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TERM DATES

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

Term 1 2022

Tue 31 Jan - Thu 6 Apr

EVENTS

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

End of Term 4

Thu 15 Dec, 12.30pm



Kia ora koutou. It is really hard to believe that we are only 2 weeks away from the end of year. This term has passed by incredibly quickly. This time of the year brings many mixed emotions for me. It is a time to celebrate the many achievements of the year, the growth children have made, the events that have brought us together and the growth we have made as a school. It's also a time of sadness as we prepare to farewell another group of amazing children and say goodbye to many of our long serving families.

Well-being: I would like to pass on a huge thank you to all those who contributed towards our community hangi last week. The koha, helping hands and support on the evening was and has been phenomenal. To bring 600 people together, feed and entertain them will be a highlight of the year for me. Many hands make light work and community keeps us strong and committed to who we are. Thank you to all the parents who donated food, money, time to peel vegies, time to put the hangi down, serve our guests and clean up. Thank you to Kenny Trinder, Rangi Trinder and Michael Normanton who shared and guided us through their hangi kaupapa. A special thanks to Cat Allen who was a key driver behind the occasion.

Congratulations to Nesta Dombroski, Fable-Bea Fox, Inky-Lou Plum, Sebastian Lupon, Wilbur Lupton, Ben Nguyen, Bea Nguyen and Honor Zhao who will this weekend following our school Mass be baptised. A very special moment in their lives for them and their families. We ask God to bless and guide you on your new journey of life.

Classes for 2023 have been confirmed. Families will be informed via email of children's classes following our class swaps on Tuesday 13th December. On Tuesday children will spend some time in their new class with their new teacher so the connection

From the Principals Desk...

begins for 2023. Stationery requirements will also be shared at the same time. We have once again gathered pricing form various outlets in order to source the best price for our families. We will again be using Office Products. Packs for children will be available in the new year for families to collect.

Thank you for supporting our Teacher only day this week. Having a day reflect on our school wide data, strategic plans and space to finish organisation for 2023 has been really appreciated. We are aware of the organisation it takes for families to support these days, thank you.

Our last day of 2022 will be Thursday 15th December. School will close at 12.30pm.

Our Year 6 graduation will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 6:00pm. It will once again be held in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Year 6 children will begin to share more specific information with their families in the coming week. This will be a special celebration for our Year 6 children and families.

A friendly reminder that our last School Mass for 2022 is this Sunday 5th December. Mass will start at 10:30am. All families are invited to join us and we would love to see you there. We will be collecting for our local Food Bank this Mass. Please bring along non perishable food items that we can pass onto the foodbank for those in need. If you are unable to join the mass we will accept donations in the school office.

Our 2022 helpers morning tea has been scheduled for Thursday 8 December. We would love to see parents and family that have supported us this year through parent helping in class, coaching sports teams, supporting education outside the classroom and school events. This will start at 10:00am in the Church foyer. Come along for a coffee and chat.

On Tuesday our Year 6 children attend their end of year Retreat at St Pius School. This included all Year 6 children from St Pius and St Joseph's New Plymouth. We see this as a great way to connect with other children who will be attending Francis Douglas and Sacred Heart Girls College. It was great to see some connections beginning during the day and obviously faces will be familiar on day 1 at their new schools.

Our last Board meeting for 2022 will be held in our school staffroom on Tuesday 13th December at 6:00pm. Our strategic goals for 2023 were shared at our last Board meeting so we are set to go in 2023.

The Board have agreed to allow our Community Group to provide access to the school pool over the Christmas break. We will once again be selling keys for **\$65** (\$15 bond) to St John Bosco School families only. Each family will also be asked to sign a pool use contract on pick up of their key with Andrea at the school office.

Please pay \$65 online into the following bank account with your name or child's name and 'pool key' in the reference so we can tick off who has paid.

**The SJB Community account number is:
15-3944-0007510-00**

Payments need to be made before the pool keys are handed out. **Pool keys will be available for pick up from the school office either Monday 12, Tuesday 13 or Wednesday 14 December.**

Welcome to Rosie James and Rio McGregor who have started in room Harakeke, Rosie has joined her big brother Moss at school and Rio has joined his big brother Oskar at school.

Our final end of year learning reports will be released on Tuesday 13th December. This will be sent out via HERO. The reports will include a progress report related to writing, RE, Inquiry learning and our end of year learner comment.

Athletics Day - overview: We are looking forward to our SJB Athletics Day next Tuesday 6th December. Below are the timetables for our Junior and Senior events. Children are able to wear house colours on the day or comfortable clothing. Parents and family are welcome to come along and watch.

	Yr 0/1 Boys	Yr 0/1 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 3 Boys	Year 3 Girl
9:10	Meet on the Courts and get into Year Groups					
9:30	Obstacle course	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Quoit/Discus
9:50	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Quoit/Discus	Obstacle course
10:10	Long Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Quoit/Discus	Obstacle course	High Jump
10:30	Morning Tea - bell at 10:45 to regroup for 2nd round					
10:50	Sprint	Shot Put	Quoit/Discus	Obstacle course	High Jump	Long Jump
11:10	Shot Put	Quoit/Discus	Obstacle course	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprint
11:30	Quoit/Discus	Obstacle course	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprint	Shot Put
11:50	Lunch for everyone					

	Yr 4 Boys	Yr 4 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
12:20	Meet on the Courts and get into Year Groups					
12:30	High Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Discus	Obstacle course	Long Jump
12:50	Sprint	Shot Put	Discus	Obstacle course	Long Jump	High Jump
1:10	Shot Put	Discus	Obstacle course	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprint
1:30	Discus	Obstacle course	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprint	Shot Put
1:50	Obstacle course	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Discus
2:10	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprint	Shot Put	Discus	Obstacle course
2:30	Jump off / house relays? (juniors could come and watch)					
2:50	PACK UP					

Staffing for 2023: The size, nature and make of year cohorts across our school generally means that each year class make up and dynamics change a little bit. The following is an overview of how we will set ourselves for teaching and learning in 2023.

Year 0	Harakeke	Mrs Helen Baldwin / Mrs Ashley Carradus
Year 0 / 1	Puriri	Ms Catherine Allen
Year 0 / 1	Koromiko	Miss Tara Moston
Year 1	Kawakawa	Miss Tracy Turner
Year 2	Nikau	Mrs Katie Smith
Year 2	Horoeka	Mr Matthew Moorby
Year 3	Kowhai	Mrs Trisha Welsh
Year 3 / 4	Pohutukawa	Mrs Jodie Mehana
Year 4	Karaka	Mrs Lisa Haenga
Year 5	Rimu	Mrs Crystal Smith
Year 5 / 6	Totara	Mrs Cushla Young
Year 6	Kauri	Mr Felix Page

Dear Parents/Grandparents who have helped out this year **T H A N K Y O U**

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

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION DECEMBER 2022: *Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations*

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



2nd Week of Advent - PEACE

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle (symbolising peace) on the advent wreath is lit. Sometimes it is referred to as the Candle of Faith or the Bethlehem Candle.

This week represents a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. This is why we see Christmas movies telling a story of restoration, of broken relationships that are healed.

People of Peace Prayer

God of Peace,

We go through life at such a fast pace that sometimes we forget to notice you.

Open my eyes and ears today so that I may see you and hear you as I go.

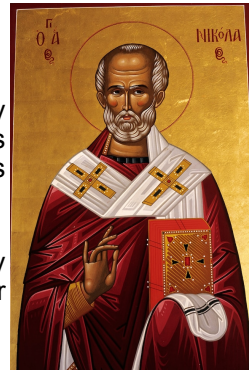
Amen.

Saint Nicholas Feast day - 6th December

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas Bishop of Myra who was born during the third century in Turkey. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds.

St. Nicholas has continued to be venerated by Catholics and Orthodox and honoured by Protestants. By his example of generosity to those in need, especially children, St. Nicholas continues to be a model for compassionate life.

Widely celebrated in Europe, St. Nicholas' feast day, December 6th, kept alive the stories of his goodness and generosity. In Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and Belgium each has their special tradition to remember him.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th December

Next Thursday, we commemorate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception probably began in the Eastern Church as a celebration of St. Anne, Mary's mother, a feast that is still kept in the East. Since at least the seventh century in the west we've made St. Anne's feast into a celebration of Mary's conception.

Messages from the New Plymouth Parish



SHINE YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

*Come along 4.00pm to 5.00pm ,
St Joseph's Church Hall. For Years 4 to 8*

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Each Sunday at OLHC Parish 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School staffroom with fun craft activities.

Please click here for a link to the NP Parish [Christmas and Advent Mass Schedule 2022](#)

[Please click here for the latest Parish Newsletter](#)

**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.

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Our Special Character leaders Jade and John Cyrus represented the school at the Advent Wreath Blessing at St Josphe's Church last week. Thank you Jade and John Cyrus for your service this year and for being such reliable and responsible Special Character leaders.



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 7	SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER	SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 7th December	Karaka & Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 14th December	Pohutukawa & Kowhai

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 4th December 2022 at 10:30am**



**We will have a special blessing during mass
for all Year 6 leaving students and
for our newly elected Board of Trustees.**

School families please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea afterwards.

**Don't forget to bring your donation for the
food bank or leave in school office.**

Thank you

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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.



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