# St John Bosco School



**TERM DATES** 

Term 4 Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

Term 1 2024 Tue 30 Jan - Fri 12 Apr

Term 2 2024 Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul

**EVENTS** 

Year 6 School Camp Wed 8 Nov - Fri 10 Nov

Whanau Hui, 6pm Thu 16 November

Teacher Only Day Fri 17 November

School Mass Sun 19 November

BOT Meeting Tue 21 November, 6pm

SJB Athletics Day Fri 1 December 21 Clinton Street, New Plymouth. Phone (06) 758-3165 e-mail: office@sjb.school.nz, www.sjb.school.nz
Principal: Mr Ryan Fleming

# From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou

**Welcome:** It was a pleasure to welcome Harrison Loto to school and room Harakeke, Harrison joins his big brother Hunter at school.

Another fortnight has flown by. Our Kapa Haka roopu represented us with pride at the Puanga festival on Thursday night. We have a brilliant core group of student leaders who drive the standards and role model excellence to our future performers. It was also the first time on stage for a number of children who fought off the nerves and made us proud. Our current leaders are outstanding and the future looks promising too. Enormous hours go into this from our tamariki and our adults; particularly Whaea Unity and Mrs Mehana. We are also grateful for all the parent help including ironing uniforms, doing hair, moko and travelling out to support at the event.

You will have noticed action on the court. The Tiger Turf team were busy patching up and evening out the court today in preparation for laying the actual turf next week (weather dependent). This will be a great asset for our school, particularly with the recent rise in popularity of hockey.



On Friday the 3rd of November we will acknowledge Parihaka Day (5th November) in school through a series of activities and learning experiences that help our children know about an important place in our region and important people (Tohu, Te Whiti) at a significant time in the history of our country.

We have just started to work through class lists for 2024. This is an enormous process and both the teaching staff and the leadership team put an immense amount of thought and time into it. We want all children to thrive, every day of every year. If you have any concerns or worries or just think there might be something we need to consider that we might not already know please drop me an email or find me on site for a quick chat. principal@sib.school.nz

Your child's current teacher will advocate for your child and all children are given an opportunity to share who their best learning buddies are.

This year we will have our own St John Bosco Athletics Day on Friday 1st of December for all children. PE with Ms Lynskey is focusing on Athletics so it will be a great opportunity for children to show the skills they have acquired and developed over the term. Many thanks to our community group who will be in the mix supporting this with a sausage sizzle. More details to come, closer to the date.

Please note the change of date for our Maori whanau consultation hui. This will now be on the 16th of November at 6pm here at school.

Also just a reminder about the upcoming Teacher Only Day on Friday the 17th of November where staff will be unpacking Te Mataiaho - the revised New Zealand Curriculum in order to ensure meet the Ministry of Education implementation requirements for 2024.

So begins an exciting period of time for our Year 6 children as they head off to camp in Week 5. Many thanks to Mrs Young and Mr Page for their tireless work to make this happen and of course the parent volunteers for jumping in that lake at this time of year.





Our SJB Kapa Haka Roopu



# SERVICE





## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for October 2023 For the Synod

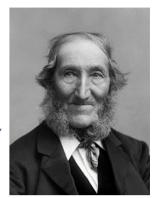
We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

#### **Labour Day**

Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight-hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890.

### Let us pray

Loving God, you guide the hands of all who labour, as they work to build, create, and produce. Thank you for the gift of strong bodies and astute minds that allow them to accomplish so many great things. Give to them assurance of a good income and provide for them all the resources, strength, and support that they need. Gracious God, you bless all in so many different ways. Shower all of your children, as they labour, with your blessing and love. Amen



**Mission Sunday** is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. World Mission Sunday 2021 in Aotearoa New Zealand is on Sunday 31 October.



#### Wednesday 31 October All Saints Day and Thursday 1st November All Souls Day



John Nava Artist LA Cathedral

The root word of Halloween is "hallow," which means "holy." The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening." Halloween refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before All Saints' Day, the Christian holy day that honours saintly people of the past. All Souls' Day is a day to pray for all souls. It is the day that we especially remember all those who died.

We stop to remember all who have died, especially our relatives and friends.

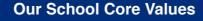
We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

At Mass we pray for all souls that have hastened their journey to God.





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# **Messages from the Parish**

Pope Francis: 'May weapons fall silent, situation in Gaza is desperate' Appealing for peace in the Holy Land,

Pope Francis expresses concern for the humanitarian situation in Gaza, calling on all parties to lay down their weapons and all Christians to pray and fast on 27 October for peace. At the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth we are dedicating Monday 30th October as a day of prayer and fasting for peace focusing on Adoration, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We invite parishioners to come to St Joseph's church and pray with the Lord at any time between 8.30am (after morning Mass) until 4.30pm. The Syro Malabar community will be praying the Rosary at 4.00pm followed by Mass, celebrated in Malayalam. All parishioners are welcome to be part of this. We have time rosters in the foyers and ask those who would agree to be in the church for 30 minutes (or more) to fill in their name. Of course everyone is welcome to just stay a few minutes~ on the way to work, the lunch hour, after school with the children.

**KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Each Sunday at OLHC Parish 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Please click here for the <u>latest Parish Newsletter</u>

# Messages from the Palmerston North Diocese

Bishop John encourages you to make a time of prayer available in your parishes, for Pope Francis's Invitation to a day of Penance, this Friday 27 October 2023. <a href="https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-francis-appeal-peace-gaza-palestine-israel-day-of-prayer.html">https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-francis-appeal-peace-gaza-palestine-israel-day-of-prayer.html</a>

World Day of the Poor | 19 November 2023

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day. Go here: <a href="https://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor">www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor</a>

Please click here for the latest Weekly Diocesean Update

#### **School and Class Mass**

This term we will have school Mass on Sunday 19th November. This final school Mass for the year will be a welcome for Mr Fleming and a farewell to our Year 6 students, where they will receive a special farewell blessing. It would be great to have as many families as possible making the commitment to come to our school Mass this term and when possible to also join your child's weekday class Masses to support your child in their Faith journey.

Week 4	Wednesday 1st November	Kauri / Totara
Week 5	Wednesday 8th November	Nga Kakano
Week 6	Wednesday 15th November Sunday 19th November	Pohutukawa / Kowhai <b>School Mass</b>
Week 7	Wednesday 22nd November	Horoeka / Nikau
Week 8	Wednesday 29th November	Kauri / Totara
Week 9	Wednesday 6th December	Karaka / Rimu
Week 10	Wednesday 12th December	Nga Kakano



# School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding Member:
Michael Normanton
21 Clinton Street
Fitzroy
New Plymouth
Or email michael.normanton@xtra.co.nz

by: (10 November 2023)



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