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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

Swimming Sports
Fri 3 March

School Mass
Sun 5 March

Golf Day
Sun 26 March



Kia ora. The start of the week was a nervous one with Cyclone Gabrielle making its way across the North Island. I would once again like to thank you for your response to the closing of school on Tuesday. We can never be sure of the impact such weather patterns will have. But as a school I think a cautious response in these cases is best. I feel devastated for the people of Hawkes Bay. Every time I look at updates I just see more and more devastation and heart broken people. Our time to support these people will come but in the meantime I ask that you pray that they are safe. Pray that they are fed, kept warm and reunited with the people they need in their lives soon.

The small amount of tree damage within our school has been cleared and our boundary fence temporarily patched. We are now looking at replacing the entire boundary fence along the walkway as the state it is in is just too hard to fix permanently.

Our Learning programmes will be a major part of our day from now on. Our teachers are always available to clarify expectations in relation to learning, so please pop in and catch up, email or message us. Kapa Haka, Jump Jam, Adventure Time, Team Assemblies will all be up and running next week also. Our kids are set for another great year of learning.

Each term as a part of our learning programme we unpack, focus and develop skills related to one of our core school values. This term our focus is resilience. Following are some guides for our whanau to consider.

Resilience can be seen as courage and bravery. As we try to be brave in little things, we will learn to become stronger and take risks to help us overcome difficulties and

From the Principals Desk...

sort out problems for ourselves.

Success Criteria Term 1:

- Children will attempt new tasks and activities
- Children will learn to cope with disappointments and setbacks
- Children will learn to think of ways to solve problems, for themselves and as a group
- Children will become confident to try new activities and encourage others to do so too
- Children will feel confident to share their feelings and experiences with others
- Children will develop ways to handle new and uncomfortable situations

What is Resilience?

Resilience is being able to pick yourself up after a setback and get on with life again. It means looking ahead to the future and trying to put behind you, the incident, accident or unfortunate circumstance which has hurt you physically or emotionally. To be resilient you need to believe in yourself and have experienced being loved and affirmed by those closest to you.

Why Practise it? In our world, things don't always go smoothly for us. We have hopes and expectations and we are continually working towards "getting ahead" in life. We are always looking ahead to where we want to be, what we want to achieve and what will make us feel happy and fulfilled. When a setback occurs, we need to be resilient and rethink our plans, then sort out another routeway. We will become stronger for doing this. It helps us to develop a positive attitude and solve any problems that come our way.

How Do You Practice It?

When you practice resilience you become more open to changes. You begin to look for different ways to get the same goal. In hindsight, you often find that things will work out better for you! When things become really difficult and you feel like you're in the middle of

a storm – you learn to ride the waves! You need to realise that when you have a problem (even a catastrophe) its not "the end of the world." Things will get better, time will heal the hurt and you will need to try again.

Signs of Success
Congratulations, you are practicing resilience when:

- You learn from your setbacks
- You learn to "turn the other cheek" and ignore a hurtful situation
- You can step back from the situation and change plans when something unexpected happens
- You are able to go with the flow and trust others
- You are not upset when things don't go your way

It is great to be back in the swing of things at SJB. Like always I am super proud of our children and just how settled and focused they are. It is always great to see our 2022 Year 5 children move into Year 6 and begin their leadership roles as well. They have started with a bang and are showing great responsibility and care. Enjoy your weekend everybody.

Ash Wednesday: Today we held a Palm burning ceremony using palms from Palm Sunday collected in 2022. These ashes will be used in our Ash Wednesday Mass this coming Wednesday 22nd February. We invite all parents, grandparents and friends to join us for the 9:10am Mass in Our Lady Help of Christians Church if you are able to make it.

Swimming Sports: We have been able to Book the Aquatic Centre for our annual swimming sports for Friday 3rd March. We will follow our revised 2022 programme as outlined on the following page. Our focus is having all children take part, have fun and enter all of the events on offer.

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We will require 4-5 parents to help us out on the day. In particular being in the water as lifeguards in case children run out of puff. If you can help please let Mr Page or Mrs Welsh know.

Swimming Sports Details: Each group of children will travel by bus to and from the Aquatic Centre at different times throughout the day. Each group will have approximately an hour or more at the complex.

The year 5 and 6 children will be leaving school at 9:00am.

The year 3 and 4 children will be leaving school at 10:30am.

The year 1 and 2 children will leave school just at 11:30am.

Our senior children will take part in a variety of traditional races such as freestyle and backstroke in the big pool. They will also put into practice the water safety procedures that have been taught this term.

Events Senior children will take part in:

Freestyle 1 length
Backstroke 1 length
Flutter Board front 1 length
Flutter Board back 1 length
Sculling Head first 1 length
Sculling Feet first 1 length

Water Safety Programme Year 3-6:

Lifejackets on

- Side roll into water/ signal for help
- Huddle (groups of 5)
- Huddle to line swim to side on backs
- Treading water
- Yr 5, 2 mins
- Yr 6, 3 mins
- Y 3/4 basic sculling and treading water

This will conclude with house relays

Our Junior Programme and order will be as follows:

Juniors Pool time 12pm - 1pm

Juniors 15 m pool	
All 7 Year old boys	Noodle, flutterboard Fronts,
All 7 Year old girls	flutterboard Backs, freestyle
All 6 Year old boys	Jumping, Noodle, flutterboard
All 6 Year old girls	Fronts, flutterboard Backs
All 5 Year old boys	Running, Jumping, Noodle,
All 5 Year old girls	flutterboard Fronts
Free Swim	

Our juniors will participate in a variety of events that include running races, noodle races, flutter board races, jumping races and freestyle races.

Children will need to bring warm clothing (named) for the day as well as their school sunhat and sunblock. They may also choose to wear a swim vest as well to keep the sun off. We will send home a permission slip via Hero early next week.

Cricket: Cricket begins tonight and Saturday for our school cricket teams. Thank you to our parents who have offered to coach and help out with these teams. Parents should have access to draws and venues via PlayHQ. If you are unable to access this please see Mr Page or Mr Luckin and we'll connect you up.

Expressions of Interest-I-Pads+Cover: For those interested in purchasing an I-Pad for their child. The Community Group will bulk-buy and purchase I-Pads with cover and you can enter into a payment plan. All I-pads purchased will stay at school with your child until the I-Pad is paid off in full. **Cost will be \$600** Email emily.bellringer@gmail.com to register your interest for an i-pad by Friday 3rd March.



ART LESSONS

These lessons will give students a chance to learn many varying art techniques such as drawing styles, soft pastel, painting and using their imagination to create a beautiful piece of art every week. Classes are suitable for all ages and all levels of ability.

My students' art works can be seen on Facebook. Just search for "VC Art Studio"

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

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

Fee: \$12 per lesson



Get Ready for Summer Season!

GOOD CALL RULES WORKSHOP

NEW PLYMOUTH TOWER

21 FEBRUARY 2023

6.00PM - 7.30PM

TET STRATFORD

22 FEBRUARY 2023

6.00PM - 7.30PM

TO REGISTER, CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE

To register - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/217174>

Please contact Trisha Welsh for more info - trisha@sjb.school.nz



Little Angels Preschool Music & Play Group

We have some spaces in this group as some Little Angels are moving onto Kindy. We would love to have you join us for this friendly group so please get in touch with us.

The group is on every Monday during term time.

Arrive anytime with music starting at 9.30am.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Foyer, Clinton Street.

Come join us for a time of fun, music, play and delicious morning tea.

There is no cost to join this group.

If you keen to join this group or give it a try out call or text Tess Bowling 027 583 7732

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



SJB Ambrose Golf Day: We are really pleased to be again this year with the support of Taranaki Steelformers holding our Ambrose Golf Day. Below is a flyer attached and I will send out one on HERO as well with all the details and how you support this. This will be run by our Community Group and they will soon be seeking help and support on the day.

The Community Group would like to request volunteers to help on the day. You can email or text Sonya_nz@hotmail.com or 021812585 to sign-up to help.

Appreciate any support of time that you are able to give. This is our big community fund-raiser and a great day out for both teams and helpers.

We are also requesting spot prizes. If you would like to donate vouchers or prizes. Please drop off to Andrea in the office by Friday 17th March.



St John Bosco School

Presents our 2023

Ambrose Golf Day

With the support of **Taranaki Steelformers** we are proud to present our major fundraiser for 2023: an AMBROSE Golf Tournament

WHEN Sunday 26th March
WHERE Westown Golf Club
TIME 11.00am Start



Here is how you can choose to help us:

<input type="radio"/>	Sponsor a Hole	Get your company's logo/ad displayed on a large digital billboard at Registration, at the Food Tent during the day for maximum foot traffic coverage, on a large screen in the clubrooms during prizegiving, and on the teams' scorecards. In addition sponsors will be promoted in the School's newsletter and on our Facebook page.	\$300 Per Hole
<input type="radio"/>	Sign up a Team	Teams of 4 - 6 Players Serious/Social/Non Golfers all welcome!	\$30 per Player
<input type="radio"/>	Make a donation	Donate a spot prize, a voucher (e.g. from a local café, Rebel Sport or similar) we shall use as a spot prize, or make a cash donation. All donations are greatly appreciated.	Your Choice
<input type="radio"/>	Help on the day	Support us with the setup, signing in players, the BBQ, selling food and drinks, serving afternoon tea, the prize giving or packing up. An hour or two is all that is needed.	Your time

Name _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Contact Number _____



Return this form to the school office 'Community Group' Box

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RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Today we held a Liturgy and burned the blessed palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday next week. As a school we will be attending Mass on Ash Wednesday (22 February). We encourage you to join us if you are able. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is the first of the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. The 40 days refer to the time Jesus spent in the desert after being baptised in the Jordan by John and before beginning his public ministry. The ashes used in the liturgy on Ash Wednesday are made from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year.



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



SHINE YOUTH GROUP— Start Date 19 February 2023:

Our junior youth group, Shine, is for those in Years 4 to 8. Shine runs from 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. This junior youth group gives this age of young people in our parish a chance to form connections. If you would like to know anything else about Shine please contact Karen Maclean, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

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

Messages from the Palmerston North Diocese

We know from media reports and the stark images on TV, that Cyclone Gabrielle has caused widespread damage and suffering for many people, including our own people in Wairoa and Hawkes Bay. People are still missing, many people's homes have been damaged or destroyed, livelihoods are at risk and sadly, others still have lost loved ones. Their suffering is very real, they need our help, and we need to show them we care. The first thing we can do is pray for them and for all who are risking their own lives to help them. The government, local government, the military and good people on the ground are working hard, providing immediate relief to those most in need.

Disruption to ordinary communication has seriously impeded people's efforts to contact loved ones in the affected areas and all those working hard to bring relief. This has brought a great deal of stress to an already very difficult situation. Across the diocese we are aware of isolated incidents including flooding and fallen trees which have caused property damage.

Earlier today, I heard from the Marist Fathers and the Mission sisters in Napier that they are safe and sound. We still have no contact with Fr Rob Devlin and the parish and school in Wairoa which, according to the media, seems hardest hit. Speaking to congregational leaders, Fr Tim Duckworth SM and Sr Margaret Monaghan RNDM two things are clear. Our sisters and priests in Hawkes Bay and Wairoa are resourceful and they're part of communities. Both these things are in their favour.

As a diocese we have a responsibility to show we care and right now a small team are working on our practical response. Please find enclosed a [prayer resource](#) and a [simple Liturgy for classroom prayer and families around the dinner table](#).

May our good God continue to bless you and keep all our loved ones safe. Fr Craig, Local Administrator, Diocese of Palmerston North

Prayer for those affected by
Cyclone Gabrielle

God our refuge and hope. We pray for all who are suffering because of recent flooding in our Diocese and in other parts of our country. Give them strength when they're weak, reason for hope in times of despair and the grace to know you are with them.

Bless the work of emergency and aid workers and keep them safe as they risk their lives for others. Bless too the work of local government and our nation's leaders. Grant them wisdom in their decision-making, and special concern for the poor and vulnerable.

Fill our hearts with compassion for those who are in great need. Open our hearts to see them as brothers and sisters and make us generous in our response.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Our School Core Values

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Caritas accepting donations for Turkey and Syria earthquake victims

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake)

Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

Oceania Bishops in Fiji for FCBCO Meetings

The bishops from across Oceania are gathering in Fiji for the quadrennial gathering of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania to reflect on and pray about their shared mission in the region. The assembly will bring together members of the bishops conferences of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands and the Pacific Islands.

Find out more: <https://fcbco.org/the-general-assembly2023/>

Daily summary videos are also available at: <https://www.youtube.com/@federationofcatholicbishops>

St Joseph's Catholic School, Stratford | 125th Jubilee 18 March 2023

Registrations are now live for the 125th Jubilee which is to be held 18th March 2023. We will leave the registrations open for now, so please, if you can, share our registration link to anyone who would be interested in coming along. For those that have registered and paid, thank you. If our original plan does not go ahead, we will organise something on a smaller scale at school.

Please join our Jubilee Facebook page for more information, or email admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-School-Stratford-125th-Jubilee-2023-105382145087004>

<https://forms.gle/PMhewcRiT8zqDv7c7>

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 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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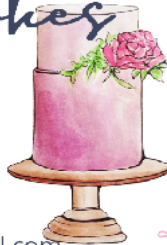
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