



# SJB Newsletter



## Stay Up To Date

15 May

Assembly- 8:30am  
Bosco Buddies

16 May

Whitsunday Cross  
Country trails @ SSS  
9:20am

21 May

Under 8's Day- 9-11am

22 May

Assembly- 8:30am  
P&F Meeting  
Bosco Buddies

23 May

Collinsville Rodeo

24 May

Feast Day of Mary Help of  
Christians

Pentecost Sunday

25 May

Book Fair starts

26 May

National Sorry Day  
School Photos

27 May

2026 National

Simultaneous Storytime



## A Message from our Principal

Congratulations! There have been a number of things that we need to be congratulated for over the past couple of weeks. Our students who competed in the **Interschool Cross Country** did so well that we brought home the overall winner trophy for 2026. We had a group of girls attend Softball trials in Proserpins and Ellie was selected to join the Whitsunday team - congratulations Ellie. We entered our school in the May Day Float competition and we looked so fabulous that we won this too! The \$200 that we won on the day will be put towards a pizza party for students to celebrate.

Our Parent Engagement Forum have been working hard lately fundraising for the school and you can see the results of this work in the P/F minutes included in today's newsletter. I thank those parents who give a helping hand in our school community as your involvement and willingness to help out is really appreciated. It is great for the school to offer all the "extra" things we can do for our students but this is only possible when people are willing to support these "extras" by giving of their time and energy. I encourage all parents to volunteer to help whenever you can and get involved so we can continue to offer these experiences for our children. There is a note going home today in regards to the Rodeo's that are coming up and the need for helpers at these- please consider giving some of your time to help.

This week we see our new staffroom coming together to provide our hard working staff with an updated and inviting space for them to enjoy. Feel free to pop in and have a look at the progress.

This week I have sent home a survey via email about the recent Parent Teacher Interviews that were conducted at the school. Please take the time to give your feedback. Miss Cheyenne Kennedy has decided to resign from her position at the school as one of our Frist Nations School officers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheyenne for her contributions to the school during her time in this role and wish her all the best for the future. Advertising for this position will commence this week.

Have a great week.

Nicole Preitz  
Principal

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## Religious Education

**Assembly this week**– Assembly this week will be held in the Library and students of the week will receive their awards. The Class presentation this week will be from Year 1/2.



### Feast of Mary Help of Christians–Patroness of Australia, Townsville Diocese and of the Military Ordinariate

Did you know..

Pope Pius VII established the feast in 1815 as thanksgiving for his release after being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte.

In Australia, during the early days of colonisation, the faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain the Catholic community. In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.*



### Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost falls on Sunday May 24th. Pentecost is a powerful reminder of God's presence in our lives. It marks the moment when the disciples received the Holy Spirit, giving them courage, wisdom, and the ability to share the Good News with the world. This feast is often called the birthday of the Church, because it was the beginning of a mission that continues today.

## Compass App

Reminder- that Compass is now the primary platform we use to send notes home and collect consent. You will receive email notifications when action is required, and it is important that these are read and responded to promptly whether your child/ren are attending or not. The Compass Parent App can also be used to record your child's absences, view school fees, and access other essential information. If you are unable to access Compass or are experiencing any issues, it is your responsibility to contact the school office so we can assist you.

## Learning and Teaching

### Book Fair

Book fair will be starting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May and is a great fundraiser for our school and a great opportunity to encourage your child to read – win-win! We will share opening times when these have been finalised.

### Let's Talk About It Program

The Talk About It Program facilitated by Life Education will be held at SJB on 2-4 June for Prep to Year 6 students. Each year level will complete content that is appropriate for their level of learning in line with the Health and Physical Education Australian Curriculum. The age-appropriate content is consistent to national standards to improve learning for all young Australians. Information about each of the modules has been sent home to parents.



### SAVE THE DATE

The SJB Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June with Running Events to take place that day at CSS and then our field events will be held here at SJB. More information to come.



**COLLINSVILLE & SCOTTVILLE UNDER 8'S DAY**  
Celebrating 70 Years  
OF SUPPORTING, EMPOWERING, AND CELEBRATING YOUNG CHILDREN ACROSS QUEENSLAND!

THURSDAY  
**21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026**  
9AM – 11AM

HOSTED BY  
St John Bosco Catholic School

70'S THEME OF  
**DISCO**

**LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES**  
inspired by a 70's theme!

- DISCO DANCING
- DRESS UP & PHOTO BOOTH
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- AND MORE SURPRISES!

**FRUIT PLATTERS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH**  
WILL BE PROVIDED!

FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED UNDER 8

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN, AND CELEBRATE 70 AMAZING YEARS WITH OUR COMMUNITY!

# Year 3/4

In Science, we have been learning about different materials and their properties. Students have been exploring how materials can be grouped and described based on things like texture, strength, flexibility and transparency.

We also completed a fun experiment investigating which type of ball bounced the highest. Students made predictions, tested different balls, and recorded their observations throughout the experiment. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and scientific thinking during the activity!



## Student of the Week

**Prep / 1 - Harvey, Rosy**  
**Year 1 / 2 - Norah, Riley**  
**Year 3 / 4 - Harlen, Zahli**  
**Year 5 / 6 - Neera, Mia**

## Birthdays

Tania  
Riley  
Amayah  
Blaira  
Neera  
Zemira  
Alice



# Year 5/6

Learning in Year 5/6 is racing along, with students continuing to work hard across all learning areas. In Mathematics, we have recently completed our fractions unit and assessment and have now moved on to exploring 3D nets. In English, students are writing factual accounts about the 1967 Referendum, which links closely to our HASS studies on Australia's colonies in the 1800s and the injustices experienced by First Nations peoples. Through these learning experiences, students are developing a deeper understanding of Australia's history and recognising the importance of learning from past injustices to help create a more just and compassionate future. This also connects beautifully with our Religion unit on acts of mercy and the ways we can show kindness, empathy and care for others in our everyday lives.



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