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TERM DATES

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

Term 1 2022

Tue 31 Jan - Thu 6 Apr

EVENTS

Hangi Prep

Wed 23 Nov

Hangi

Thu 24 Nov, 5-6pm

Teachers Only Day

Mon 28 Nov

School Mass

Sun 4 Dec

School Athletics Day

Tue 6 Dec

Year 6 Graduation

Wed 14 Dec

End of Term 4

Thu 15 Dec, 12.30pm



From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora, it was a real shame that we had to cancel our Catholic Athletics yesterday, but it was the right decision with the weather we faced in the morning. This will be the 3rd year it has been cancelled so we pray that 2023 will be our year. The good news is that we are still working towards our own school athletics day to be held at the end of this term.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to room Harakeke Frankie Kerry and her parents Chelsey and Rameez to our SJB School Community and Elyse Wales who joins her big brother Toby at school.

Miss Allen and I attended the Maori Achievement Collaborative Conference earlier this week. We both felt great to be affirmed and also walked away with some clear next steps for our school. It has been a long time since we have attended an educational conference so it was great to be back to normal.

Last Friday was a real treat with our Fish n Chip Friday lunch. The children certainly enjoyed their special lunch and the feedback from them was glowing. Chicken nuggets proved to be the favourite order. Thank you to our Community Group and in particular Sonya Simpson and Mr Moorby for all the organisation behind this treat. It was special to see all the children receive their lunch. We hope to offer families this option once per term next year for children's lunch.

Next week we start Scooter Skills with our Year 0-4 children. This programme is offered by NPDC and the Let's Go Team. All classes will have received a note from their class teacher with details of the programme and the days their children will take part in the programme. Following on from this our Year 5 - 6 children will take part in the Bike Safety Programme with the Let's Go Team. This is a two day

programme and families will have also received a newsletter requesting permission and details of the programme.

Our Year 6 children will attend their camp next week at Vertical Horizons. This is always a highlight of the year for the students. Thank you to our parents who will support us on camp through transport, staying overnight, cleaning and supporting us during activities. A special thank you to Mrs Crystal Smith who will lead the camp for students. I am also looking forward to being with the children during this experience.

We have been contacted by a neighbour of the school on Darnell Street. They are really frustrated that parents from St John Bosco School are parking in their driveway. Every now and then we get frustrated people ringing us. We haven't had this for a while and when we do we like to provide some friendly reminders.

- Can we please respect our neighbours property and park on streets.
- Can we please respect that yellow lined areas are No Parking areas. These are mostly at the end of caulder sacks and are there to ensure cars can freely turn without having to stop. We also have yellow lined areas in the Parish car park designed to ensure the flow of traffic isn't affected and for those who require easy accessibility (disabled parking).
- We encourage our older children to walk out of school and meet parents at a designated area down Clinton Street, Paynters Ave or Darnell Street. This allows our families with younger children to park closer to school grounds.
- A walking school bus led by a staff member, leaves the school everyday at 3:05 and meets parents at the end of Paynters Ave.

This week we would normally spend time commemorating and reflecting on Parihaka as a part of our localised curriculum and Aotearoa Histories programme. Due to a clash of events we will hold this on the week of 24th and 25th of November. A special note was included in last week's newsletter and has also been sent home in hard copy this week with children. We are once again looking forward to holding our School Community Hangi evening on Thursday 25th November. It has been a few years since we gathered as a community and we can't wait to do it again. We are also planning to have some entertainment from students on this evening. I personally love our offer of donations and "For Common Good" approach to this event, which leads to a shared meal for all those attending.

We are hoping to open the school pool towards the end of this term and spend a part of the last few weeks swimming. Let's pray for some fine, warm weather as we near the end of the year.

We seem to have lots of lost property gathering at school. Unfortunately most of it is unnamed. Please spend some time checking if your child's uniform is clearly named so we can ensure any we find gets back to them in a timely manner. I've been really proud of the quick transition to children wearing hats everyday and at this stage it has been incredibly well supported.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

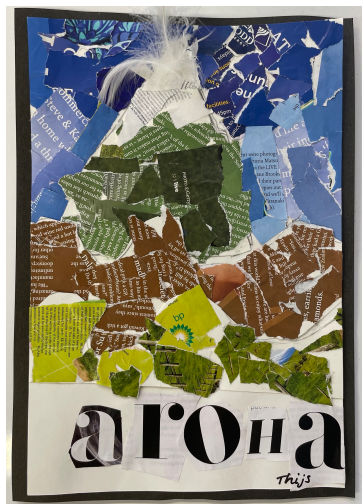
THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER 2022: *Children Who Suffer*

We pray for children who are suffering especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Parihaka Day - 5th November

We remember the injustices that happened at Parihaka on November 5 each year. We commemorate the 19th century invasion of this peaceful settlement and the non-violent resistance undertaken by the ploughmen of Parihaka, under the leadership of Tohu Kākahi and Te Whiti o Rongomai. Parihaka today continues to live with the ongoing consequences of confiscation, and to draw on the legacy of Tohu and Te Whiti to discuss and consider how to respond to injustice.

We are looking forward to our special two day Parihaka celebration coming up soon, but this term we are also fortunate to have Mrs Ormond and Ms Moesbauer working with us to complete Parihaka themed artwork when our teacher is on classroom release. Here are some of the artworks we have completed so far.



Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Message from the Parish. Older Children's Baptism Programme - 2022

Kia ora, Early in term four we will begin preparations for Baptism for children who are over seven years of age. The programme will consist of an information session for parents, where we will go over what the programme entails and the expectations and commitment required from families.

The date for this information session will be:

Sunday 6th November 4pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.

Children are welcome to come along to Shine, our junior youth group, which runs at this time.

If, after this first session, you decide that your family is ready to commit to this programme the next three sessions are as follows:

Sunday 13th November 4pm

Sunday 20th November 4pm

Sunday 27th November 4pm

These sessions are for parents and children. After these sessions we will then all go as a whole group to 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Then the celebration - where all of the children will celebrate their Baptism will be held on: Sunday 4th December.

Please get in touch via email to register your interest in attending the information session on 6th November. Please get in touch if you have any further questions. Nga Mihi, Karen Maclean - Young Families Minister Catholic Parish of NP

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Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible. It has been really lovely to see more whanau supporting their tamariki and coming along to class mass lately. Thank you

Week 4	Wednesday 9th November	Pohutukawa & Kowhai
Week 5	Wednesday 16th November	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri & Harakeke
Week 6	Wednesday 23rd November	Totara & Kauri
Week 7	Wednesday 30th November	Horoeka & Nikau
	SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER	SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 7th December	Karaka & Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 14th December	Pohutukawa & Kowhai

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.





**THIS TERM WE ARE
LEARNING ABOUT...**

**TE KOTAHITANGA
O TE HUNGA TAPU**

COMMUNION OF SAINTS



Each class have been learning about the Communion of Saints Strand.

The Communion of Saints is the belief of the Church that all of its members are joined in one great unity (in Christ) of belief and worship of God. This includes those now living and those who have died. The word saint means to be holy. All of God's people are called to be saints. Being in communion means to be connected - like a community. Our Church theology is not just about the 'ME' but the 'WE' so we pray together and for each other!

There are special saints that the Catholic Church have canonised (formally acknowledged their saintliness/holiness). You may have heard of saints like Saint Mary, Saint Joseph or Saint Vincent de Paul. They have been canonised for particular reasons. Like Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals as he is a role model of having a deep care for animals and the environment.

Saints remind us that God chooses ordinary people that can go onto do extraordinary things!



The Gospel of Saint Matthew encourages us to be more like Jesus. "If you are good, you will be like a candle that shines brightly for everyone to see. And if they see that you are good then they will know that God is good." Matthew 5:15-17

EACH CLASS IS NOW BEGINNING THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS STRAND YOU COULD ASK YOUR CHILD:

- Who are people you look up to? (That might have saintly behaviour or are admirable.)
- Do you know the names of any Saints and why they are special?

What makes Saints such great role models?

What things could you do to be more like Jesus and a disciple of Jesus?

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- Finding a Saint they can relate to.
- Explaining that we can be saints too.
- Praying together for others.
- Keeping people that have passed away in our - thoughts and prayers.

IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER...



DID YOU KNOW...

That November is a special month of remembrance in the Catholic Church?

On **November 1st** it is **All Saints Day**. This is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the Saints, known and unknown. Have fun investigating different Saints with your child.

On **November 2nd** is **all Souls Day**. This is when Catholics especially remember all those who have died. You could talk with your child about special people you would like to remember on this day and why they were special.

We are connected to those that have gone before.

Let us remember to honour and acknowledge those that have passed.

CONNECTIONS TO WHAKAPAPA / GENEALOGY / TŪPUNA

THIS CAN ALSO HAVE LINKS TO
TE WHĀNAU O TE ATUA
FAMILY OF GOD - WE ARE LIKE ONE BIG WHĀNAU!

RARANGA - TO WEAVE
(PRAYER CAN WEAVE US TOGETHER!)

HONO - JOINING / LINKING / CONNECTING
EG: HE TĀTAI HONO A WAIRUA - JOINED & CONNECTED BY SPIRITUAL LINKS
HE TĀTAI HONO A WHAKAPAPA - JOINED & CONNECTED BY GENEALOGICAL LINKS



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