. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.



## Project Compassion

Today your child would have brought home a Project Compassion box. Project Compassion is the annual fundraiser for CARITAS. During the next six weeks students are encouraged to go without something like an ice block and place the money in the box. Students are not expected to walk the neighbourhood to raise money. This year during project compassion we focus on the work that CARITAS are doing in Australia and around the world to help ensure people get their basic needs met like having access to clean water and medical help. CARITAS also help to create sustainable communities that can support themselves and provide for their families. So as a school we are going to see how much we can make a difference and share what we have with others during Lent For every \$5.00 raised for Project Compassion a heart will appear in the office to represent how we “Unite Against Poverty”. Please send any donations into the office during the season of Lent.

## Compass App

Have you downloaded the Compass School Manager App? It is very easy to use the App to add a note/approval (absence) if your child is/will be away. If the reason for your child’s absence is not listed, please contact the office. If you enable push notifications with the App, you will receive an alert when a news item is posted. All permissions for events will be sent via this App so families need to ensure that they have engaged with it to receive the relevant information for their child.

**Bookclub Due 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**



# Learning and Teaching

## Attendance

Attendance at school is really important every day at school counts! Coming to school everyday is an important contributor to a student's academic achievement– all school days matter. Attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Please ensure your child attends school everyday and the office is notified each time they are absent and the reason for this absence.

## Lions Youth of the Year

This Sunday we have 3 students (Kinsley, Ellie and Saskia) competing in this speaking competition and we wish them all the best.

## HPE Teacher

Unfortunately Mr Isaac Ronan has resigned from his position as HPE teacher. At this point there are no plans for a replacement. However in true SJB spirit will ensure that students will continue to experience PE lessons throughout the year. Miss Kay will be taking on the teaching of Health for all classes.

Year 5/6 Camp – Save the Date  
Year 5/6 school camp, set to take place from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> on Magnetic Island. This enriching experience promises to be an unforgettable journey for our students, filled with adventure, learning, and camaraderie.

## Mission Statement

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



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## Year 3 /4

As part of our Food and Fibre Production unit, students explored how raw ingredients can be transformed into food products through simple production processes. This week, the Year 3/4 class made their very own cottage cheese! Students combined milk, lemon juice and a small amount of salt to observe how an acid can cause milk to separate into curds and whey. Through this hands-on activity, students were able to see how everyday foods are produced and gain an understanding of how basic ingredients can be processed to create new products.



### Student of the Week

**Prep / 1 - Harvey, Remmi**  
**Year 1 / 2 - Norah, Eliza**  
**Year 3 / 4 - Sugar, Zahli**  
**Year 5 / 6 - Beau, Elliette**

### Birthdays

**Adreena**  
**Ira**  
**Harlen**



## Year 5 /6

It has been a busy and positive week in Year 5/6! We began the week by attending our beautiful Beginning of School Mass, which was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community and set our intentions for the year ahead and for the Year 6 students to receive their leadership badges. Students have also enjoyed the start of swimming, showing great enthusiasm and participation in the pool. Our Year 5 students have begun their NAPLAN preparation and are becoming familiar with the test format. They are welcome to show you the NAPLAN public demonstration site at home so families can see what the tests will look like and how the online platform works. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling in and embracing new routines with such positivity.



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