

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 1

Tuesday 30th January -
Friday 12th April

Term 2

Monday 29th April -
Friday 5 July

Term 3

Monday 22 July -
Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October -
Friday 13 December

EVENTS

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 20th Feb, 6pm

Swimming Sports

Friday 8th March

School Mass

Sunday 17th March,
10.30am

Ambrose Golf Fundraiser

Sunday 24th March



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Ngā mihi kia koutou.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

The first three weeks of school have flown by and those weeks have been action packed. We began the term with a mihi whakatau for our new students. I was very impressed with how our students were able to 'fall into line' for this process without even having had a practice. The expertise and skill we have from the likes of Mrs Mehana, Mrs Smith, Caleb and Ben also helps this to be a seamless process. Over on the next page of this newsletter lists all of our new students and families.

We welcomed in a new set of Year 6 student leaders at assembly. I always say that the difference between a good year and a great year can be the impact our senior student leaders have on the playground and wider school and all signs so far show that this group of leaders will help drive us toward a great year.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Sophie Allan, Mrs Erin Smith and Mrs Caroline Irving into their various roles at school. You will also have seen Mrs Ashley Carradus, Ms Marion Moesbauer and Mrs Kristina Watson on site in various relieving and release roles so far this year too. We have outstanding classroom teaching staff and we will continue to ensure we get the best relievers and release teachers available too!

It was great to see so many families at the community picnic last night. If you couldn't make it, don't fret - there are plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle coming up. Look at the left hand panel of this page for some examples. A huge thanks must go to Hayden Whiting, father of Jai and Cora, for lending us the biggest bouncy castle I have ever seen for the day. Children loved it and teachers found it quite manageable with their class during the day. I'm not sure who went on more times out of Miss Jones and Mrs Pike (Moston) but it was great to see a few teachers on there too!

Very soon you will start seeing information come out about our major fundraiser - The Annual St John Bosco Ambrose Golf Tournament. A huge thanks to Scott and Lynsay Ireland as Schurr-Ireland Accountants have come on as our new major sponsor. Soon a sponsor flyer will come out on HERO. We are looking for businesses to be 'hole sponsors'. We will also need an army of volunteers at the event itself. Information about how to sponsor a hole, how to enter a team and how to sign up as a volunteer helper will come out soon.

On the 'Home' page of the HERO app is a calendar feature. We are going to make a real effort to have this up to date and accurate so please have a flick through the months when you get a chance.

Classes are swimming every day, gearing up for our swimming sports/demonstration on Friday the 8th of March. Expect specific details about this early next week. Have a great weekend.

**Ngā Mihi Aroha,
Ryan Fleming**

Welcome to our new students

It was a pleasure to welcome the following new tamariki and families who have joined our St John Bosco School Community:

Ruma Puriri

Alfie Landrigan and his parents Roya and Matt, Cailee Leadbeater joins her older sister Riley at school, Charlie Fraser-Leathem and his parents Gemma and Kent, Delilah Hutchinson and her parents Maria and Kade, Louie Smith joins his older sister Eden at school and Oliver Doyle joins his older brother Ethan at school.

Ruma Koromiko

Angus Cage and his parents Anna and Anthony, Ella Hohaia and her parents Hilary and Scott, Huriyah Pottier joins his older brother Huron at school, Lucas Walsh joins his older sister lyla at school and Nina Mussen joins her older brother Vincent at school.

Ruma Kōwhai

Sophie Becroft and her parents Charlotte and Chris

Ruma Pōhutukawa

Henry Delvin and his parents Vinumol and Delvin, Rachel Chamany and her parents Juna and Russell and Veronica Dacko and her parents Sofia and Volodimir

Ruma Rimu

Cameron Wainwright and his parents Shannon and Brian and Rosa Carr and her parents Courtney and Aiden

Ruma Tōtara

Livia Becroft joins Sophie at school

Ruma Kauri

Elliott Williams joins his younger sister Remi at school and Shae Bellringer and her parents Heidi and Leighton

WELCOME
TO OUR
school

Family Information Forms

The pink 2024 forms went home last week, it is really important that you fill in and return these forms to school to ensure that we have all the correct information on file. We have occasions where contact numbers and emails have changed making it difficult to contact and keep in touch with families. Thank you to those families who have already returned these forms.

Our School Core Values

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Awards

Year 6 Leaders 2024

Congratulations to all of our year 6 students who prepared and submitted their CV's for advertised leadership positions across our school in 2024. We are very proud to announce our 2024 school leaders as follows:

Ambassadors:	Caleb Asi, Ben Haenga, Lucia Smith and Stella Jones
Special Character:	Cohen Sako-Holmes, Amelia Gilmour and Benji Gunn
House Leaders:	<i>Darnell</i> - Nesta Dombroski and Wilbur Lupton <i>Rewarewa</i> - Cooper Topping and Elodie McFadyen <i>Barbier</i> - Isla Bellringer and Temahni Gupwell <i>Waiwhakaiho</i> - Niamh Carr and Jay Armstrong
Sports Leaders:	Ollie Joyce, Soana Sisifa, Reagan Hall and Kayden Shaw
ICT Leaders:	Grace Smith and Hudson Parker-Bishop
Cultural Leaders:	Enzo Lagula and Caleb Asi
Mediators:	Georgia Bridgeman, Noah Kapernick, Amelia Siffleet and Harper Boardmore <i>Head Mediator</i> - Macy Johnson
Media Leaders:	Shae Bellringer and Livia Becroft
Enviro Leaders:	Jose Michael Dass and Ella de Jager
Librarians:	Bella Rush, Emilia Lynskey-Maclean and Bea Nguyen

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
YEAR 6 LEADERS!



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our last school assembly:

<i>Puriri</i>	Delilah Hutchinson	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Lucas Walsh	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Lainie Johnson	Asa Sako-Holmes
<i>Nīkau</i>	Thijs Roach	Adaliyn Perham-Bird
<i>Horoeka</i>	Rosie James	Knox Murdoch
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Sofie Becroft	Liam Fyfe
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Isla Menzies	Charley Hanover
<i>Karaka</i>	Peyton Crosswell	Liam Dhanjee
<i>Rimu</i>	Billy Pepper	Lexi White
<i>Tōtara</i>	Macy Johnson	Ollie Joyce
<i>Kauri</i>	Ari Smith	Grace Smith



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Special Character



RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Philippians 4:13

Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Our school value that we will focus on during term 1, is **manawaroa** demonstrating **resilience**. I can be like Jesus when I embrace new challenges, take risks, accept disappointments and always try my best even when it is difficult.

The key competency we are focusing on is **managing self**. Managing Self when in relationship with Jesus means learning to live according to the Gospels of Jesus.

Our Graduate Profile focus is **Independent Agents, Mana Tangata**. I know what I need to learn, to be more like Jesus.

Religious Education Learning

In Week 1 we began our school year by attending Mass as a whole school to celebrate the Feast day of St John Bosco, our school patron saint. It was really lovely to have the opportunity to do so, as we often start after the 31st January so we usually miss it.

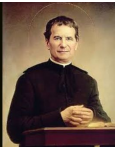
We have begun our year establishing classroom prayer routines, and working collaboratively to develop our Class Treaty. We have also been learning about St John Bosco, Euphrasie Barbier and the Mission Sisters who started our school. We are now moving into the RE Curriculum theme 'A Tātou Whakapapa - Our Story.' Children will develop an understanding of the Church in terms of significant events and people that have shaped our Church and the world. They will be able to explore their own whakapapa as well as their communities, connecting with this past, present and future story in which we all belong.

A reminder that the Family Whanau book is available to view online www.faithalive.org.nz then click the Families tab; this book has lots of practical ideas on how parents can support their child's faith journey.

Your child's learning in RE will be shared from time to time on Seesaw. We encourage you to discuss what they are learning with them, and to please comment on their learning in a positive way.

Prayer to Don Bosco

St John Bosco
Friend of the young,
Teacher in the ways of God,
Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.
Help me to work for a better world,
where the young are given the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream for justice can come true,
and where God's compassion is shown to be real.
Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to
Our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.
Amen.



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February 2024 : For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

LENT 2024

Lent has begun...

Last Friday we began to prepare for Lent by having a Burning of the Palms Liturgy, where we burned palms from Palm Sunday last year, to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday Mass. Then we began Lent together by attending Ash Wednesday Mass as a school this week. Father Simon reminded us that Lent is a time of joy where we prepare ourselves for the greatest Feast and event in our Catholic Calendar.



The word "Lent" is a shortened version of the word 'Lenten', which means spring and signifies new life and renewal.

Lent is about fasting and spiritual growth and is traditionally a time of repentance and spiritual renewal, where Christians remember Christ's own preparation in the desert, where he turned his back on temptations in order to prepare himself for the mission His Heavenly Father had sent him to complete.

The Sundays of Lent are all joyous occasions. In addition to fasting during Lent we can consider making an act of self-denial or sacrifice by giving up something we particularly like to do, for example watching a favourite programme on tv, eating chocolates, drinking tea or coffee etc. By abstaining from things we enjoy during the Lenten season it helps us to focus on Christ and the ultimate sacrifice He made on the Cross, giving up His life for us.

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Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms.

We invite and encourage you to attend our weekday class Masses where possible.

We would love to see parents, grandparents and friends at our weekly children's mass.

We have a play area for preschoolers and please don't worry about them making a noise.

We would also love you to stay after each mass for a special morning tea and fellowship with our parishioners and other parents.



Week	Date	Classes Attending
Week 4	Wednesday 21 February	Pūriri, Koromiko, Kawakawa
Week 5	Wednesday 28 February	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 6	Wednesday 6 March	Rimu & Karaka
Week 7	Wednesday 13 March	Nīkau & Horoeke
Week 8	Wednesday 20 March	Pūriri, Koromiko, Kawakawa
Week 9	Wednesday 27 March	Kauri & Tōtara
Week 10	Wednesday 3 March	Nīkau & Horoeke
Week 11	Wednesday 10 April	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai

St John Bosco School Led Sunday Mass Dates 2024

- Sunday 17 March
- Sunday 16 June
- Sunday 8 September
- Sunday 17 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.

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*This year the Caritas theme for Lent 2024 is
"The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!"*

Follow this link for resources: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent> for ideas of things you could do at home. Scroll down the page to find the resources.

Our journey through Lent centers on the life of Jesus and his call for us to draw closer to God. Every Gospel story, which is included each week within these resources, has Jesus as the main driving force overcoming challenges, providing life, and restoring hope.

As we focus on the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent, we naturally connect with God and look to serve others. It is indeed time to renew our relationship with God and to consider practical ways we can be bearers of God's love to those around us.

Later this term we will be participating in the Caritas Lenten Challenge. The Caritas challenge is an annual event which gives children the opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with those living in poverty or injustice. This year the focus is on six remarkable countries: Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Pakistan, Timor Leste, Cambodia, and Papua New Guinea. More information about this will come out soon.

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Messages from the Parish

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL 2024



A reminder that the 2024 Lent Reflection Programme is available online this year. A printable version of the booklet in English, Te Reo Māori, and Samoan is available too on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz. Come and join in a Parish Lenten Discussion Group! Or use the Reflection Programme at home!

The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā!

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive.

Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 have been distributed today at Mass. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

- Caritas New Zealand

KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:

Each Sunday at OLHC 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welcomes donations of good clean furniture and household items. Chest of drawers and table and chair sets are always needed, so are especially welcomed.

We collect. Phone Kevin 027 251 9998 for details and pick up arrangements.



WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM



Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm



Youth Group | Year 9 - 13
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

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

Messages from the Diocese

POPE FRANCIS' Lenten Message 2024

This year, Pope Francis has chosen the Book of Exodus as the focal point for his Lenten message, highlighting the theme "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom." Lent, traditionally a time of personal reflection and spiritual growth, becomes an opportune moment to heed the Pope's call. Find resources for your reflection [Click here to read the Pope's full Lenten Message](#)

Have you seen our Palmerston North Diocese Website... [click here to view](#) . There is also a link on this page if you would like to receive our Diocesan Newsletters.

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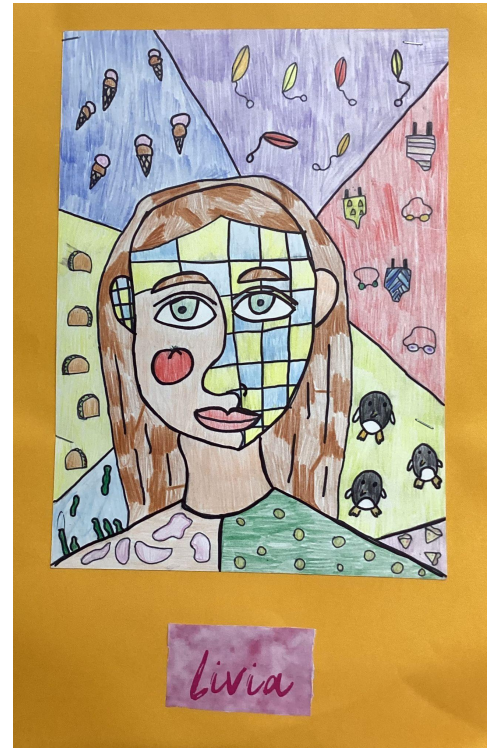
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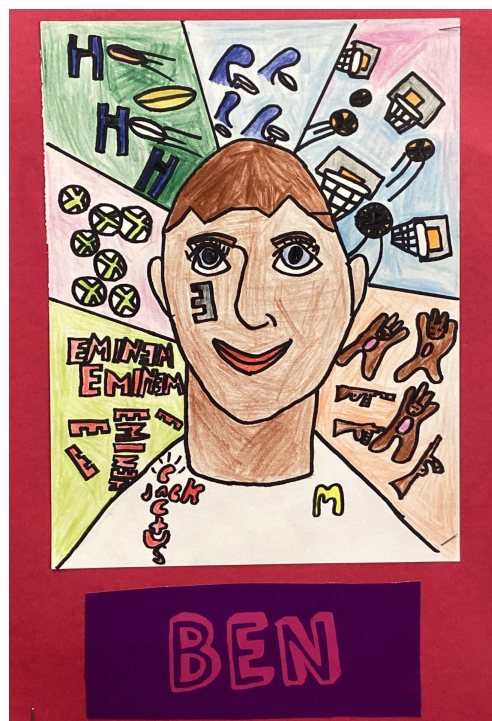
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Kauri and Tōtara SELF PORTRAITS



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Green Guardians

Lots of children have joined our Green Guardians which happens on Monday at lunchtime.

Thank you to Amanda Diachok for her amazing expertise and assistance.

More parent helpers are always welcome.



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:
jimchan72@gmail.com

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

Fee: \$12 per lesson



St. John Bosco School Lunches - 2024

Subway lunches every Friday

Cut off time for Subway is 8:00am.

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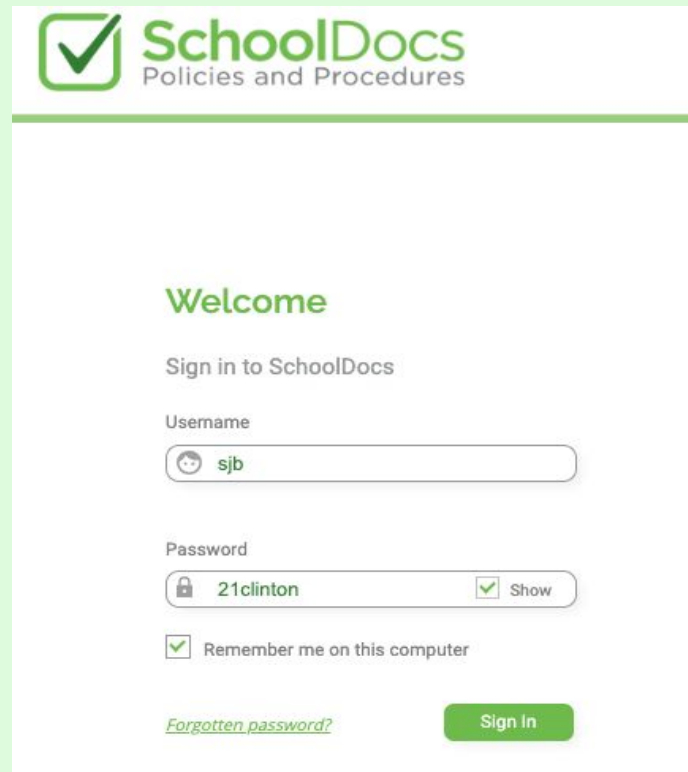
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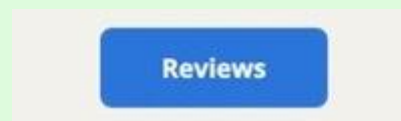
Get involved with School Policy Reviews

Go to sjb.schooldocs.co.nz

Enter username 'sjb'
password '21clinton'



Once you're into the website click the blue register button and see what policies are under review



Current policies under review:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Board Responsibility
- School Character/Special Character
- Documentation and Self-Review Policy

We welcome your feedback!

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