

# St John Bosco School

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Principal: Mr Ryan Fleming



## TERM DATES

Term 1 2024

Tue 30 Jan - Fri 12 Apr

Term 2 2024

Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul

Term 3 2024

Mon 22 Jul - Fri 27 Sep

## EVENTS

End of Term 4

Fri 15 December,  
12.30pm

Start of Term 1 - 2024

Tues 30 January



## From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou,

And so draws an end to the 2023 academic school year. It has been full of success, challenge and change and with this comes emotion, exhaustion and pride in a good job, done.

My goal for the time I take off this holiday, and I would love you to join me in it, is to be as present and engaged with my family/friends as possible in whatever it is we do for that moment or day. I want to "be where my feet are", not lost in thought or on my phone! I want to do hours and hours at the beach or park without a watch or phone or a thought about other things.

We farewell three amazing staff who have served our school with dedication, innovation and camaraderie.

For thirteen years Ms Allen has been the driving force behind so many innovative and sector leading practices at St John Bosco school. Her contribution has gone beyond the classroom walls and into the wider community as a leader and role model in the worlds of Te Ao Maori, Special Character and much more. She has built the junior school curriculum and ethos in her image and is the inspiration for many of our junior school teachers here and for those who have moved on.

For nine years Mrs Young has been a pillar of innovation and fearless in the pursuit of improvement. Her passion for curriculum design and maximising student outcomes through intelligently designed tech integration has benefitted St John Bosco school immensely. She has harboured a relentless work

ethic and this, coupled with her skilled ability to articulate educational theory, means she will leave an indelible mark on our school for years to come.

For eight years Mrs Welsh has shown such a heart for pastoral care, passion for sport and a desire to help those who need it most. The Jump Jam scene is legendary, she is a natural on the mic and has worked tirelessly to ensure St John Bosco children are given opportunities to be fit, moving and healthy. The saying 'a friend to all' rings true for Trisha, just as it did for Jesus.

All three have a keen ear for humorous banter and for a bit of a 'wind up' which has made them incredibly fun colleagues too. All three are educational leaders now and in the years to come.

They are ready for their next journey and they go with our full love and support.

To our leaving families. On behalf of multiple eras of staff, children and families I would like to thank you for years of service, commitment, generosity and loyalty. You have coached, managed, supported, driven and donated and you have raised great children.

To the staff of St John Bosco. The education sector often talks about the importance of building resilience in children. You are all the most incredible blend of empathy, caring and compassion whilst holding yourself to exceptional standards of excellence and being the epitome of resilient - if resilience is that most desirable trait, and I believe it is, then if nothing else, you

have been exemplary role models to the children and families of St John Bosco for resilience. You "walk the walk".

To our army of volunteers who ensure our children have so many opportunities beyond the classroom- thank you for all that you do. And to our Community Group who give so much of their time and energy to finding ways to give our children the best environment possible.

I want to also acknowledge our school board and particularly our presiding member Michael Normanton. It has been a huge year at the board level too. Michael is approaching nearly 20 years of association with our school and he has never been busier as a board member and is leading that team like a true rangatira.

As a cornerstone of our faith and community, dedicating time to our families nurtures the bonds that strengthen us. Family time isn't merely a momentary pause from our schedules; it's an investment in love, support, and spiritual growth. It's during these shared moments that we build lasting memories, impart cherished values, and deepen our connections with one another and with God. It's a time to listen, to laugh, to pray, and to grow together. Let's embrace the gift of family time, cherishing each opportunity to strengthen the foundation of love and unity within our homes however they might be configured. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Merry Christmas and God bless each and every one of you.

Ryan Fleming

### Term 4 Summer Sport - cricket and hockey wrap-up

Well, that wraps up another successful season for our Saint John Bosco sports teams.

Congratulations to all of our hockey and cricket players for your remarkable achievements this term. You should be very proud of all you have achieved on the field - you played with genuine heart and showed some outstanding sportsmanship.

Special recognition is in order for the SJB Bruces cricket team who secured the year 5 and 6 division one title after completing an undefeated season.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated parents and staff who assumed coaching and supporting roles, enabling our tamariki to flourish. It couldn't be done without you. Wishing everyone a fantastic break!

Ngā mihi nui  
Trisha Welsh & Felix Page  
SJB Sports Co-ordinators



#### Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service





# SERVICE

For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Mark 10.45

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for December 2023 *For persons with disabilities*

We pray for that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'coming'. The readings and prayers place emphasis on the coming (advent, arrival) of Christ. It is a period of joyful preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas (the Incarnation) and for his Second Coming at the end of time. You may like a special prayer space in your home, perhaps with an Advent Wreath and calendar so that each night you can be drawn away from the media hype that leads into the celebration of Christmas and drawn into prayerful preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

*Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.*



## Advent Wreath

**1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

**3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

**5th CANDLE** – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)



Christmas is nearly here. When Jesus was born the shepherds received light from him. They were transformed into shining witnesses of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Experiencing the light, joy and love that Christmas brings, let us too, be witnesses to Christ's mission to spread the word of God, peace and love in our world.

*Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.*

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

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## Messages from the Parish

### OUR NEW PARISH VISION

A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST  
AND SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



### Christmas Concert WITH MORNING TEA!

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth invites you to a Christmas Concert with Morning Tea and Christmas Crafting for children. This event is organised by Illumin8 Youth Group and is joined by SHINE Youth Group.

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
10AM  
ST JOSEPH'S HALL

We would love to see you there :)



# YOUTH CORNER

VENUE ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL	SUNDAY, 10 DEC	SUNDAY, 10 DEC
	LAST SHINE FOR 2023	NO YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group on Sunday, 17 Dec

ALPHA YOUTH

EPISODE 12 & 13

## FINAL

HEALING DOES GOD HEAL TODAY? CHURCH WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?

SUNDAY | 17.12.23

6:30pm - 8:30pm | St. Joseph's Church Hall

MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS

LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY 24 DEC 2023

CAROLS START AT 11:30PM

MASS STARTS AT 12:00AM

GRAB SOME YUMMY TREATS AND HELP SUPPORT THE YOUTH GROUP GOING TO LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP IN JANUARY 2024.

NEXT → SUNDAY, 17 DEC 2023

- St. Joseph's after 9am Mass
- Our Lady after 10:30am Mass

CASH ONLY

### CHILDREN INVITED TO DRESS UP AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Will you be at 9.00am Mass on Christmas Day, or Mass at Bell Block or Our Lady Help of Christians. If so we invite children to dress as an angel, or a shepherd or a king, or even Mary or Joseph. Elaborate costumes aren't needed—a white dress and a tinsel head dress could make an angel. The Priests need to have shepherds and angels and kings to help them with the homilies. Can you help? If you have any queries, please just call us in the Parish Office 06 757 3682 or email us [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz)

### KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Kingdom Kidz Children's Liturgy at OLHC is taking a Christmas break for two weeks so there will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 24 December or 31 December. Special thanks to the amazing team that do the Children's Liturgy each week: Abi Gough, Cat Allen, Jacqueline Welham, Kate Buchboeck and Natasha Hinga. We also welcome Cath McVey to our team next year.



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

## Messages from the Palmerston North Diocese

This month's edition of Tūmanako includes a series of reflections and resources designed to enrich your Advent experience, including a message from Bishop John. These resources are accessible at <https://mailchi.mp/pndiocese/december>

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





Congratulations to the following children who received Diligence Awards on Monday:

*Harakeke* - Samantha Cipriano and Charlie Turner

*Puriri* - Elyse Wales and Knox Murdoch

*Koromiko* - Scarlett Cotter and Jesse Theys

*Kawakawa* - Esther Hamilton and Thijs Roach

*Nikau* - Charlotte Mundie and Finn Lynskey-Maclean

*Horoeka* - Isobel Sinclair and Matisse Ngeru

*Kowhai* - Adeline Murdoch and Henry Stephens

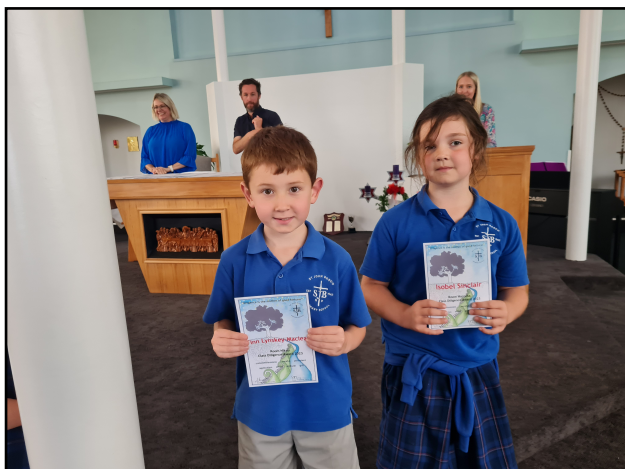
*Pohutukawa* - Isabella Allen and Mack Youngman

*Karaka* - Emelie Aston and Luke Brien

*Rimu* - Isla Bellringer and Cohen Sako-Holmes

*Kauri* - Amelia Dhanjee and Leon Dumbell

*Totara* - Miela O'Connor and Jay Armstrong



**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.



**Message from the Board of Trustees**

Update on Casual Board of Trustees Vacancy;

Following public notice of our intention to fill the current vacancy by selection, the Board of trustees received 17 responses of 396 eligible voters requesting a bi-election. This does not meet the minimum required 10% threshold. The Board will therefore continue to fill the casual vacancy by selection. We have undergone a reflection and based on skill sets required for the future we will now advance the selection process.

Michael Normanton, Presiding Member



**2024 Attendance Dues Information**

- The compulsory **Attendance Dues charges for 2024** have been confirmed and are as follows:
  - **Primary** charge (Year 0 – 8) per child: **\$508.00**
  - **Secondary** charge (Year 9 – 13) per child: **\$1,016.00**
- A **voluntary donation of \$30.00 per child** will also be included on the annual invoice sent in March 2024. A donation receipt will be sent in April each year for any donations made to 31 March so that a tax rebate may be claimed for any donation amount of \$5.00 or more.
- If you would like to make regular payments to spread payment of the total charge over the whole calendar year the amounts **per child** made from the **start of the year** are as follows:

Weekly - attendance dues only		Weekly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$9.77	Primary	\$10.35
Secondary	\$19.54	Secondary	\$20.12

Fortnightly - attendance dues only		Fortnightly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$19.54	Primary	\$20.70
Secondary	\$39.08	Secondary	\$40.24

Monthly - attendance dues only		Monthly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$42.34	Primary	\$44.84
Secondary	\$84.67	Secondary	\$87.17

- For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact the Attendance Dues team.
- We can be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: [dues@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dues@pndiocese.org.nz).

# Christmas Sewing Workshops

Our Christmas Sewing Workshops for kids are coming up soon! We provide all the materials and equipment for students to sew a range of fabulous Christmas themed items. We even have workshops specifically for beginners which include an introduction to sewing - no experience required! Visit our website to find out more, or contact us directly with any queries. \*Please check your school end date before booking\*  
**w: [fashionforwardnz.com](http://fashionforwardnz.com) e: [fashionforwardnz@gmail.com](mailto:fashionforwardnz@gmail.com)**

Date	Morning Session 9.30am-12.30pm	Afternoon Session 1.30pm-4.30pm
Mon 18 December	Christmas Sewing Workshop	Christmas Sewing Workshop
Tues 19 December	Christmas Sewing Workshop	Bunting for Beginners **1.00pm to 5.00pm**
Thurs 21 December	Christmas Sewing Workshop	Bunting for Beginners **1.00pm to 5.00pm**
Fri 22 December	Christmas Sewing Workshop	Christmas Sewing Workshop



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