



2017-11-20 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING PRINCIPAL REPORT

I am delighted to share with you some of the highlights of our third year at St John Bosco College. I am truly blessed to work with a team of dedicated, professional and nurturing staff, talented students and committed parents who have combined their talents to create a truly unique learning community at St John Bosco College.

I am delighted to introduce six new staff that will join us in 2018: Mrs Laura Oorschot, Miss Kristy Wise, Miss Kathryn Woodward, Ms Elizabeth Allan, Mrs Carmel Galic and Ms Kelly Glen. I would also like to inform you that Mrs Georgena van Schreven and Miss Jessica Alcock have decided to finish this year at St John Bosco. I would like to extend my gratitude to both Georgena and Jessica for all the joyous work they have done as part of our Bosco Team. I am sure we will see Georgena and Jessica working as relief staff in 2018.

Thank you to Father Kaz, Helen and John and all the team at St Francis Xavier for the continued support and guidance that they have given to us in our third year at St John Bosco College. We got the year off to a great start with an inspiring Mass on the Feast of St John Bosco, together with Xavier CPS and Salvado Catholic College staff, as well as parishioners. There was great excitement when Bosco students from Pre-Primary to Year 4 attended Mass together at the Parish for the Birthday of St John Bosco. It has been a tremendous year in terms of our faith journey and evangelisation, with Year 3 students making their Sacrament of Reconciliation and our first Year 4 students making their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Our College Board has really grown in wisdom over the last two years under the strategic leadership of Mrs Gayle Emmerson, our Chairperson. The Board certainly have been a huge support to me as we work collaboratively together to serve our Bosco community to provide for the current needs of our primary students and get ready for the first stage of Secondary that will commence in June 2018. Thank you to our current Board members: Father Kaz, Mrs Gayle Emmerson, Mrs Pamela Taylor, Mrs Rachael Hingley-Wilson, Mrs Katherine Jolley, Ms Helen Lesniak, Mr Brian Mutete, Mrs Tracy Marshall and Mr Steve Doody for your hard work, guidance and support and to Gayle and Steve who will finish as Board members tonight, for your valuable service as part of the College Board over the past two years.

Our Friends of St John Bosco have excelled in all the events that they have planned this year. Under the leadership of our President Mrs Sharon O'Neill-Brown, the Executive Team of Mrs Jodi Brewer, Mrs Joanne Della Maddalena, Mrs Cassi Crossen and Mrs Katherine Jolley have put in many long hours behind the scenes to ensure the success of our many fundraising events and they certainly have been keen to take on many new initiatives as well. We have great joy at our Friends meetings and we certainly value the friend raising in our Bosco community and the fundraising events that the many committees have taken on. I would also like to thank our parents who have been in the role of a class rep this year.

Thank you to every family in our Bosco Community for sharing the "JOY IN LEARNING" with us in our third year and allowing the staff here at St John Bosco to work with you as partners in educating your children. We look forward to an exciting and collaborative partnership with our Bosco Community in 2018, when we will have over four hundred students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 5 and commence our Secondary building program for our first Year 7 students in 2020. The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season, as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Sheehy

Principal

SOME BOSCO Highlights in our THIRD YEAR

- Parish Mass on the Feast of St John Bosco
- Bosco Community Day Assembly (Celebration of our Founder St John Bosco)
- Staff Professional Learning Days
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Sacramental Commitment Mass and Family Masses
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit Assemblies
- Incursions and Excursions
- Grandparents Morning
- Harmony Day
- Friends of St John Bosco Quiz Night
- Easter Liturgy and Celebration
- Aboriginal Families as First Educators Playgroup
- Year 3 students completing the Bishops' Religious Literacy and NAPLAN
- ANZAC Ceremony
- Mother's Day Breakfast and Kindy and Pre-Primary Pamper afternoon
- Bosco Student Disco
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Year 2 Retreat at St Francis Xavier Parish
- Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat at Schoenstatt Centre
- Year 3 Reconciliation Workshop at St John Bosco
- Year 4 First Holy Communion, Retreat with 24.7 Ministry and Workshops at St John Bosco
- National Science Week, STEM and introduction of Coding and Robotics
- Hot Air Balloon on the Bosco Oval
- Bosco Cultural and Sporting activities
- Edu Dance Concerts
- School Banking
- Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming Lessons at Thornlie Leisure World
- Bosco Saints Netball
- Puma Basketball
- Keyed-Up Music
- Soccer Bugs
- Subway Lunches
- Bosco Community Netball and Soccer Carnival
- Maggie Dent Seminar at St John Bosco
- Friends of St John Bosco Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings
- First meeting of the Bosco Dads- The Fathering Project
- Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco at St Francis Xavier Church
- Strategic Planning
- Launching of our House Patrons, House Shirt Design and House activities
- Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade
- College Open Night (Learning Journeys)
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Year 7 2020 Parent Information Evening and Afternoon activities
- Life-Link Day with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB at Newman College
- Socktober Catholic Mission Fundraising
- Remembrance Day Liturgy
- Bosco Cross Country
- Friends of St John Bosco Lapathon
- Bosco Athletics Carnival on the Bosco Oval
- Interschool Cross Country and Interschool Athletics Carnivals
- Pre-Primary Nativity, Christmas Carols and Picnic