

— Term 3, Week 4, 2026 —



SJB Newsletter



Stay Up To Date

7 August

Assembly- 8:30am

Bosco Buddies

P&F Meeting

Whitsunday District

Athletics- Proserpine

CENSUS

11 August

'Crazy 70's' Disco

3:30-5:30pm

12 August

High School Science Fair
(Years 5/6)- 1:20-2:30pm

14 August

Assembly- 8:30am

Bosco Buddies

19 August

Year 6 Highschool Visit to
CSHS- 1:30pm-2:30pm
(Manual Arts)-parents to
pick up from CSHS

21 August

Assembly- 8:30am

Bosco Buddies

P&F Meeting

28 August

Book Week Parade



A Message from our Principal

Townsville Catholic Education Office (TCEO) collaborates closely with all schools and colleges across the Diocese to consistently improve the Catholic school experience for students, staff, and families. A vital part of this effort is listening to the voices of our school communities. Over the coming days, TCE will send out a survey to all staff and families, while Year (5-6) students will complete the surveys during class. These surveys are a vital tool that helps us understand what is working well and where we can improve. The feedback collected will directly shape future planning, guide school improvement efforts, and foster environments where both students and staff can flourish. Staff and families will receive the surveys via email on **Monday, 10 August**, and we kindly ask that you complete them by **Friday, 28 August**. If you have children attending more than one Catholic school, or if you work across multiple schools, you will get a separate survey for each. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts your feedback is important and valued.

The Parent Engagement Forum have a few things happening at the moment where we need support from our families. Firstly the **Bacon Busters** Committee are seeking assistance on the day in their merchandise tent and main tent - if you can help please return the form in this newsletter to the office ASAP so we can let them know. We also have a **School Disco** coming up next Tuesday from 3:30pm-5:30pm and we are looking for volunteers to help set up, run the tuckshop/meal deals and pack up at the end of the Disco. If you could please indicate your willingness to help via the volunteer function on the Compass App and indicate that your child is attending that would be most appreciated. We have tried to alleviate parents needing to return notes by using the Compass App for permissions but are finding we are getting less permissions returned than we did with paper copies so your engagement using the Compass app is really important. The P/F are also starting to collect prizes for a **Multidraw raffle** to be held next term. If you are able to donate a prize for this raffle your generosity would be greatly appreciated. This raffle hopes to be the main fund raiser for the P/F for 2026. All these funds that are raised go directly back into the resources for our students.

Have a great week.

Nicole Preitz (Principal)

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Religious Education

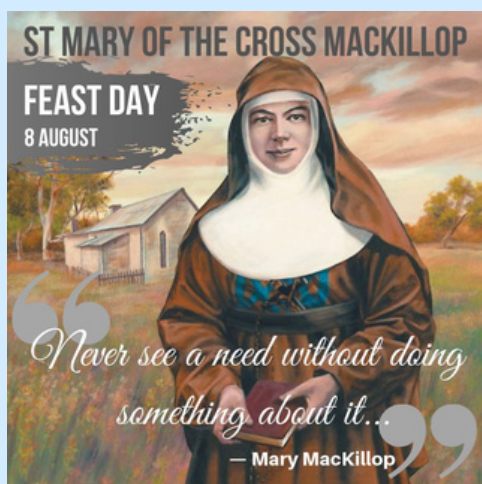
Assembly this week– Assembly this week will be held in the Library and students of the week will receive their awards. The Class Presentation this week will be from Year 1/2.

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Saturday, 8 August, our community celebrates the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint. St Mary MacKillop was a pioneering educator and visionary who dedicated her life to ensuring children from all backgrounds had access to education, care, and dignity. Co-founding the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, she lived by the enduring motto: "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Her courage, resilience, and compassionate heart continue to inspire our school community every day. As we honor her legacy, we encourage our students to carry her spirit forward by reaching out to those in need, showing kindness, and making a positive difference in the world around them.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



Pupil Free Day– Reminder

To assist schools in undertaking the implementation of the new version of the Australian Curriculum, a pupil free day will be held at SJB on **Friday 4th September**. Please add this to your calendar.



P & F News

A Parent Engagement Forum Meeting will be held after Assembly this **Friday 7th July at approx. 9am in the Library**. All parents are encouraged to come along and be involved in these meetings. Hope to see you there.

Learning and Teaching

Bosco Beginners

Our Pre-Prep Transition Program "Bosco Beginners" will commence in Week 6 (FRIDAY 21 August) of Term 3 and will continue in Term 4. This program will only be available this year for students who have now been enrolled in Prep for 2027. Information regarding the dates and specific details of this program have been sent home to families at their interview. We are so looking forward to these children joining the SJB Family. It is not too late if you know some one wanting to enrol their child in Prep at SJB for 2027 we do have a couple of spots vacant.

Whitsunday Athletics Carnival– Proserpine

All the best to our students competing in the carnival this Friday. Students need to be at CSS by 7:15am to catch the bus. They will return that day at approx 4pm. Good Luck!

Australian Government School Census – Friday, 7 August

On Friday, 7 August, our school will participate in the annual Australian Government School Census.

What is the School Census?

The School Census is a mandatory annual collection of student enrolment and attendance data conducted by the Department of Education. (Note: This is separate from the ABS 5-yearly household Census).

Why is it important?

The data collected during the School Census directly determines our school's Commonwealth funding and helps ensure that government resources are effectively allocated to meet the learning and support needs of all students.



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.



Year 3/4

There has been plenty of exciting learning happening in our 3/4 classroom this term! In Science, we have been learning about forces, exploring pushes, pulls, twists and gravity through hands-on investigations. We are about to begin our mini unit on magnetism, which the students are extremely excited about. In HASS, we have been exploring Australia's states and territories. We are currently travelling around Australia together, learning about our wildlife, unique landmarks and why different places are significant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Next, we will be travelling beyond Australia as we begin learning about our neighbouring countries, exploring their wildlife, cultures and geographical features.

Student of the Week

Prep / 1 - Mia, Rory
Year 1 / 2 - Norah, Lachlan
Year 3 / 4 - Xander, Letisha
Year 5 / 6 - Kinsley, Mia

Birthdays

Rosy
Sadie
Aarik
Saskia
Marnie
Amalie



Year 5/6

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 5/6. On Thursday, we celebrated Grandparents Day, and it was wonderful to welcome so many grandparents into our classroom. Students loved sharing their learning and spending time with their special visitors, making it a memorable morning for everyone involved.

Our Year 6 students are also eagerly looking forward to their first transition visit to high school on Wednesday. This is an exciting milestone as they begin preparing for the move to secondary school next year.

In the classroom, we have recently completed our Mathematics unit on fractions and are now beginning to explore angles. In English, students continue to enjoy our class novel, *Holes* by Louis Sachar, with each chapter bringing new mysteries and plenty of discussion. We are looking forward to discovering how the story unfolds over the coming weeks!





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