St John Bosco School



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

Last Day for Pita Pit Fri 25 Nov

Teachers Only Day Mon 28 Nov

School Mass Sun 4 Dec

School Athletics Day Tue 6 Dec

Thank You Morning Tea

Thu 8 Dec, 10am

Year 6 Graduation Wed 14 Dec



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From the Principals Desk...

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to room Harakeke Amanda Jomon and her parents Christy and Jomon to our SJB School Community.

Kia ora. I am really looking forward to next week, a time when we reflect on and commemorate Parihaka as a place of peace and goodwill. Thank you to all those who have indicated that you will be attending our community Hangi. Thanks also to those who have donated kai. offered to help with hangi prep, serving and cleanup. Many hands make light work! Yesterday a group of students assisted in the collection of firewood for the hangi. Our site has been chosen and our Kaumatua for the Hangi Mr Rangi Trinder is getting set to guide us. Children will work through a series of activities and events closely related to Parihaka on Thursday and Friday in our house groups. This will be a chance to tell the story, reflect on and pray for Parihaka.

Last week, I spent three days enjoying the Year 6 camp out at Vertical Horizons. It was three days of action and fun. Our children were amazing and the entire experience was incredibly rewarding. A special thank you to the many parents who assisted with transport, cleaning, being camp help and supporting children during fundraising.

This week we have continued with our Let's Go Bike Safety programme for our Year 5 and 6 children. Our Year 6 children spend a day out on the streets close to school working through a variety of biking safety awareness skills. This is an amazing programme and really helps set our children up to be a lot more aware and

safe on the road when biking. The highlight for the Year 6 children is always the big ride at the end where they get to apply all their new learnings.

I am really pleased to announce that we have made an appointment to fill the vacancy of Mr Stirling. We will welcome Mr Felix Page to our school next year. Felix is currently teaching in Wellington and after many years of being away from Taranaki will return home with his partner. Felix spent most of his childhood growing up in Oakura. He is a keen sportsman and has spent time in the UK playing professional cricket and is generally a keen outdoors person. Felix will begin his fourth year of teaching here at St John Bosco and he is really looking forward to working with us and growing into a leader.

With the intensity of the sun growing we are really encouraging families to apply sunblock to children in the morning. We have supplies of sunblock in each class and teachers will make it available to be applied during the day. It is also great to see children bringing their own supply to school, this creates great independence.

A friendly reminder that on Monday 28th November school will be closed as a teacher only day. Kelly Club will be open on this day and available for students requiring care. Please see the attached advertisement in this newsletter.

Our last school mass for the year has been set for Sunday 4th December. We would love to see lots of our SJB whanau at this mass. Pencil it in, more details will follow.

More dates to be aware of:

- Board Meeting Tuesday 22nd November 6:00pm
- Thursday 24th November Parihaka Hangi
- Year 6 Retreat at ST Pius School 29th November
- Year 6 FDMC Orientation at SJB 9:00am 30th November
- Year 6 SHGC Orientation at SHGC 1pm - 3pm
- School Athletics Tuesday 6th December
- Year 6 Graduation Assembly Wednesday 14th December

Over the next few weeks I want to spend some time discussing and thinking about wellbeing. This week I'm going to take a look at the disposition of calmness.

Calmness is a feeling of stillness in your mind. It is a very peaceful feeling and you are not bothered by any worries or potential excitement.

How might your body look and feel:

- Relaxed and still, like you have woken up from a great nights sleep.
- Nothing can bother you.
- Your face will be relaxed, not smiling or frowning.
- You may be sitting peacefully or moving in a relaxed way.
- Your mind will be relaxed with not a lot of thoughts bothering you.

How is this emotion helpful: It's good to learn how to be calm as it will help us get through times that are busy or tough. Calmness shows that we have control over our emotions and that we can feel good no matter what is happening. If we know how to be calm we can bring ourselves back to calmness instead of staying in other emotions. When we are calm we also help others around us to be calm.

Dear Parents/Grandparents who have helped out this year.

We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** for all of your support this year. You are invited to our SJB thank you morning tea!

When: Thursday 8th December Time: 10am Where: Church Foyer

Please RSVP to Andrea by Friday 2nd December - 758 3165 or office@sjb.school.nz

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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.

Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 20 November

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. This will be celebrated on Sunday November 20.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first"). This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, which emphasises the true kingship of Christ.





Feast of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - November 21

The Feast of the Presentation is the Feast day when we celebrate the day when Mary was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem. It is also the feast day of the Presentation Sisters who came to teach in New Zealand in 1950 from Ireland and a small group arrived in Green Island Dunedin in 1954. Their Foundress was Nano Nagle. St Peter Chanel School in Green Island was started by the Presentation Sisters. The Nano Nagle Trust supports many families and children throughout New Zealand in Catholic Schools. Do you need assistance to pay for Catholic school fees, or could you help others to cover their costS? Visit their website to learn more about this trust https://www.nanonagletrust.com

Messages from the New Plymouth Parish

The Clearing roster for OLHC church 2023 is currently being prepared. Are you able to give a little time each month to help with this ministry?

If you would like to volunteer to join the team, please contact the Parish Office or Carol Crowley—027 481 6520 or 758 6565.

Please click here for the latest Parish Newsletter

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING: Come along and join in with the Catholic and Anglican Parishes at St Joseph's Church on Powderham Street this Wednesday 23rd November at 7.00pm for a 40minute liturgy. Followed by supper.



Every year at the beginning of Advent, the Anglican and Catholic churches, join together in an ecumenical celebration to bless the Advent wreaths.

This is a lovely celebration of song, prayer, readings and supper, marking the beginning of Advent.

Families are most welcomed to bring their own wreaths to have them blessed.

COMMUNION
OF SAINTS
TE KOTAHITANGA O TE
HUNGA TAPU



The Communion of Saints is our church family who have responded to Christ's grace.

We are all called to be Saints and make choices to be Holy.

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 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

Our School Core Values



Love Resilience Co-operation Service

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SJB PARIHAKA HANGI

You can now start bringing in your donations of kai for our hangi

Room Harakeke, Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri, Nikau & Horoeka - Kumara PURPLE VARIETY Room Kowhai, Totara, Rimu, Karaka, Kauri - Potato

Room Pohutukawa - CROWN PUMPKIN (sorry, it does have to be Crown - if it is pre cut please bring this in closer to the hangi date)

Please drop off to the Junior breakout space

If you were thinking of bringing an item that was not specified for your child's class that is okay (For example it is fine to bring a pumpkin if you have surplus in your garden and you are not in the specified class). If your business or family would like to provide meat or a financial koha instead please let Cat Allen know cat@sjb.school.nz (financial koha will go towards purchasing meat for the hangi).

PARIHAKA HANGI

When - Thursday 24th November

WHO - WHANAU/FAMILY, FRIENDS, SJB COMUNITY

Where - St. John Bosco School

Why – To celebrate and remember as a community

Time – Hangi dinner will be served from 5 pm until approximately 6.00 pm

What to bring – Hangi will be provided (FREE OF CHARGE) please bring a picnic rug to sit on.

The hangi will be bought up out of the pit around 4.30- 4.45 pm. You are welcome to come along and watch this process.

Entertainment will begin around 5.30 pm (children will be performing and sharing their talents during this time). This will take place on the deck outside the Nikau and Horeka. This should be finished by 6.30 pm

We can't wait to see you at this special community event.



THE LAST DAY FOR PITA PIT SCHOOL LUNCHES WILL BE NEXT FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER.

PITA PIT HAS BEEN SOLD AND THE NEW OWNERS MAY START LUNCHES UP AGAIN NEXT YEAR.







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