

St John Bosco School

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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

SJB Athletics Day

Fri 1 December

BOT Meeting

Tue 12 December, 6pm

Year 6 Graduation

Wed 13 December, 6pm

End of Term 4

Fri 15 December,
12.40pm



From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our new students: It was a pleasure to welcome 2 new tamariki and families to Hato Hoani Paukau this week. *Harakeke* - Taika Crosswell joins his big sister Peyton at school and Isla Brown joins her big brother Carter at school.

What a great turnout we had for school mass on the 19th of November amidst the pouring rain. It is a very important day on our school calendar so to have so many in attendance was great to see. Many thanks to Mrs Mehana, Mrs Smith and Mrs Haenga for the considerable work in the background to make this happen. We would also like to thank the Community Group for their support with organising games and kai for afterwards.

Sunday the 26th of November also saw the launch of the new vision for the New Plymouth Parish at a whole parish mass at St Joseph's church. St John Bosco were well represented with children, families and staff.

Hockey on the Turf. We have lots of keen Hockey players at our school who want to play on the turf at lunch times. Given that hockey sticks and balls are hard, we are going to schedule Friday lunch times as a time to bring Hockey sticks to play with

on the turf. Children must also bring shin guards and mouth guards. We will dedicate half the court to hockey playing on this day.

Many thanks for the improved parking/driving over the past fortnight.

Friday the 17th of November saw our staff engage in a Teacher Only Day to enable us to look more closely at the Curriculum Refresh and Common Practice Model of teaching. This is all designed to create greater consistency across schools in Aotearoa. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Athletics this Friday. Children have been working hard with Ms Lynskey to master all the key disciplines in Athletics. Friday is an opportunity for them to show what they have learnt. Our Community Group will also provide a free sausage sizzle. If children want one they just need to line up and ask. Of course, they are also welcome to bring their own lunch as well as or instead of the sausage and bread. It would be great to see parents come along to watch. The first event for juniors starts at 9:30 and they will be finished in time for lunch at 11:50. The first event for seniors will begin at 12:30.

The Community Group is cooking sausages for lunch free of charge. There will be enough for every child to have one if they want.

Finally, well done to Toby Wales for his recent success in Swimming. At the New Zealand junior swimming festival in Cambridge Toby placed second in 100m backstroke and third in 50m backstroke.

I love it when children bring their cups, trophies and certificates to me or even just come and tell me when they have achieved something exceptional so please encourage your child to bring these things in whenever the occasion arises.



The Board have agreed to allow our Community Group to provide access to the school pool over the Christmas break. We will once again be selling keys for **\$65** (\$15 bond) to St John Bosco School families only. Each family will also be asked to sign a pool use contract on pick up of their key with Andrea at the school office.

Please pay \$65 online into the following bank account with your name or child's name and 'pool key' in the reference so we can tick off who has paid.

The SJB Community account number is:

15-3944-0007510-00

Payments need to be made before the pool keys are handed out. **Pool keys will be available for pick up from the school office either Monday 11, Tuesday 12 or Wednesday 13 December.**



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 November 2023 *For the Pope,*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with help of the Holy Spirit.

Kia ora whanau. It was lovely to see so many of you at our school mass this term... the church was overflowing with worship and fellowship. What a lovely way to bless our Year 6 leaving students. Thank you also for your generous donations to the Foodbank and the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust. Here are some of our senior students with the items collected. Your koha is greatly appreciated.



26 November World Youth Day is celebrated in many countries around the world on different dates, however, there is **also** a global event, known as World Youth Day.

This World Youth Day observance was established by Pope John Paul II in 1985; it was originally celebrated on Palm Sunday, but in late 2020, Pope Francis moved it to the Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King.

Thursday 30 November feast day of St Andrew. Andrew was a fisherman before he and his brother Simon Peter became two of the 12 disciples of Jesus. He was baptised by John the Baptist and was the first disciple of Jesus. St Andrew was crucified on 30 November 60AD. He was tied to an X-shaped cross in Greece, and this is represented by the white cross on the Scottish flag.



26th Feast of Christ the King of the Universe

This is a relatively new feast day; Pope Pius XI declared the observance in 1925. It's also a moveable feast, set for the final Sunday in Ordinary Time. The earliest date it can occur is November 20, and the latest, November 26. The feast is commonly known as "Christ the King Sunday." This is the last week in the church's Liturgical Year and what a fitting way to say goodbye to Ordinary Time and look ahead to Advent!

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



26th November 2023 Solemnity of Christ the King

VISION SUNDAY

*Loving Jesus, King of the Universe,
You show us light in the darkest times.
You are the one who shows us the way to God when we
forget. You show us how to be holy and to not sin. We thank
you with all of our hearts, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Whole Parish Vision Mass on Sunday with Bishop John Adams was a truly wonderful occasion. The mass was attended by many parishioners from all across our parish. Our school Special Character Leaders; Aimee, Isabella and Abigail represented our school in the Candle Ceremony. It was lovely to hear Bishop Johns speaking, both in his homily and afterwards during the launch of our Parish Vision.

The Vision for our Parish is:

**“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”**



Messages from the Parish

PARKING AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: parking in St John Bosco's school grounds has reduced. Parking on the netball courts is no longer available as the new turf would be damaged by any vehicle movement. As well the field can not be used because it is not sustainable during winter and vehicles will damage the scoter track. As an alternative arrangement to ensure that parishioners can access the church without any difficulty, the school gates to two convenient walkways - Darnell Street Walkway and Paynters Avenue Walkway, which run along the southern boundary to the school and alongside SH3 (the main road), will be unlocked allowing access to the school grounds. This means that parishioners will be able to park in Paynters Avenue or Darnell Street and walk to the church down the walkway and through the gates to the school grounds.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREATS AND TOILETRIES ANNUAL COLLECTION:

We are collecting for the many people we see at the Community Meals and in other areas of our outreach programmes do not have the money to purchase the basic necessities such as soaps, deodorants, small tissue packs, sunscreen, toothpaste and shampoos. Christmas is a time when we can help with small items like that, hand in hand with some Christmas treats— sweets, chocolates or baking items, which bring a touch of “luxury” and Christmas cheer. Several of the people we see in our outreach, who are often men, do not have permanent homes and some need to travel light. For these reasons, the goodies donated should be neither bulky nor costly. Many of the Christmas bags will be handed out at the final Community Meal on the 12 December, and during that week we'll be delivering the rest of them. Please leave your donations in the big basket in the church foyer for the next 3-4 Sundays. Thanking you all for your generosity.

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 [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

Invitation to the Priest Jubilee Mass | Tuesday 28 November 2023

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the Jubilees of Priestly Ordination. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating Jubilees this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

Advent | National Liturgy Office

The First Sunday in Advent is 3 December. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

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 encourage whanau to attend class Masses where possible, to support our tamariki in their Faith journey.

Week 8	Wednesday 29th November	Kauri / Totara
Week 9	Wednesday 6th December	Karaka / Rimu
Week 10	Wednesday 12th December	Horoeka / Nikau



Christmas
**FOODBANK
DRIVE**

Listen for the sirens 

Mon 4 Dec from 5.30pm

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WE'RE BACK

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Everything you need to know about Boost: www.facebook.com/groups/boosthockeynz

BOOST contact Andy 021 131 9866

WHATS AVAILABLE FOR ME IN 2024	SUNDAY SESSIONS YEARS 0-8 \$60PP* SUNDAY AFTERNOONS MULTIPLE SESSIONS FROM 3PM <small>*\$60PP FOR YEARS 0-2</small>	ALL SESSIONS TERM ONE @NEW PLYMOUTH HOCKEY TURF STARTS 4TH FEB	BOOST PLUS YEARS 9-13 \$60PP THURSDAY EVENINGS TWO SESSIONS FROM 5.30PM	DEVELOP SKILLS HAVE FUN IN THE SUN MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS
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SUMMER SKILLS SESSIONS

HOCKEY TARANAKI

New Plymouth For years 3-8

Where: New Plymouth Turf
When: Sundays from 4th Feb-25 Feb
Years 3-6 @ 9-10am
Years 7-8 @ 10-11am
\$25

Registrations close January 11th

WWW.TARANAKIHOCKEY.ORG.NZ

Equippers New Plymouth presents

SNOOPY'S CHRISTMAS

A 1hr stage production of the family-favourite song. Who were they before they became Snoopy & the Red Baron?

7pm
8th, 9th & 10th Dec
94 Hurlstone Drive
Free Admission

EQUIPPERS

Limelight Drama & 4th Wall Theatre bring you a roar of a pantomime

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

By Carl Nixon

Show times:
Thursday 14th - 7.00pm
Friday 15th December - 7.00pm
Saturday 16th December - 3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sunday 17th December - 3.00pm

Ticket Prices:
\$20 Adults, \$15 Children
For tickets visit:
<https://www.4thwalltheatre.co.nz>

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- DRY CLEANING