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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin



TERM DATES

Term 3

Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

EVENTS

BOT Election

Voting Closes

Wed 7 Sept, 4pm

Community Group Meeting

Wed 7 Sept, 6.30pm,
The Fitz

School Cross Country

Fri 9 Sept

NP Cross Country

Wed 21 Sept

School Mass

Sun 25 Sept, 10.30am

Taranaki Cross Country

Wed 28 Sept



From the Principals Desk...

Welcome: I would like to welcome Milla Gilmour to room Harakeke, and her parents Ashleigh and Timothy to our St John Bosco School Community.

Junior Cultural Day: Last Friday was our Junior Cultural day. A day of celebrating the many rich cultural backgrounds we have in our school. This was our first big event back at school since the onset of covid. I have to say it felt so nice and fulfilling to have families back celebrating with us.

Community Group Meeting: Our next community group meeting is being held Wednesday 7th September 6:30pm at the Fitz. Please come along and be a part of our schools community support group.

SJB CROSS COUNTRY - 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!"

Children will be permitted to wear their house colours (Green Rewarewa, Yellow Barbier, Red Darnell and Blue Waiwhakaihō) or comfortable running gear to school for the day. They will also need to bring **a water bottle, a full lunch box, a towel and spare change of clothes (including underwear)** 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, but please don't move them to another part of the school.

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)

9:10am 10 & 11 year old boys 2.2km (4 laps)

9:20am 10 & 11 year old girls 2.2km (4 laps)

9:30am 9 year old boys 1.65km (3 laps)

9:40am 9 year old girls 1.65km (3 laps)

9:50am 8 year boys 1.1km (2 laps)

9:57am 8 year girls 1.1km (2 laps)

10:05am 7 year boys 1.1km (2 laps)

10:12am 7 year girls 1.1km (2 laps)

10:20am 6 year boys 880m (2 laps)

10:25am 6 year girls 880m (2 laps)

10:30am 5 year boys 440m (1 lap)

10:35am 5 year girls 440m (1 lap)

At the end of each race, the top five runners will be given a number on their hand and are to go to the gazebo to record their names. Top three get a photo taken.

New Plymouth Cross Country is on Wednesday 21st September at Peringa Park.

Taranaki Cross Country in Hawera on Wednesday 28th September.

Teachers will, from the top five runners for the 9, 10 & 11 year races, consider who might go to these competitions. We sometimes select our top 8 year old runners to run in the 9 year old race.

Please keep an 'eye' on the school Facebook page for communication on the day. We will try to load photos of each age group and keep you posted on results throughout the day.

If the day is wet, we are still likely to run the event, so please send the children to school prepared.



Board of Trustees - Voting Closes NEXT WEDNESDAY

7 September at 4pm

REMINDER - Voting papers for the Board of Trustee Elections must be into school by 4pm next Wednesday 7 September.

You can drop your voting paper enclosed in the voting envelope at the school office and post it in the 'Bot Elections' mailbox.

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).

Voting closes on Wednesday 7 September at 4pm

Andrea Pretty, Returning Officer



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION SEPTEMBER 2022: *Abolition of the Death Penalty*

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 4-10th September

Social Justice Week 2022 runs from September 4-10 and focuses on the topic of racism. The theme this year is

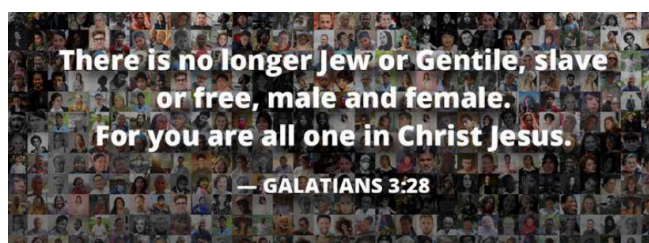
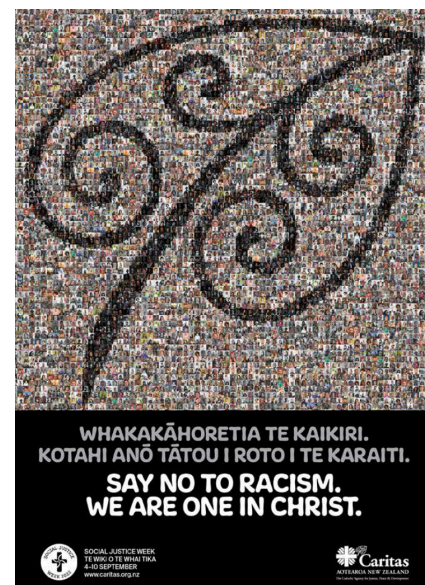
**WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI. KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI
SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.**

As we journey through this Social Justice Week the key question for each of us to reflect on is: *"how are we becoming one in Christ?"*

The poster for Social Justice Week conveys a strong message using thousands of faces to remind us that we are all part of one human family. We may be different in so many ways, but we can come together and work for justice, peace and love. The mosaic that is formed in the poster is the kowhaiwhai pattern that symbolises movement and change. Found also in the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand logo, it continually points us in new directions as we face the challenges of our complex, globalised world, grappling with issues such as racism.

Next week in our Religious Education programme we will be focussing on Social Justice Week and using the resources from CARITAS to support our learning. Here is a [link to the resources](#) we are using, if you would like to follow up with other activities at home.

*We will begin our week with a liturgy on
Monday 5th at 12 in OLHC if you would like to join us.*



Prayer for Harmony
He Īnoi mō te Rangimārie Pūmau

E te Atua,
You made us in Your own image
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son.
Look with compassion on the whole human family,
take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts,
break down the walls that separate us,
unite us in bonds of love,
and, through our struggle and confusion,
work to accomplish your purposes on earth,
that, in your good time,
all nations and peoples may live in harmony,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Āmene.

MORE ABOUT THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the earth. The Season "Celebration" begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our vocation to care for our common home. May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity! And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth!

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



FIRST COMMUNION HELPERS URGENTLY 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 urgently for the following Mass:

- **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

2022 SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER



Creator of All,
From your communion of love your Word went forth to
create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a
diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. You
called human beings to till and keep your garden. But we
turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the
most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold
the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our
ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that
calls to us through the Scriptures.

Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee
the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to
listen.

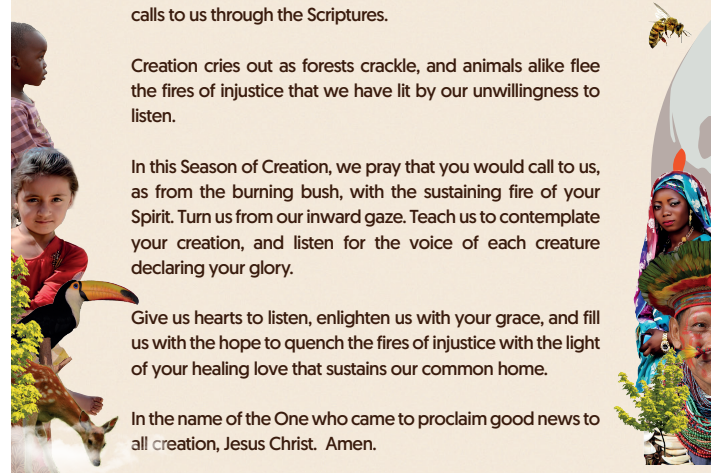
In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us,
as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your
Spirit. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate
your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature
declaring your glory.

Give us hearts to listen, enlighten us with your grace, and fill
us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light
of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to
all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



seasonofcreation.org



First Communion Preparation

Preparation for this special Sacrament has begun. 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.

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.



Letters to Pope Francis from Nikau and Horoeke

Thursday 1st September 2022

His Holiness Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
Vatican City

Dear Pope Francis
We thank God for the animals
and the plants. I'm sorry that
we made the earth dirty. I will
get better at turning the
tap off. Love from Eloise



Thursday 1st September 2022

His Holiness Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
Vatican City

Dear Pope Francis
we thank God for the bunnies
because they are cute.
We are sorry that we hurt
our environment because we are
throwing the trash in the
sea. I will get better at
cleaning the sea.
Love Emily



Father's Day Prayer

Lord, please take care of our dads.

Though they are brave and protective,
they must also be frightened sometimes.

When money runs low and when we need things,
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.
And how much You love them.

Amen!

**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 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

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Kelly Club Quality After-School Care And School Holiday Programmes

HOURS

After-School Care (Half Session): 3.00pm – 4.00pm

After-School Care (Full Session): 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Watch Kelly Club's video about before and after school care [here](#).

TO BOOK

Website: www.kellyclub.co.nz/sjb

After-School Care

At Kelly Club, we're committed to caring for your kids in a happy, safe, encouraging environment where they have loads of fun and feel right at home. Our high-quality programmes are carefully designed in conjunction with Saint John Bosco School and the community to provide the service that best suits your children.

Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on child protection, behaviour management techniques, first aid, art and craft, sport and cooking activities. We offer set activities each day including crafts, cooking and sports over the week during our after school care.

Holiday Programme

Our Holiday Programmes are full of exciting activities and event days that will guarantee your children have a great time!

We operate every school holiday from 7:30am to 5:30pm and offer a variety of flexible timing options to meet the school communities' needs. Check out our booking website for details.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

OSCAR Subsidies

Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved provider and complies with all of MSD's childcare requirements. Qualifying families can therefore receive WINZ subsidies towards their fees. See more information [here](#).

Flexible payment plans

Enjoy same-day booking and cancellation without penalty. We charge in arrears, so you only pay for the childcare you use!

Supporting Saint John Bosco School

We share our revenue with Saint John Bosco School to benefit your learning community.

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