



Don Bosco Primary School

Newsletter

Serve the Lord with Gladness

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Friday 7th February 2020 - Term 1 Week 2

Important dates

Term 1

Friday 7th February

Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 10th February

Volunteer Induction 9.00am

Wednesday 12th February

No Foundation Students
Start of Year Mass 9.15am

Thursday 13th February

Reconciliation Info Night
7.00pm

Tuesday 18th February

Parent / Teacher Interviews
3.40—8.00pm

Friday 21st February

Assembly 2.45pm
Family Picnic 6.00pm—7.30pm

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday Mass
9.15am

Monday 2nd March

Middle Level Swimming begins

Friday 6th March

Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 9th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

From the Principal

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the school year. I trust you have had a restful holiday and a positive start to 2020. I'd particularly like to welcome those new to our school this year and I sincerely hope this is the beginning of a long and rewarding partnership. This year we have 45 new Foundation students along with 12 new children into other grades. I am confident you will find Don Bosco School community to be welcoming and friendly.

In keeping with the theme of being a friendly and welcoming school, the Advisory Committee would once again like to invite all families to a school picnic on Friday 21st February. We hope this evening will be an opportunity for new families to meet other parents of our school and to feel at home within our school community. As well as a barbeque there will be some novelty events (sack races, egg & spoon, three-legged races, etc.). The evening will begin at 6:00 with a 'BBQ sausage'. Please feel free to bring your own picnic dinner. Activities and races will start at about 6:45. I anticipate families will be ready to head towards home at around 7:30. I hope to see you there.

Whilst the summer holidays is always a very relaxing break unfortunately the recent bushfires have greatly impacted on many families either directly or indirectly. Thankfully no schools in the Diocese of Sale were impacted but many families and staff have been and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they begin the long journey to recovery.

The impact on air quality caused by the bushfires has meant that our policy for Inclement Weather has been revised to include air quality warnings and procedures.

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies will be held every second Friday at 2:45 beginning tomorrow. Parents are most welcome to join us at these times. Flag raising assemblies on a Monday morning, weather permitting.

SCHOOL MASS

Next Wednesday 12th February, the school will celebrate a Start of the Year mass at 9:15 in the church. All parents are most welcome to attend.

OHSC

Out of Hours School Care is now operating in the Green Room next to the Hall, and includes before school care and after school care. The program is being run by Youth Leadership Victoria. The Before School program runs from 6:30 am until 8:35am. The After-School program runs from 3:20pm until 6:30pm. Access to the Green Room will be through the bottom gate. Don Bosco teacher supervision of children hours are from 8:35am to 3:40pm. To avoid any confusion between OHSC supervision and Don Bosco supervision the front door to the school will not be open until 8:10am. All children arriving before this time need to enrol in the OHSC program.

SUNSMART

Our school is a SunSmart school. Children are encouraged to use sunscreen and we insist that a hat is worn during recess & lunch times. Children without a hat are required to play in the designated shaded areas.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

Parent / Teacher interviews have been organised for Tuesday 18th February. These meetings are greatly valued by the teachers in helping to establish positive relations between home and school. A child's learning and experience at school is greatly enhanced when there is good communication and mutual understanding between parents and the child's teacher.

Interviews will be conducted on one day and will include some after hour times for our working families. **School will finish at 3:20pm** so that interviews will start at 3:40pm and with the last interview being held at 8:00pm. Details for booking online will be sent home today.



If you are unable to attend on Tuesday 18th February please contact your child's teacher and arrange for another convenient time.

SKOOLBAG APP

Most parents have taken up the opportunity to download the SkoolBag app as it greatly assists in parents being kept informed of current events at school. I would encourage all parents to avail themselves of this free app, as it is the quickest and easiest means of communication.

The app also allows parent to notify the school regarding student absences or a change of details.

Please note that the SkoolBag app would be used to contact parents of an Emergency situation affecting the whole school. We have a planned drill of our Emergency Evacuation later this term and we will use the app to notify parents that we have successfully completed the drill.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are required to inform the school and provide an explanation of a student absence. Parents are able to inform the school by using the SkoolBag app or phoning the school to record a message on the Student Absence line. Notification needs to occur by 9:15 on the day of absence.

CARPARKING & PICK-UP ZONE

As we have more families and students enrolled at the school this year, it is more important that the carpark routine be followed by everyone all the time. A full explanation of this procedure is on p.21 of the School's Information Book. Further copies of the Information Book are available at the office.

It is extremely helpful if drivers using the Pick-Up Zone display a **large name tag** on their left hand sun visor for the staff to read. The Pick-Up Zone comes into operation at 3:20 and it is advisable that parents arrive after 3:25 if using the Pick-Up Zone. All cars will be directed to keep moving or park appropriately if arriving before 3:20.

MEDICATION

Any medication to be administered to children needs to be done so through the office. Parents are requested to provide written instructions as to the recipient of the medication, the dosage and the time it is to be administered. If such details were held at the school last year we need an updated note from parents for this year.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees have were emailed out last Friday, if you haven't received your statement please contact the school office. Also Direct Debit forms are still available.

PARENTS AT SCHOOL

It is great to see parent helpers in the classroom and assisting with excursions. It is great for your children to see the interest you show in their learning and it's great for the school so please don't hesitate to volunteer your time. If you want to help out in the classroom or with the children in some other way, the law requires you to complete a **Working With Children Check**. As part of our ongoing commitment to Child Safety, Don Bosco also requires volunteers to participate in a Volunteer Induction session. A session has been organised for Monday 10th February at 9.00am.

CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following student leadership roles for 2020:

School Captains: Jeovanna C, Sanaya M, Thimesh K & Devon L

Arts Captains: Keerat B & Joshua T

Gold House Captain: Zain M & Tiana S

Red House Captain: Sebastian A & Eva M

Community Captains: Damian S & Kathleen J

Blue House Captain: Olivia G & Kia G

Green House Captain: Eshanna A & Troy K

Mark Linden

Religious Education News

Lisa Piasente - Religious Education
Leader/Student Wellbeing Leader



SCHOOL PRAYER

God our Creator and Guide,

We thank you for your many blessings on Don Bosco Primary School.

You have richly blessed our School with people of many nations who believe and trust in your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow your teachings with humility and justice.

Bless our Don Bosco Primary School. Help each one of us to use our gifts in all that we do. May we be inspired by our school motto:

*"Serve the Lord with
Gladness."*

St. John Bosco: Pray for us.

Amen

Welcome to Don Bosco Primary School for the 2020 school year.

During the year the school community celebrates Mass, prayer services, Assemblies and other special occasions together and invites all parents, grandparents and friends to join us.

Masses

- The Beginning of the Year School Mass - 12th February at 9.15 am
- Ash Wednesday Mass - 26th February at 9.15 am

Assemblies

Held in the Hall at 2.45pm

- Friday 7th February
- Friday 21st February
- Friday 6th March

Special Celebrations

Harmony Day Prayer Service and Assembly at 9.00 am on Friday 20th March

SACRAMENTAL NEWS - FIRST RECONCILIATION

Very important note to parents of students who are wishing their child to prepare for the celebration of First Reconciliation this year.

Enrolment Information and Parent-Only Workshop - Thursday 13th February at 7pm in OLHC Church (*attendance at this event is compulsory for parents wanting their child to start preparation for Reconciliation*)

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who are in **Grade 3** and above. Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church before receiving the Sacrament. A levy of \$50.00 is payable via CDF online. More information about this is available in the Sacrament Program Booklet given out to all families last year. Please contact the Parish Office on 9704 7935 with any enquiries.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Before School and After School Care at DON BOSCO in 2020

Don Bosco Primary School is happy to announce before and after school care here at Don Bosco in the School Hall. Before School Care commences Thursday 30th Jan 2020

Before School Care Hours: 6.30am - 8.45am

After School Care Hours : 3.20pm - 6.30pm

Vacation Care will be held at Mary MacKillop PS



FOUNTAIN GATE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2020 SEASON FEES

U8's to U10's	* \$60	DOWN FROM \$120
U11's to U18's	* \$100	DOWN FROM \$190


* Discount only applies if player is registered and paid in full by 5pm 23/2/2020

Come and sign up at our **REGISTRATION DAY**
23rd FEBRUARY 2020 between 10am & Midday
at our clubrooms Max Pawsey Reserve
(Fountain Drive, Fountain Gate - next to Westfield)
or via our website **www.gators.com.au**





February 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1st Feb	2nd Feb Elizabeth J
3rd Feb	4th Feb Mia W	5th Feb	6th Feb Ashley K Xavier D	7th Feb	8th Feb Ashna S Ysabelle V	9th Feb Callum B
10th Feb Isabella B	11th Feb Gavin D	12th Feb	13th Feb	14th Feb Amelia S Mia M	15th Feb	16th Feb
17th Feb	18th Feb Danielle E	19th Feb Keerat B	20th Feb Luisa W Jesiah B	21st Feb Christian L Angel S	22nd Feb	23rd Feb
24th Feb	25th Feb Chol N	26th Feb	27th Feb	28th Feb	29th Feb Grace S	