

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 2

Wed 26 Apr - Fri 30 Jun

Term 3

Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sep

Term 4

Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

EVENTS

Grandparents Day

Wed 26 July

ICAS Entries Close

Thu 27 July

Interschool

Fri 28 July



Ko Taranaki te Maunga
Ko Te Henui te Awa
Ko Amelia Thompson te Waka
Ko Allen te iwi
No ingārangi oku tupuna
No Ngāmotu ahau
Ko Jeremy Moa toku hoa
rangatira
Ko Otis tamariki
Ko Catherine Allen toku ingoa
Tihei Mauri Ora!

Nau mai haere mai.

Welcome back to Term 3, 2023. I just wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome this week. Your kindness and support have truly made me feel welcomed and appreciated, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing community.

I am very excited and proud to be your Acting Tumuaki this term. I have been teaching for 15 years and have spent 12 and a half of these at St. John Bosco School. I am passionate about our Kura, our whānau and our wider community.

It has been a joy to spend time in each of the classes this week and what a privilege it is to be able to do this. I have been impressed by the high standard of mahi being completed by the children, and the vibrant classroom displays, including high-quality artwork. I acknowledge the fantastic efforts of our amazing Kaiako too. We are going to have a great term filled with lots of fun and exciting events and experiences!

It was a pleasure to welcome our three new tamariki to Hato Hoani Paukau this week.

Koromiko - Jude Cribb and his parents Ashley and Jonathan Harakeke
Cora Te Pau Konui-Whiting joins her big brother Jai at school, and Charlie Turner also joins his big brother Finn at school.

Happy Puanga/ Matariki Ka Titiro ki muri, ka haere ki mua - Look to the past to move into the future.

Puanga is a time to reflect on the past, acknowledging those who have passed on whilst looking towards the future and the upcoming new season. Over the last few

From the Principals Desk...

weeks, some classes have celebrated with a special breakfast, games, waiata and artwork.

Haere rā Mr Luckin On Monday we said our final 'goodbye' to Mr Luckin. It was a very special occasion. We gathered together and walked down to Fitzroy School. Kauri and Totara students did us very proud with their beautiful waiata during the Pōwhiri. (Unfortunately, due to the weather the whole school could not fit inside the school hall). A big thank you to Mrs Crystal Smith for your beautiful guitar playing. We thank Fitzroy School for the beautiful Pōwhiri and kind hospitality. We know that our taonga Mr Luckin will be well looked after there. I am certain this is the beginning of a really beautiful relationship between our two neighbouring schools.



Grandparents and Special Friends Joachim and Anne were the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Together they nurtured their daughter Mary and brought her up to be a worthy mother of God. It was their example of parenting that Mary then

followed as she brought up her own son Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed Mary to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe. Today we thank God for our parents and grandparents, those who are with us and those who are no longer with us. We pray that they may be examples and models to us all.

You are invited to our Grandparents and Special Friends Day next Wednesday 26th July.

9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians. This is to celebrate the Feast day of St Joachim and St Anne (Jesus' Grandparents).

We would love you to sit with your Grandchildren/ Special friends during Mass.

Following Mass Grandparents and Special Friends are invited to stay and have morning tea with their grandchildren and spend some time with them during our morning tea time (some morning tea will be provided for our visitors).

Inquiry Focus / School Production This term we have an arts focus, with all children taking part in our school production. Our Junior and middle school will today begin to learn their class dance and pretty soon we will begin to learn our school songs and put their performance together. Our senior children will also learn their class dance and songs as well as lead roles beginning to learn dialogue and, in some cases, a solo song. Mrs Raeleen Luckin and Mrs Cushla Young have written another special show just for the SJB community, and we are getting excited about sharing this with you. Dates set for this event are Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of September with both matinee and evening performances scheduled. This will be held at the TSB Showplace Theatre. Soon we will be seeking sponsorship to help with the show costing.

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School Cross Country

Term 3 is also our cross country term, and all classes will, in the coming weeks during PE lessons, begin to develop their stamina to take part in the school cross country. We are awaiting notification of when the New Plymouth Cross Country will take place. When we are notified of this date, we will set the date for our SJB Cross Country (and advise you as soon as possible).

First Reconciliation

Tonight we have 28 of our SJB children take part in their First Reconciliation. I want to congratulate these children for committing to the next chapter of their faith journey. I would also like to thank their parents for supporting the children on their faith journey. Reconciliation and forgiveness is a key element of our lives and ensures that we can be at peace with ourselves and those around us. In these busy and challenging times, being at peace is becoming more and more important.

Inter-School Update:

We are scheduled to play Waitara Central at SJB next Friday (28th of July), beginning with a Pōwhiri at 11 am. Thank you to everyone involved in coaching and supporting our Tamariki. A big thank you to Felix and Trish for their organisation.

**KELLY CLUB**

Red Nose Day on Friday 28 July 2023 is Cure Kids' biggest annual fundraising campaign and at Kelly Club we are really excited to be a part of this amazing campaign!

Click on the link to make a donation... <https://kellyclub.raisely.com/st-john-bosco-kelly-club>

Next week the Kelly Club will be running a 'guess how many lollies are in the jar to win' for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to cure kids!

Our Kelly Club after school care and holiday programme is proud to provide a safe and fun environment for your little ones.

**Our School Core Values**

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service





CO-OPERATION



For we are partners working together for God... 1 Corinthians 3:9

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for July 2023 *For a Eucharistic life*

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

First Reconciliation

We have 28 students from our school (90 from our parish) who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Joseph's church tonight. Please pray for them and their families as they make this next step in their Faith Journey.



YCC Mufti Day - Fundraising for Oecusse School in Timor-Leste

Thank you so much for your generous donations this week for YCC. We raised \$416.30 for Oecusse School in Timor-Leste. Along with the funds raised in all our Catholic Schools in Aotearoa will be used to install water pipes, toilets and wash stations for the more than 800 students at the school. [Use this link](#) for more information about Oecusse school and how the money we raised will be used.

Timor-Leste

E te Atua,
Loving God,
We praise you for your love.

Thank you for Aotearoa New Zealand,
the place we call home.
We pray for our families,
our friends,
and all we hold dear in our country.

We also pray for Timor-Leste,
although it seems so very far away.
May you be with the people of Timor-Leste,
help the leaders to rule fairly and wisely.
Be with families who struggle.
Bring them hope,
help them receive everything they need.

May your Will be done.
On Earth.
In Aotearoa.
In Timor-Leste.
As it is in heaven.

Amen.



The majority of Timorese families live in rural areas and are subsistence farmers

Let's pray for Timor-Leste

Some important Feast days are coming up.....



22nd July - Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene travelled with Jesus as one of his followers. She is mentioned by name more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family. All the gospels say she is, either alone or a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb, and is the first to witness Jesus's resurrection. Mary Magdalene is known in some Christian traditions as the "apostle to the apostles".

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25th July St James, apostle

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. He called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day. He asked them to try again and they then caught so many fish that their boat nearly sank.

26th July - Saint Joachim and Saint Anne Feast Day

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne are the parents of Mary, the Mother of God, and the grandparents of Jesus. After years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God. The parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe. They are examples and models for all parents and grandparents.

Blessing of Grandparents

*Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.*

*May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



We look forward to spending time with our grandparents and special friends at mass next Wednesday 26th July, on the Feast day of Jesus' loving grandparents... we encourage you all to come.

Messages from the Parish

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

Did you know that.. the gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross on our forehead, lips and heart, prior to the reading of the Gospel at Holy Mass, is a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By our hearts, we especially mean our wills, affections, emotions, and passions.

The next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel, remember it's much more than just an external gesture - it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.

For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz as Mass times, due to unforeseen circumstances can be changed after the printing of the newsletter.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR Saturdays 4.45pm to 5.15pm OLHC prior to the 5.30 Vigil Mass.

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 the [latest Parish Newsletter](#)

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.



Messages from the Palmerston North Diocese

Bishops urge all Catholics to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. More information including links to Instrumentum laboris: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

This Sunday is also the **Third World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly**. You may like to have a read of a recent reflection on this day of prayer from Bishop Owen: <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/06/a-conversation-with-bishop-owen-dolan/>

Please click here for the latest [Weekly Diocesan Update](#)

Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and strongly encourage whanau to attend class Masses where possible, to support your child in their Faith journey.

Week 2	Wednesday 26th July	Whole School Mass - Grandparents Day
Week 3	Wednesday 2nd August	Totara / Kauri
Week 4	Wednesday 9th August	Rimu / Karaka
Week 5	Wednesday 16th August Sunday 20th August	Horoeka / Nikau School Mass
Week 6	Wednesday 23rd August	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 7	Wednesday 30th August	Nga Kakano
Week 8	Wednesday 6th September	Horoeka / Nikau
Week 9	Wednesday 13th September	Nga Kakano
Week 10	Wednesday 20th September	Pohutukawa / Kowhai

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2023 International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): are at SJB again this year. ICAS competitions are optional for all students from years 4-6. This competition provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievements in an external testing situation. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem solving skills. ICAS assessments are online, this allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report. Students are eligible for awards including high distinction, distinction, credit, merit and participation certificates. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend a special award ceremony. If you have any questions or interest in past papers for practice please see Inthira at school between 2.30pm - 3pm Tuesday or Friday.

Subject	Official sitting dates
ICAS English	Monday 14 Aug to Friday 18 Aug
ICAS Science	Monday 21 Aug to Friday 25 Aug
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 28 Aug to Friday 1 Sept
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 21 Aug to Friday 25 Aug

ICAS Assessment 2023 Entry Slip

Please return this form to the school office no later than THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023

I would like _____ in year _____ to participate in the 2023 ICAS assessments listed below: *(Please tick the subjects your child will be sitting in 2023)*

Subject	Tick	Participation Price	Fee Enclosed
English		\$20.70	
Science		\$20.70	
Mathematics		\$20.70	
Spelling Bee		\$20.70	
		TOTAL	

If you wish your child to enter any of the competitions please complete the entry slip above and return to the office with your payment or bank transfer to our school account 15-3944-0101291-80 using your child's name and ICAS as a reference. Entry forms are available from the school office also.

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Catholic Parish

Little Angels Preschool Music & Play Group

This friendly 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.





We are collecting good condition,
secondhand books now!

Please donate your unwanted children's books
so they can be enjoyed by others.

Drop books off at the following locations:

- the school office by 18th August,
- the Taranaki Toy Library, (at 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy—beside Knox Church) by 25th August



Friday Sept 15th, 2pm-6pm, and
Saturday Sept 16th, 9am– 1pm

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library

Catholic Woman's League "Sunday Fun" Walk

Sponsored walk for Youth Diabetes

Sunday 6th August 1.30 pm
Pukekura Park - Meet at Kaimata /
Somerset St for instructions of route &
fun activities

\$5 per person or \$10 per family

Enjoy a sausage sizzle & juice at finish
\$2

If wet meet at 1.30 pm at St Joseph's
Hall for circuits of hall & fun activities

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