Week 6, Term 3

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Well done to Zachariah Mahoni who is our weekly hot chips winner for upholding our School Rules and being the lucky one drawn out of the raffle. Also Happy Birthday to Daniel Buchanan and Zelie Tocher, who share a birthday today.

We are now over half way through the term, which appears to be just flying by. The students and staff are working really hard as always and producing some terrific work. A visitor to our school said to me at last Friday’s Assembly what talented teachers we have at SMMC and the variety of learning shared was evidence of this (not to mention our students are very talented also!).

Congratulations
The Simpson family welcomed another boy into their family yesterday morning, which is a great blessing. We wish them all the best. At time of printing, no name had yet been decided on, but Mum (and Dad) and bub are doing well.

Fete Subcommittee Meeting
Next Wednesday 31st August will be our next meeting as we continue to move along with preparations for our upcoming Fete in October. I am looking forward to experiencing this event for the first time! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting if you can be there.

School Concert
Many auditions have been held for our School Concert performances and the final auditions will be held next Tuesday 30th August. Make sure you set aside the time to get along to SMMC next Friday 2nd September for a 7pm start and see the SMMC Talent!! All welcome.

2017 Kinder Enrolments
Tours and Enrolment Interviews are well under way. In order to continue planning effectively for next year, I would like to have these enrolments finalised as soon as possible. Please get in touch as soon as you can.

Lost property
Another friendly reminder that the lost property bin is overflowing, so please check you have all your uniform and come and look through if you are missing any items. Thank you!

Book Week
Well done to all the students who entered the Book Week Colouring in Competition. Prizes were presented to the winning students at Tuesday’s Assembly. There were joint winners in the ‘Teachers’ Favourite Books’ Competition. This was a gruelling task, so well done to the Chandrasegaran Family, Perry Family and the Yr.9/10 Girls Family who were joint winners. They were able to work out 13 of the 15 books. The much anticipated answers are on p.4 of this newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Mott for her efforts in coordinating these competitions. If you’re not sure who Mrs Mott is, she’s the one wearing the crown and waving in a funny manner!

Here are some photos from our Primary School Book Week Parade to finish up this week’s news. The students did an excellent job of dressing up and celebrating books and the gift of reading, which is so essential to all learning. Well done to everyone.

God Bless,
Luke Burton (Principal)
Dates for your diary…

- Sunday 28\textsuperscript{th} August – Yr.9,10,11 Drama Students’ Excursion to Melbourne
- Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} August – Fete Subcommittee Meeting 2:30pm in the SMMC Library
- Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 7:00pm – School Concert in the Hall
- Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} September – School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} – Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} September (Week 9) – Yr.11 Exams
- Saturday 17\textsuperscript{th} September – P&F Cake Stall in Jindera
- **Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} September – Assembly after 9:20am Mass and Term Three finishes**
- **Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} October – Term Four begins for students**
- Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} October – P&F Fete Meeting (final preparation for our School Fete)
- Saturday 15\textsuperscript{th} October – SMMC Working Bee in preparation for Fete
- Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October – SMMC Fete
- Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} October 7:30pm – Parent Evening with Simon Carrington from Parousia Media. “Keeping the Communication Lines Open with our Children”.
- Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} November – Sunday 13\textsuperscript{th} November - **Father/Son Camp, Harrietville**
- Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} November - P&F AGM
- **Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} December – Term Four finishes for students**

~ CURRICULUM CORNER ~ Mrs Terry Josephs

Each child in Stage 2 chose a National Park to investigate. The children prepared an oral presentation and created a diorama to reflect their National Park research.
LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

WHY BOSCO?

John Bosco is the saintly model of a teacher for our school. It is good to revisit the very successful principles of his form of education. Parents, as the first educators of their children can look to him for guidance.

This holy priest lived from 1815 to 1888. He founded the Salesian order which is currently the second largest order in the world. Saint John Bosco devoted his life to caring for boys. Many of them were destitute and living on the streets. He formed an “oratory” where the boys were educated and given some training in a trade. Within a few years over 400 boys were living there. He eventually went on to form homes for the boys which gave birth to the Salesian order. Saint John Bosco suffered much opposition and criticism of his work. He constantly sought the help and direction of the saints who had gone before him such as St Francis de Sales and St Philip Neri. The fruits of his work are lasting and were bought with the many trials he experienced during his lifetime.

Saint Bosco had a dream when he was only a child of nine years. In the dream he was fighting with young boys and the boys turned very quickly into terrifying animals. Our Lady stood beside him and changed the animals into gentle lambs. Our Lady then told John Bosco that he would do the same... Make yourself humble and strong... in good time you will understand everything” (Auffray, ‘Saint John Bosco’). Mary was the gentle guide showing Bosco how to lead children and bring out the best in them. At a time when corporal punishment was the order of the day, Saint John Bosco advocated love. Children are motivated by love. “Not with blows but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue.” He used kindness to encourage children to do their duty, even the more difficult ones.

Saint John Bosco worked very hard from a young age on the family farm, as his mother was a widow. He worked as a shoemaker, a baker and a carpenter to support himself during his schooling and whilst at the seminary. These learnt trades were invaluable to him when he started his schools for boys. He encouraged those who were able to continue studying or to learn a trade. Bosco recognised the value of work and encouraged his boys to be responsible and industrious.

The Blessed Sacrament was the source of strength for Saint John Bosco. He shared this with his children. He claimed to know only two methods for training boys, “the broomstick and Holy Communion”. He found little use for the “broomstick” and sought to make “gentlemen” out of his street children by bringing them to, “the greatest gentleman the world has ever known- Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.” Saint John Bosco constantly prayed that not one of his boys would be lost.

Bosco leads us the way Mary led him in the training of children. He shows that we need to expect a lot of children and lead them with loving kindness. We need to give them the tools they need to work hard and to be responsible citizens in this world. The most effective formation for children is to do as Bosco did and bring them frequently to the sacraments. As parents we have to look to the saints for the inspiration we need for the new challenges each day presents. We pray that we will do God's will and do all in our power to help form our children to be the men and women they are called to be.

**Virtue for the month of August - Justice**

“A just person strives constantly to give others what is their due, so that they can fulfil their duties and exercise their rights as persons (the right to life, to cultural and moral goods, to material goods), as parents, as children, as citizens, as workers, as rulers, etc.- and he also likes to see that others do likewise.”

(Character Building- David Isaacs)
### Teachers’ Favourite Books - The Answers

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