

— Term 3, Week 2, 2026 —



SJB Newsletter



Stay Up To Date

23 July

NAIDOC Celebrations
@CSHS 8:30-11:30am

24 July

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

27 July

Catholic Education Week
Mass 8:45am- TBC

28 July

Parent Meeting for
Highschool parents
@2:30p- SJB Library

30 July

Grandparents Day
8:30-10am

31 July

Assembly- 8:30am
Bosco Buddies
SJB Disco (Crazy 70's)
3:30-5:30pm

5 August

Yr 6 High School visit -
orientation 1:30-2:30pm
(parents to pick up)



A Message from our Principal

Welcome to Term 3. During the holidays the Parent Engagement Forum were successful in securing a grant through Glencore's P&C Grant Program for \$14000.00 to help to support the purchase of two new filtered and refrigerated drinking water fountains. These will replace the current outdated units with two modern drinking fountains featuring refrigerated water, integrated bottle filling stations and built-in filtration systems. The units include technology that alerts the school when filters require replacement, ensuring ongoing maintenance of water quality standards. A huge thank you to Glencore for their ongoing support.

In June 2026, Townsville Catholic Education identified that a limited number of staff members had enabled automatic forwarding of corporate emails to their personal email accounts. This created a risk of unauthorised disclosure of personal information. In accordance with the Notifiable Data Breaches Scheme, this matter has been reported to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). As this school had staff members who used the automatic email forwarding function, we are providing this notification as part of our commitment to transparency. Further information about this eligible data breach, including the steps being taken in response, is available on the TCE Website.

If you or someone you know are intending to enrol a child in Prep at SJB in 2027 an enrolment form needs to be completed ASAP online via the school website. Interviews have been organised for families who have completed these forms in the coming weeks.

Our NAIDOC celebrations are happening this Thursday at CSHS! We look forward to a morning of learning, culture, and community. Students need to be dropped off at the Highschool at the usual time and staff from SJB will be there to supervise them. We will return to school via bus. Please complete your child's consent via the Compass app. 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 5/6.

Catholic Education Week 2026

Next Week we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Queensland for 2026. Our school joins more than 300 Catholic school communities across Queensland to celebrate Catholic Education Week. This year's beautiful theme is "Share your light, inspire others," which calls on our students, staff, and families to recognize their unique, God-given gifts and share them generously with the world.

Catholic education is about nurturing the whole person—fostering not just academic growth, but also faith, compassion, and a spirit of service. Throughout the week, our students will be exploring what it means to be a positive light in our community and how their everyday actions can inspire those around them. We will be holding a whole school Liturgy in the church on Monday 27th July at 9:00am.



Parent information

Session for Year 7 2027

The Transition Program for Year 6 Students entering into Year 7 in 2027 at the Collinsville State Highschool will commence in the coming weeks. On **Tuesday 28th July** there will be a parent meeting (students are invited to attend) in the **SJB Library at 2:30pm** with Anna Reeves & Melinda Daly to present the CSHS Junior Secondary Booklet and transition agenda. If your child will be enrolling for Year 7 in 2027 at the Collinsville Highschool you are invited to attend this meeting.

P & F News

A Parent Engagement Forum Meeting will be held after Assembly this **Friday 24th July 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. Hope to see you there.



Learning and Teaching

Exciting Literacy News: Prep- Year 2 begin their InitialLit Journey!

This term, our Prep-Year 2 students took their first exciting steps into the world of InitialLit, a comprehensive, whole-class literacy program designed specifically for children in their first years of school.

Instead of relying on guesswork or visual memory alone, InitialLit uses an evidence-based, structured phonics approach to teach reading and spelling. This means our students are explicitly and systematically taught the relationships between letters and sounds through fun, engaging, and interactive lessons.

By building these strong foundational skills early on, the program helps our youngest learners become confident, independent readers and accurate spellers right from the very start. We are incredibly excited to watch our Prep-Year 2 students grow in confidence and skill as they unlock the magic of reading!



Grandparents Day - SAVE THE DATE

On **Thursday 30th July** we will be celebrating Grandparents Day at SJB. From **8:30am – 10:00am**. The morning will begin with a liturgy in the library at 8:30am followed by a visit to classrooms so that students can show their Grandparents some of the work they have been doing. The class visits will be followed by a cuppa and morning tea in the shelter shed. It would be great to see our Grandparents coming along to this celebration.

School Jumpers

Now that it is getting cooler just a reminder that students should be wearing a school jumper or a plain navy blue jumper to school. School jumpers are available for purchase from The School Locker website —\$40.00 each.

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



Prep / 1

As part of our wellbeing lessons with The Resilience Project, our class has been learning about Alphabet Breathing – a simple mindfulness activity that helps children slow down, focus and regulate their emotions.

During this lesson, students practised different ways of breathing. They discovered that taking slow, mindful breaths can help them feel calm, improve their concentration and manage big emotions throughout the day.

We talked about times when mindful breathing can be helpful, such as:

- before starting a learning task
- when feeling worried, frustrated or upset
- after playtime to help refocus
- before bedtime to relax.



Student of the Week

Prep / 1 – Rosy, Amity
Year 1 / 2 – Stella, Zemira
Year 3 / 4 – Sugar, Sonny
Year 5 / 6 – Tanicia, Victoria

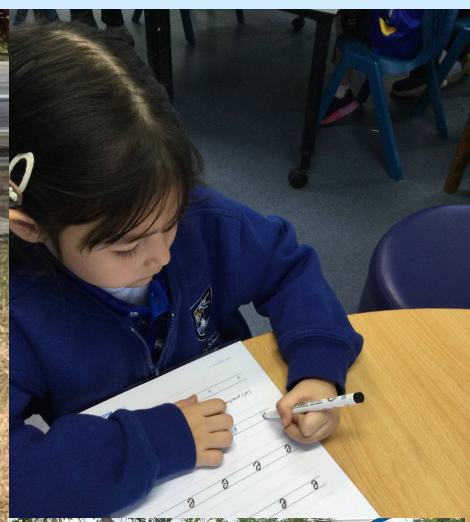
Birthdays

James
Mia. S
Kinsley



Year 1/2

In year 1 and 2 we took our learning outside. This was a fun and engaging way to help students see that maths is all around them. During our shape hunt, we explored the school grounds to find real-life examples of 2D shapes, such as circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. They carefully observed their surroundings, identified objects that matched each shape, and then recorded their discoveries by transferring them onto a worksheet. This hands-on activity encouraged students to make connections between classroom learning and the world around them while building their observation, mathematical thinking and communication skills.



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