



SJB Newsletter



Stay Up To Date

27 May

2026 National
Simultaneous Storytime

28 May

Reconciliation Week
Liturgy in the Library-
8:45am

29 May

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

1 June-5 June

Nic Away - Di Stevens -
Acting Principal

5 June

Assembly- 8:30am
Bosco Buddies

5 June -8 June

Bowen River Rodeo
8 June

Sacramental Meeting for
Parents

12 June

Assembly- 8:30am
Bosco Buddies

15 June

SJB Athletics Carnival

A Message from our Principal

Congratulations to all those families and students who were involved in the Collinsville Rodeo over the weekend- what a wonderful community event-congratulations to all our students who also competed.

This week we have acknowledged National Sorry Day as we commence Reconciliation Week. A Reconciliation Week Liturgy will be held on Thursday 28th May at 8:45am in the Library to celebrate and acknowledge this special week. All parents are invited to attend and our First Nations students will be leading this celebration. We hope you can be part of it.

Earlier this year we unfortunately lost the PE teacher that was funded by Glencore across the 3 Primary schools in our area. SJB mitigated this loss by ensuring that we commenced Swimming Lessons and were able to employ a Swim Coach for these lessons in Term 1. During the holidays the school had been looking for ways to ensure that our students do not miss out on PE and we advertised for a qualified PE teacher with no success. However the school also made an application to the QLD College of Teachers to employ Miss Georgia Simpson as a Permission to Teach Teacher for the remainder of 2026. This application was successful and Georgia will now be taking the classes for PE each week. Georgia has commenced these lessons earlier this term. Georgia has begun her Teaching Degree and has completed her Level One Coaching in Athletics and this will be the focus in Term 2. I thank Georgia for her willingness to take on this added responsibility for 2026 and the school will endeavour to support Georgia wherever possible as she begins her teaching journey. Congratulations Georgia - we are lucky to have you.

In the coming weeks I am required to be in Townsville for meetings on a number of occasions- during these times Dianne Stevens will be Acting Principal. I thank Di for stepping into this role again for the school.

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 Prep/1 and Year 5/6.



Christian Meditation

Our classes regularly participate in Christian Meditation. Christian meditation is a prayer of the heart. The roots of Christian Meditation can be traced back to early Christians of the third century, who left what they saw as the increasingly corrupt life of the cities, and settled in the desert, to live lives fully dedicated to God in prayer. They laid the foundations for the monastic movement within the Christian tradition. Their teaching about how to pray and live holy lives was eventually written down in the Rule of St. Benedict, which became the handbook for life in monasteries and religious communities of men and women throughout the Church. That Benedictine tradition of silent prayer – Christian Meditation – became much more widely known in the last century through the teaching and writing of Father John Main. He believed that Christian Meditation could be practised by modern people of all walks of life. The work of teaching the practice of Christian Meditation to lay people has been continued by another Benedictine priest, Father Laurence Freeman, and the World Community for Christian Meditation and has taken root in school communities throughout the world.

National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Sorry Day asks us to acknowledge the Stolen Generations, and in doing so, reminds us that historical injustice is still an ongoing source of intergenerational trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Islander families, communities, and peoples.



Learning and Teaching

Book Fair

The BookFair has been a great success and has sold approx. \$1700.00 worth of books and this will then in turn allow the school credits to buy more books for our school library. Thanks to all those families who have bought books and supported the Bookfair this term- thank you!



Let's Talk About It Program

Unfortunately due to a staff resignation this Program will no longer be able to come to SJB in 2026- we have rebooked it in for 2027.

SAVE THE DATE

The SJB Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 15th 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.

Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

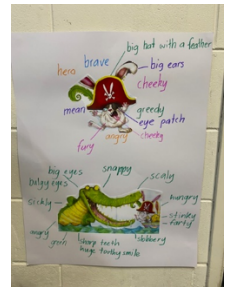
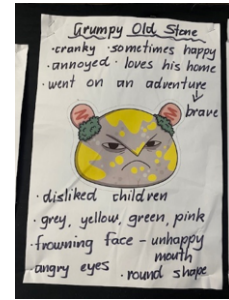
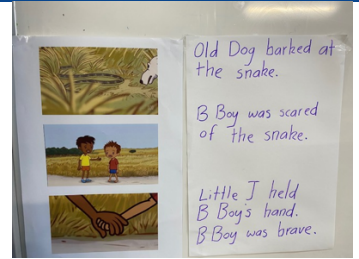
The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long.

Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.



Prep / 1

Prep and Grade 1 students are diving into the exciting world of adventure stories. Through guided writing and reading, students have been developing essential skills like character building, descriptive language, and narrative sequencing—all while boosting their reading confidence.



Student of the Week

Prep / 1 - Blaire, Josie
Year 1 / 2 - Asher, Tahni
Year 3 / 4 - Zaiden, Baelian
Year 5 / 6 - Beau, Cooper

Birthdays

Nicholas
Remmi
Norah



Year 1/2

Year 1 and 2 absolutely loved Under 8s Day. It was a groovy celebration of play and learning with a fun 70s theme. Students enjoyed games, crafts and hands-on activities, building friendships and using their imagination throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces as everyone learned through authentic play experiences.



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