The Feast of St John Bosco – 31st January

Last weekend we celebrated the feast day of Saint John Bosco, who was born in Turin, northern Italy. Of a very poor family himself, he knew what poor and unemployed people were going through. Some 400 boys (many of them orphans and street children) gathered round Father John Bosco, and he begged money to educate them and give them somewhere to live. So that the boys could get a job, he set up workshops. Some were then able to become apprentices in making shoes and clothes, and others gained work experience with a printing press that John had set up. He learned acrobatics and magic tricks which appealed to the boys. He accompanied groups of young people on country walks, picnics and games, and he ended everything with a prayer. John Bosco said:

“Young people should not only be loved, but they must know that they are loved.”

Our Prayer is that like Don Bosco, we show genuine care for others, with a special preference for the young who are poor and outcast.

From the Principal

A warm welcome to all our parents and students, especially new ones to the College, as we begin our 39th year of quality education at the College. It has been a rather warm but smooth start to the school year. It was great to see the smiling faces of the Year 8-12 students as they returned with ‘wide-eyed’ enthusiasm for the new school year. Equally, it was lovely meeting the new students who appear to have settled in well in their new surroundings. There is much to celebrate from last year’s successes. The HSC results were outstanding – WELL ABOVE THE STATE AVERAGE! This is a testament to the commitment of both staff and students over a number of years. A full disclosure of the student achievements will be presented in a later bulletin and highlighted at the Annual DUX Assembly. Finally, I look forward to the year ahead as it promises to be one of new challenges, active participation and significant achievement. The students and the College will be heavily involved in many inspiring events. Therefore, in 2016, there are many exciting things ahead. I look forward to meeting or reacquainting myself with all of the families over the course of the year.

Building project: The two building sites at Bosco are well underway and much progress has been made over the holiday break. The new College Hall and sports facility is near finish stage while the old hall was demolished and cleared to enable new footings to be laid. It is hoped that the new hall will be ready by Easter, while the new TAS block will begin construction in the next two weeks. There have been some obvious disruptions to our site but we are working around these. We must all be patient. Still, this is exciting news!

Rest in Peace: We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Leo Carroll, father of Fr Peter Carroll sdb, our College Chaplain, who passed away yesterday. Leo battled courageously over the last months with illness. His funeral will be held next Wednesday at Our Lady of Fatima church, Caringbah. All members of the College community pray for him and the entire Carroll family. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Mr Damien Carlton
Principal
From the Assistant Principal - Mr Michael Donnelly

I would like to extend all students and families my best wishes at the start of another year at St John Bosco College. I would especially like to welcome our new families and students. It is certainly an exciting time for our Year 7 students as they quickly try to settle in to new routines and surroundings. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and have returned full of energy and ready to get on with their studies.

Thank you to the vast majority of students who have returned to school with the appropriate grooming and uniform. I have asked homeroom teachers and Year Coordinators to make a note in student diaries if they have issues to address. I ask families to attend to this as soon as possible. In particular there are a number of girls who need to lengthen their uniform!

Many students will have new items of clothing that have been purchased for the year. I ask all families to label clothing and other items so that if they are lost there is a greater chance of locating them.

If families have changed address or contact details these need to be passed on to the College office. If your child’s situation has changed regarding medications or other issues please let the College know as it makes our job a lot easier knowing the personal situation for each student.

Last week I sent home packages for student vaccinations in Year 7. The date for the first round of vaccinations is Monday 22nd February. As this date will be upon us soon, I ask that the forms be completed in black or blue pen and returned to the office as soon as possible. If they are not returned, families will need to undertake vaccinations with their GP.

Each year I update student health plans for those students who have serious health conditions or major allergic reactions. If there are any changes or updates to student’s medical situations, I ask parents to inform me so that the plans can be altered or plans can be generated for new students.

I would like to remind everyone that the College swimming carnival is on Tuesday 9th February. I would encourage students to dress up in the colours of their houses but I also remind them to ensure they are not wearing anything that is inappropriate or offensive. The carnival is a fun day and a great way for each of the houses to start the year. I remind everyone that it is a compulsory day of school attendance.

I would also like to remind Year 12 students they need to sign in and out of the office when they have study periods at the start and end of the day or else they will be recorded as absent.

At the start of a new year, I ask families to discuss with their children the expectations around mobile phones. They are to be switched off or silent at school. Parents also need to remember not to text their children during school hours as this has led to some of them having their phones confiscated. If you need to contact your child urgently during school hours, this can be done through the College office. I also ask families to have a discussion around behaviour to and from school, especially on trains and buses.

Lastly, the building construction has resulted in a number of constraints that will be in place for the whole year. Students need to enter and leave the College via the gates on Banksia Avenue. There will be limited parking available around the streets as there is now reduced on site parking for staff. I ask parents not to drop off in the bus zone and please do not interfere with the movement of trucks in and out of the site on Waratah Road. I look forward to meeting parents at upcoming College events and getting to meet the new families. I hope 2016 is another great year for our students.
Curriculum News - Mrs Christine Harding

Year 12 HSC Information Evening 2016

The HSC information evening will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the PRIMARY school Hall (entry is via Banksia Avenue).

The evening will be split into three parts:
- Principal’s address: Mr Damien Carlton
- Year 12 Coordinator’s address: Mr Ben Tickle
- Learning and Curriculum Coordinator’s address: Mrs Christine Harding

The evening will address essential areas towards HSC success including both student and school initiatives. Each student should have received a Stage 6 Assessment Handbook with detailed information regarding all assessment dates for 2016.

Assessment Blocks 2016

Please find below a copy of the formal examination blocks that are scheduled for the 2016 College calendar.

| Years 7 - 10 | Half Yearly Examination | Yearly Examination | Thursday 26th May – Wednesday 1st June  
| | | | Thursday 10th November – Wednesday 16th November
| Year 11 | Preliminary Examination | | Wednesday 14th September – Friday 23rd September
| Year 12 | Half Yearly Examination | HSC Trial Examination | HSC Examinations | Wednesday 30th March – Friday 8th April  
| | | | Monday 1st August – Friday 12th August  
| | | | Thursday 13th October

The Newman Program at Bosco College

Stephanie McVey - Gifted and Talented Coordinator & Newman Coordinator

From 2016, St John Bosco College will be a member school of the Newman Program, which has been developed by the Catholic Education Office, Sydney to cater for the significant learning needs of Gifted and Talented students. The Newman Year 7 Class will initially only operate in English, HSIE and Science in 2016, with other years and subjects being added in following years. The students in the Newman Stream were identified using a variety of selection criteria (including Allwell testing and input from parents and feeder schools), that indicated ability across a range of domains.

As part of the Newman Program the College has committed to:

- Introducing a Newman stream class, based on a variety of selection criteria, designed to identify students with ability across a range of domains.
- Differentiating curriculum and assessment to better cater to the learning needs of students selected for these classes.
- Tracking, reporting and celebrating the achievements of these students.
- Creating opportunities for classroom teachers of the Newman Stream and other staff to learn more about the needs of gifted and talented students and develop skills in classroom practice.

These innovations will allow students in the Newman stream the opportunity to maximise their academic potential in a more personalized approach to education. Both the curriculum and the students will be extended to foster higher order thinking, enjoy greater challenge and experience more collaborative and student based learning. At Bosco College it is our aim to cater for the educational needs of all students and the Newman Program will facilitate this.
2016 Swimming Carnival Information

When: Tuesday 9th February
Where: Engadine Pool
Time: Roll call on the Anzac Oval is at 8.30am, meeting at the southern end. Entrance fee has already been paid. Those students arriving on the South Coast train will be marked off as they get to the pool.

What to bring:
- Students are to arrive in their house colours.
- As there is limited shade, a hat, sunscreen and water bottle are essential items.
- There will be limited canteen facilities available on the day students are encouraged to bring lunch and snacks to get them through the day.

What not to bring:
- Students are not to dye their hair or bring crepe paper.
- Leave valuables such as I-pods, scooters, at home. If any of these items are brought to the carnival they will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the term.
- Mobile phones which are brought to the carnival are your own responsibility and must be switched off during the day. Any student seen with their phone on during the carnival will have it confiscated.
- Do not bring too much cash as it may go missing.

Wet Weather
- The carnival will go ahead in most weather conditions so if it is drizzling that morning, be prepared for the carnival to still go ahead. You are going to get wet anyway!

Finishing Time
- The carnival will finish by 2.30 - 2.45pm, allowing students enough time to return to school to catch a bus or train.

Bosco Swim Team
- Students who finish in the top two for freestyle and first for the other strokes will be selected in the Bosco Swim Team to compete at the Southern Sydney Carnival on Wednesday 16th March at Caringbah Pool.

From the Library

Mrs Markham, Mrs Williamson, Mrs Hutchens and Mrs Lenthall

The start of the school year is always a busy time in the College Library. Senior students are making the most of their study periods, taking advantage of the study area, study guides and senior collection. Year 7 students are becoming familiar with the library and over the coming weeks will be introduced to the many facilities and resources the Library and Library staff have to offer.

Our College Library offers a wide range of resources including fiction, information books, eBooks, audiobooks, ClickView online, Weblinks and magazines. Overdrive (eBooks and audiobooks), ClickView Online and Weblinks can be accessed anytime on a computer, phone or tablet.

As we start the school year it would be much appreciated if any outstanding items from last year be returned as soon as possible. Students are regularly sent emails that remind them of items that are overdue.

A reminder that the College Library is open every school day, 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 3pm on a Friday.

The library staff look forward to supporting the students in their learning during 2016. If students have any queries or need assistance they are encouraged to see the library staff as we are more than happy to help.
The College Stage band meets each Wednesday after school at 3:30pm in the music Room. The band is directed by Mr Matt Humphreys and as well as regular rehearsals the band performs for school events and concerts. The band has wind players (trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet and saxes as well as a rhythm section – piano, guitar/s bass and drums. You need to have some playing knowledge and an instrument (we can help with rental of one if this is needed). We are keen to welcome new members so please come along and meet the enthusiastic group of musicians!

Tuition fees are collected by Engadine Music who administer the programme and so if you decide to join please fill in the application form and authority to collect fees. The fees include rehearsals and/or performances corresponding to ten meetings per term.

**Application Form**

Student’s Name: _________________________________ Age: _____ Year: ______
Phone No: Home: ___________________ Mobile: __________________
e-mail: ______________________________________ Instrument: ________________
Address: ____________________________________________ Postcode: __________
Preferred contact name of parent/guardian for correspondence: __________________ please print
Signed: _____________________________________
(Parent/Guardian)

**Cost Commitment**

**Lesson Fees:** $110 per term if paid by the due date ($120 after the due date), are collected at the beginning of each term. **Instrument:** Each student needs his or her own instrument.

Name on card: ________________________________________ CVN: __________
Credit card Number: ________________ __________ __________ Expiry Date: _______ /_______
☐ The band works from the Best of Discovery Jazz book - $8.95 for most instruments. Please tick if you need one and we will supply it and charge the amount as a one-off on the card above.

I wish to use my Mastercard / Visa / American Express (please circle) to pay for the above goods and services supplied to me by Engadine Music Education Centre. I authorise the Merchant to debit my Card account with the amount at the intervals specified above and in the event of any change in the charges for these goods/services to alter the amount from the appropriate date in accordance with such change. This authority shall stand, in respect of the above specified Card and in respect of any Card issued to me in renewal or replacement thereof, until I notify the Merchant in writing of its cancellation.

Cardholder's signature: _________________________________ Date: ______________

Any queries, please feel free to email us on bandtime@engadinemusic.com

Office use only: POS / Access ☐ Email ☐ Instrument: ____________________
**SOUTH SYDNEY COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES**

**2016 Sport Selections**

**NSWCCC Entry into Individual Sports and Team Sports**

**TEAM SPORT ENTRIES**

Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges is the pathway for our students to progress to the NSWCCC Championships and NSWCCC selection.

SSCCC run trials for the following teams:

- Baseball U/15 & Open Rugby League
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- U/15 and Open Touch
- Athletics Girls Softball

If students wish to trial for the SSCCC teams there is a school trial first, before they progress. When students are successful in making the school team they will be asked to register on the NSWCCC website to progress to the SSCCC selection.

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES**

NSWCCC selection trials are run for the following sports which are either individual sports or sports which do not have a selection championship.

- AFL
- Cricket
- Diving
- Basketball
- Golf
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Softball
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Sailing
- Volleyball
- Waterpolo
- Boys Softball

These Sport trials are for those students who perform at an elite level. Therefore students are only progressed to the trials if they demonstrate the necessary skills in that sport for the NSWCCC standard. As you can imagine with over 150 Catholic High schools if every school sent a number of students, the trial would soon blow out to a gala day and the NSWCCC selection trial would not serve its purpose of progressing the correct students to NSW All Schools and National level.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS ON WEBSITE**

1. Go to [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au) website
2. On top right hand side of page, click LOGIN. If you don’t have a login or you have forgotten your login, go to the HELP button (located on the top right hand side written in Blue & follow prompts)
3. Once you are logged in, go to the NSWCCC Home Page.
4. Click on (Individual Sport you wish to trial for)
5. Click on Register - Please complete the registration process.
6. Click on “Register for this Sport” at the bottom of the page.
7. An email will be sent to your Sport Coordinator for approval and consent.
8. You will also be required to pay online for individual sports which must be done before the event. Please allow 7-10 days for administration to process. (this is not done automatically)
9. You can login to your account at any time to view sport coordinator approval.

I will be constantly putting notices in the students announcements when sports are up for registration so students need to listen out for these or see me at anytime.

**TERM 1 KEY DATES**

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NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM  2016
NSW Ministry of Health offers all school students free vaccinations recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). These vaccines are important and protect students through to adulthood.

At your school all Year 7 Students will be offered the following vaccines on the following dates:
- Visit 1:  Monday 22 February
- Visit 2:  Monday 16 May
- Visit 3:  Monday 12 September

All Year 7 Students will be offered:
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine - 1 booster dose. This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in year 7- see enclosed information.
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine - 1 dose. If your child has already had chickenpox disease or been vaccinated, they do not need this vaccine- see enclosed information.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine - a 3 dose course offered to boys and girls- see enclosed information  
  (a Catch up Course will only be offered to year 8 male and female students who didn’t complete it in year 7)

Consent Forms
Please read the information provided with the consent form to understand facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against before you sign the forms. Please note that the consent forms for year 7 students, will need parent/guardians signature for each vaccine requested. The nurses will not be able to vaccinate your child if this is not done.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated after vaccination. Keep this vaccination records in a safe place, as they will be required for future work or travel.

Immunisation Records
Childhood vaccination records for children born after January 1996 can be checked by calling the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

If you have questions about the program at school please contact the school office on 9548 4000, or the Immunisation Unit, Public Health on 9382 8333.

(For translated material on the School Vaccination Program for parents/guardians, please go to the following website, but only fill out the English version: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

Touch Football, AFL and Netball all occur early Term 2 so more information will be available towards the end of Term 1.

If you are interested in finding out more information on NSWCCC trials and events (venues etc) please look at the website or email me on grant.kennedy@syd.catholic.edu.au

Any outside school sporting achievements throughout the year please contact me so we can recognise these efforts within the Bosco community. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any sporting questions or needs.

Thanks
Grant Kennedy
Sports Coordinator
The St Vincent de Paul Sutherland Regional Council is hosting the inaugural 2016 Gala Fundraising Dinner and Auction at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Friday 29th April 2016 from 6.30pm.

The dinner and action night will be an evening to raise funds for the financial and caring support for those in need.

The Engadine Conference is organising tables of 8, 10, 12 and 16 and wish to invite you, your family and friends to the evening.

This fundraiser promises to be a fun-filled night of great food, suburb prizes and music by the St Patrick's College school band, perfect for a night out with friends or family in support of a good cause.

Hosted by Sydney's favourite broadcaster, Mike Bailey. The cost per person is $100. Guests can look forward to both live and silent auctions and a range of exciting raffle prizes.

If you would like to book a table or further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0417 141517 or by email denise_gattoes@yahoo.com

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday of Week 1 from 3.00 - 3.45pm and then every Friday morning of Week 2 from 8.45am - 9.30am. The next open dates are Wednesday 10th February and Friday 19th February.

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