

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 1
Tue 31 Jan - Thu 6 Apr

Term 2
Mon 24 Apr - Fri 30 Jun

Term 3
Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sep

Term 4
Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

EVENTS

**Community Group
AGM**

Wed 15 Feb, 7pm, held
in the school staffroom.
All Welcome

School Mass
Sun 5 March



Kia ora koutou. Happy new year and welcome back. It is great to be back, it is so nice having our children and families back on site with lots of life, excitement and eagerness to get the year underway. On a personal level I have had such a calm and relaxed start to the year, having been able to focus purely on setting our school up for teaching and learning. It has been really nice connecting with children and families over the week and if I haven't had the chance to say hi yet, I look forward to doing so.

We started the year with a celebration of St John Bosco's Feast Day. For us this is a rare event due to school largely returning in February. In my 10 Years this would be the second time we have been onsite as an entire school to join together, give thanks and pray for St John Bosco. It was a very proud moment as well. Being still, calm and prayerful for an hour after holidays is a big ask for children. However they absolutely respected the occasion, once again showing a commitment to their faith. I'd also like to thank the whanau that were able to come along and join the Mass. It is always fulfilling sharing these occasions with you.

Having spent time hearing the stories of and reflecting on St John Bosco this week it was a great way to lead our students into a deeper understanding of our school Gospel values of Love (Aroha), Service (Ratonga), Cooperation (Mahi Tahi) and Resilience (Manawaroa). These values emulate the person St John Bosco was and the values he displayed each day. Teaching our children these values allows us to walk in the footsteps of St John Bosco and hold his dream and vision alive each day.

We also started the year with a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new children, whanau and staff. It is with big open arms

From the Principals Desk...

that I welcome the following children and families....

Puriri - Archer Severinsen who joins his big brother Lachlan at school, Asa Sako-Holmes who joins his big brother Cohen at school, Evie Price and her parents Emma and Leighton, Gordon Keighley and his parents Alice and Gordon, Harry Devine and his parents Sarah and Roland, Stella Diachok who joins her big brother Elliot at school and Willem de Jager who joins his big sister Ella at school.

Koromiko - Holly James who joins her big brother Blake at school, Jesse Theys who joins his big sister Maddison at school, Lars Holtom and his parents Jessie and Ryan, Mackenzie Kumm who joins her big sister Caitlyn at school, Maia Canton who joins her big sister Ella at school, Theodore Diachok who joins his big brother Elliot at school

Horoeka - Finn Turner and his parents Suzanne and Mark.

Kowhai - Peyton Crosswell and her parents Tahlia and Mitchell.

We also welcomed Mr Felix Page to St John Bosco and back to Taranaki on Tuesday. It is wonderful and exciting to have Mr Page join our community and be teaching our Year 6 Children. I am sure that you will help Felix feel welcome and a part of the St John Bosco Whanau.

HERO Communication from the School: A reminder that most important notices, newsletters sent from the school will be posted on HERO. If you are not receiving information, please ensure you are logged in or have access to HERO. If you need help please contact me and I can step you through the process of getting HERO on your devices. SeeSaw is the teacher's way of sharing day to day learning and reflections. A tool to keep you connected to your child's learning in class. I will send details on how to log

into HERO through SeeSaw to ensure everyone is connected.

Staffing 2023: I would like to introduce our amazing staff for 2023 as follows:

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

Class Room Release Teachers - Ms Melanie Lynskey and Mrs Amber Ormond

Senior Management Release - Ms Melanie Lynskey, Mrs Amber Ormond and Mrs Helen Baldwin

O.R.S Specialist Teacher - Mrs Helen Baldwin

Physical Education - Ms Melanie Lynskey

Reading Recovery - Mrs Dehane Peck-Aro

Classroom Support Staff - Mrs Merryn Quinn, Mrs Inthira Maniam, Mrs Catherine McVey, Mrs Amy Theys, Mrs Carol Lyn Rios and Mrs Raeleen Luckin

Administration - Ms Andrea Pretty

Caretaker - Mr Brent Holswich
Librarian - Mrs Joanna Sisifa

I am truly blessed to have an amazing team of hard working people around me.

Cont/...

What's the Buzz: Thank you to all our families for completing our what's the buzz survey to start the year. The staff have really enjoyed reading through these and have passed on to me just how valuable the sharing of goals, aspirations and ways we can support has been. Information like this really guides us in our planning and thinking for the year ahead.

Swimming Term 1: This term our major physical education focus is water safety. Water safety is a topic of interest currently. Living in an environment with beaches and rivers we see water safety as a key part of our learning curriculum. We are committed to timetabling children a space in the pool each day to allow staff to work through water safety components. For this reason we ask that parents support us and ensure children have their togs each day. I would also like to thank our team of parents who over the break kept our pool up and running, clean, monitored and checked everything was safe. A huge commitment but such great service for our community. I love seeing families utilising our facilities. Our school pool will remain open to the community for most of this term depending on weather and warmth.

Swimming Sports: We are finalising our dates for our school swimming sports this term. They will be held at the aquatic centre and involve all children.

As soon as this is confirmed we will share details.

Sunsmart Term 1: Term 1 is a sunsmart term for our school. It has been great seeing all children wearing their school hats during breaks and if they are in the outdoors for extended periods. Hats do have a tendency to go missing so please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. This allows us to get it back to them ASAP. The sun has been quite intense these past few weeks. We also appreciate children applying sunblock prior to school. We have sunblock in classes which allows children to reapply as the day progresses.

Term 1 Cricket Registrations: A notification has been sent out via HERO in regards to Cricket for term 1. Registrations close on February 7th. Please check HERO for full details. Alternatively NZ Cricket have moved across to a new player registration system called PlayHQ. Please register your children using the link below and follow the given instructions.

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/1977ec>

Parking at School: You are all aware that parking close to school is limited. For this reason we encourage our families to park further out and walk into school to collect children, especially our older children. Our mornings have been

calm but after school we are already seeing pressure. Please consider parking on Paynter's Ave, further down Clinton Street or on Devon Street and walking in. Parking in the cul-de-sac at the end of Clinton and Darnell Streets is prohibited. It is dangerous and prevents the flow of traffic. Parking on Yellow lines is prohibited. Please help us out.

Family Information Forms: These yellow forms have gone home this week, it is really important that you fill in and return these forms to school to ensure we have all the correct contact information on file. We have occasions where contact numbers and emails have changed making it difficult to contact and keep in touch with families. Thank you.

Lastly, please remember that I am always here for you and your children. My door is always open and I would prefer to chat and discuss any worries or suggestions with you. If I know, I can help and support.

2023 is going to be a great year and I'm really excited to keep forging ahead.

Blessings.
Dee Luckin
Principal.



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All queries and enrolments to Veronica Chan:
iimchan72@gmail.com

Time: Wed, 3-4 (SJB music room)

Fee: \$12 per lesson

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service





R E S I L I E N C E

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



Our school value that we will focus on during term 1, is **manawaroa** demonstrating **resilience**. I can be like Jesus when I embrace new challenges, take risks, accept disappointments and always try my best even when it is difficult.

The key competency we are focusing on is **managing self**. Managing Self when in relationship with Jesus means learning to live according to the Gospels of Jesus.

Our Graduate Profile focus is **Independent Agents, Mana Tangata**. I know what I need to learn, to be more like Jesus.

Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

Religious Education Learning

On Tuesday we began our day and school year by attending Mass as a whole school to celebrate the Feast day of St John Bosco, our school patron saint. It was really lovely to have the opportunity to do so, as we often start after the 31st January so we usually miss it.

We are beginning our year establishing classroom prayer routines, and working collaboratively to develop our Class Treaty. We will also be learning about St John Bosco, Euphrasie Barbier and the Mission Sisters who started our school.

A reminder that the Family Whanau book is available to view online www.faihtalive.org.nz then click the Families tab; this book has lots of practical ideas on how parents can support their child's faith journey.

Your child's learning in RE will be shared from time to time on Seesaw. We encourage you to discuss what they are learning with them, and to please comment on their learning in a positive way.

Prayer to Don Bosco

St John Bosco
Friend of the young,
Teacher in the ways of God,
Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.
Help me to work for a better world,
where the young are given the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream for justice can come true,
and where God's compassion is shown to be real.
Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to
Our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.
Amen.



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February 2023

For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Message from the Parish...

This year First Reconciliation will be in Term 2, First Holy Communion in Term 3 and Baptism in Term 4. If you are considering any of these Sacramental programmes for your child please register your interest with Karen Maclean, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz



[Please click here for the latest Parish Newsletter](#) - check out the request for help from St Vincent de Paul Society. They provide a variety of necessary services in our parish and community and really need our help.

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 2	Wednesday 8th Feb	Totara / Kauri
Week 3	Wednesday 15th Feb	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 4	Wednesday 22nd Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY Whole School Mass
Week 5	Wednesday 1st March Sunday 5th March	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri School Mass
Week 6	Wednesday 8th March	Karaka / Rimu
Week 7	Wednesday 15th March	Totara / Kauri
Week 8	Wednesday 22nd March	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 29th March	Horoeka / Nikau
Week 10	HOLY WEEK Wednesday 5th April	Karaka / Rimu

St John Bosco School Led Sunday Mass Dates 2023

Sunday 5 March
Sunday 11 June
Sunday 20 August
Sunday 19 November

We encourage all families to make the commitment to attend school Mass. It is important that we gather as a community and support our children's faith development.

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.



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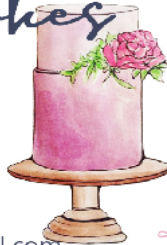
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