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TERM DATES

Term 3

Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

EVENTS

ICAS Maths Exam

Mon 29 Aug - Fri 2 Sep

BOT Election Voting Closes

Wed 7 Sept, 4pm

School Cross Country

Fri 9 Sept

School Mass

Sun 25 Sept, 10.30am



From the Principals Desk...

Welcome: I would like to welcome Esther Hamilton to room Harakeke, Esther joins her big brother Max at school.

Thank you for supporting our Teachers Only day last Friday. We are very aware that these days require many of our families to make alternative arrangements. We treat these days with great respect and as a staff, work hard to achieve as much as we can during these days or ensure they are aligned directly to our strategic plan. Spending the day with fellow Catholic educators from around Taranaki considering and reflecting on our mission as Catholic schools was incredibly empowering.

Summer sports options have been sent out via HERO a few weeks ago. Please check Community notices on HERO for sporting options in Term 4. [A link to the letter is also attached here.](#) If you need any further information see Mr Stirling (Cricket), Miss Jones (Touch) or Mrs Welsh (Netball).

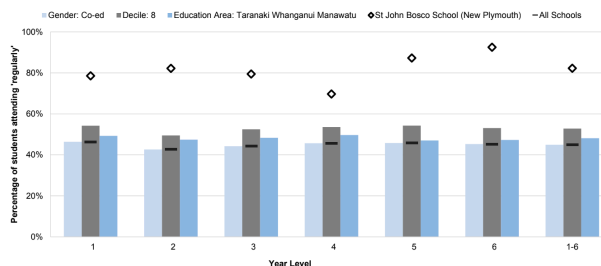
Over the next wee while Kelly Club will be sending out details about their Holiday and After School Care programmes. The programme will run from our school library as it currently does. Children and parents wont notice too much difference and we are sure you'll find many enhancements of our current programme. There will be slight price variations compared to our current programme. These are linked to minimum wage increases and the general increase of costs related to everything in the current climate. Our current programme would have also been forced to increase our programme fees as well. These details will be shared soon. The Board and I have worked really hard to get the best option for you.

We are looking forward to receiving our Special Character Review Report soon and being able to share this with you. This will also give us direction for future strategic planning. As

soon as it is confirmed we'll pass it on.

Everyone will have or should have received their Board of Trustees election voting papers. Please do take the time to read over these election documents and please do have your say. We have 6 outstanding candidates and it would empower your next School Board of Trustees to know that we had strong community voice in the elections. Your voting papers can be dropped into the school office.

I also want to share an incredibly powerful picture with you. Currently there is a large concern based on attendance to school Nationally. There are many reasons for the drop in attendance Nationally and in some cases these may be justified. However, I am super proud to show that our analysed Term 1 attendance data is significantly higher than many National comparison cohorts. (The diamond is St John Bosco. The dark grey decile 8 schools like us, the dark blue is the Taranaki / Whanganui / Manawatu district, the light blue co-ed schools and the line All schools in New Zealand). The winners here will be our children. Although there has been significant disruption, regular attendance and structured or focussed learning has been able to continue at St John Bosco School.



SJB CROSS COUNTRY - Friday 9th September, Kia Ora Whanau, Welcome back to cross country season! We are very excited to be able to have parents on site with us this year to support our tamariki in this event. The date has been set for Friday 9th September. Like all other years, our main focus is 100% participation. Our focus is to see every child cross the line with a great big smile saying "I did the cross country in 2022!" We are encouraging

children to wear their house colours or comfortable running gear to school for the day (If you are unsure of your child's house and their colour please ask their class teacher). They will also need to bring a **water bottle, a full lunch box, a towel and spare change of clothes** just in case they happen to get caught in a rain shower. **Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named.** Thank you. They may come to school in their running attire for the day.

I am sure that we will have an influx of parents with us and viewing space will be at a premium. Please be weary of where you stand to spectate as the course makes full use of the school grounds. Standing on the senior and junior playgrounds is often the best viewing position.

We will also be asking that the children stay in class with their teachers until they have run. This is so we know where they are and will not miss their race. Your children are more than welcome to join you after their event. The teachers may bring their classes out to watch some races. If this is the case you may join your child's group.

The day will look like...

9:00am Children gather on the court

9:05am Special Character Leaders to say an Opening Prayer.

9:10am First race begins.

First Race (Age on the day)

10 & 11 year old boys 2.2km (4 laps)

10 & 11 year old girls 2.2km (4 laps)

9 year old boys 1.65km (3 laps)

9 year old girls 1.65km (3 laps)

8 year boys 1.1km (2 laps)

8 year girls 1.1km (2 laps)

7 year boys 1.1km (2 laps)

7 year girls 1.1km (2 laps)

6 year boys 880m (2 laps)

6 year girls 880m (2 laps)

5 year boys 440m (1 lap)

5 year girls 440m (1 lap)

We will also provide a rough time breakdown for the day soon. This will be a rough indicator only of race start times, not a timetable that we will run too.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION AUGUST 2022: **FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses, that in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Message from the NZ Catholic Bishops. - September: SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, asking the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.



He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to *“reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore God’s help for the protection of creation, as well as God’s pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”* The symbol chosen for this year is the **burning bush**, which contrasts the fire of so many unnatural fires that aggravate the climate crisis; with the sign of fire as the light of the Holy Spirit that unites Christians. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

The National Liturgy Office has posted online resources to help liturgy groups prepare for the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. Parishes, schools and households are invited to participate in a variety of ways to renew our relationship with our Creator God and all of Creation through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

The Resources page is here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2022/>

Here is a video describing the Season of Creation 2022 (1.49 min dur) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7VNcdIC4E>

Ngā mihi, David McLoughlin, Communications Adviser, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

A message from the NZ Catholic Bishops - Synod

Parishes and dioceses around the country took part in the local phase of Pope Francis's synodal path to the Church's future, which will culminate in an Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October next year. The NZ bishops have just published the National Synod synthesis document that emerged from the diocesan phase of the process and the national hui held in Wellington in June. The national document has been sent to Rome as one of the many such documents from around the Catholic world as part of the Synod process.



The document, a summary of its contents, and an outline of the Synod process are online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nz-synod-synthesis/>

FIRST COMMUNION HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!

Coming up in September we will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion with our Parish community. We have over 90 children preparing for this Sacrament. As has been a tradition here in our parish we ask parents of children who celebrated this Sacrament the previous year to help with the hospitality side of the celebration in St Joseph's Church Hall on the day of the Mass. This involves:

- Being in the kitchen before Mass as families bring their food in
- Warming up food as required during Mass
- Setting up the First Communicants table with some of the 'party food' families will be bringing
- Setting up food on tables in the supper room
- Serving tea and coffee as people arrive
- Clearing off empty plates
- Dishes and tidy up of kitchen/hall area after the celebration

This is a lovely way of helping make the celebration such a special day for the children and families involved. Please consider helping out!! It would be great if we have representatives from all three of our Catholic primary schools.

We require helpers for two Masses:

- Sunday 11th September at 11am. Approximate time of help needed 10am - 2.30pm (about 8 helpers needed)
- Sunday 18th September at 10.30am (Mass is at OLHC and celebration at St Joseph's Church Hall afterwards) Approximate time of help needed 11am - 2.30pm (about 5 helpers needed)

Please email me with your offers of help! Karen Maclean youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz Young Families Minister, Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



First Communion Preparation

Preparation for this special Sacrament began today. We have 25 students preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Eucharist. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare to receive the Body of Jesus next month.

There is a special blessing at all weekend Masses in our Parish for all children taking part in this next step of their Faith Journey.

**School Mass**

We are excited to be able to have a school lead Mass on **Sunday 25th September at 10:30am at OLHC**. We hope you will be able to join us. Unfortunately, it is still not appropriate for us to have a shared morning tea after mass, so instead we can show manaakitanga to the local food bank with our donations. If you are unable to attend mass, you can still send your donations to the school office.

CHURCH

Community of Disciples

Te WHANAU A TE KARAITI



*Be the Church, See the Church,
Feel the Church.*

Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible.

Week 6	Wednesday 31st August	Totara / Kauri
Week 7	Wednesday 7th Sept	Nikau / Horoeke
Week 8	Wednesday 14th Sept	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 21st Sept	Karaka / Rimu
	Sunday 25th Sept	School Mass 10:30 am OLHC
Week 10	Wednesday 28th Sept	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri

Mission Statement

To provide a Catholic environment where children's rights and individual needs are always considered, independence and confidence are fostered and children are challenged to produce their best efforts.





Board of Trustees - Voting Closes Wednesday 7 September at 4pm

BOT ELECTION VOTING IS ON NOW, MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

You can drop your voting paper enclosed in the voting envelope at the school office and post it in the 'Bot Elections' mailbox. If delivering your vote to school, it must be delivered by 4pm Wednesday 7 September 2022.

If posted, your vote MUST be received by the returning officer no later than 5 days after the date of the election (Monday 12th September 2022).

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Andrea Pretty, Returning Officer



Children's Monster Book Sale

Do you have any books at home you can donate to the Taranaki Toy Library's next Monster Book Sale?

You can drop off books into the box in the school office.

The Book Sale will be Fri & Sat 16th & 17th September at the Taranaki Toy Library, 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy.



Kelly Club After School Care is coming to Saint John Bosco School!!!

We are really excited to be bringing our Kelly Club after school care and holiday programme to Saint John Bosco School from the October School holidays starting Monday 3rd October.

Kelly Club has been operating throughout NZ for 12 years now, and our motto is "Kids Home Away from Home".

Children who attend our programme get to do a wonderful array of different things in a fun, safe and caring environment. Things like sports and games, arts and crafts, baking and cooking, science and discovery, along with structured free play after a long day at school.

There will be some more information out to the community over the coming weeks, including how to book into our programme.

We can't wait to meet the school community and get our programme started at Saint John Bosco School.
www.kellyclub.co.nz

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