

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

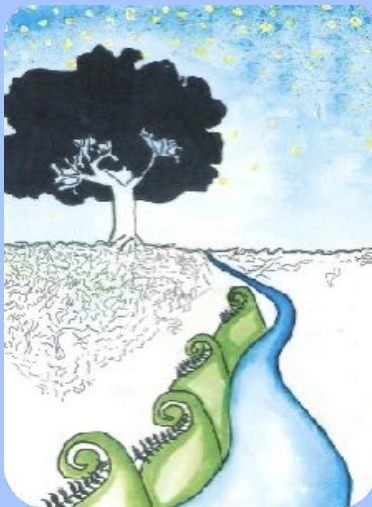
Random Acts of Kindness
Week
Tues 12 - Fri 15 March

Golf Day Mufti Day
Friday 15 March

School Mass
Sunday 17 March, 10.30am

BOT Meeting
Tuesday 19 March, 6pm

Ambrose Golf Fundraiser
Sunday 24 March



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

I would like to start by welcoming the following new tamariki and families who have joined our St John Bosco School Community recently: rumu Koromiko: Craig Smith and his parents Larissa and Daniel, Rowan Speirs and her parents Lydia and Russell and Alfie McFadyen joins his big sister Elodie at school.

You may have heard or read about a number of government policies for education in recent months. With "Phones away for the day" nothing changes for our school. We have always asked that if children need to bring a phone to school for the day that it is handed into the office. The "hour a day" policy is much the same. We maintain a strong academic focus through our structured programmes that include both direct instruction and the integration of reading, writing and maths across all curriculum areas. Those of you fortunate enough to attend Rimu and Karaka's assembly last week will have also seen how they ensured their 'sun safety' unit was also rich in science too, with experiments and data collection about the UV rays in different areas of our school.

You may notice a bit of action in the sandpit area over the coming weeks. Our amazing Community Group have sponsored a pretty significant upgrade to the area which will take it from a sandpit area to a fully accessible "playscape" equipped with mud kitchen, water pump, real rocks and sensory areas.

Our Ambrose Golf Day fundraiser is fast approaching - Sunday the 24th of March at the Westown Golf Club. We are incredibly fortunate to have Schurr-Ireland come on board as the major sponsor. Check the recent HERO notice for details on entering a team, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize.

We are also looking for 'on the day volunteers' to help out with a range of roles required to run the day such as in the food and drink tent or driving carts to drop off supplies. On the day volunteers are only required for 2 hour time slots and it is usually a bit of a laugh. If you can help out here let Sonya Simpson know on 021 812 585

Our Caritas Lenten Challenge demonstrates solidarity with those living in poverty or injustice. Our challenge will be a STOP-A-THON. We will be "spending 1 day to make a difference for a lifetime" for the people that CARITAS support. We will have NO power in classrooms, NO digital devices, and NO furniture. We will also be asking that children bring a simple lunch with NO packet foods. We will be providing a simple rice and vegetable lunch option for all children as well. I am really looking forward to this.

A real highlight over the past two weeks has been the great parent and grandparent turnout at class masses. I know Tess and Sarah are working hard to make this a good place to be so many thanks must go to them.

Enjoy the long weekend, see you all Tuesday!

**Ngā Mihi Aroha,
Ryan Fleming**



Gabby Devine left us a beautiful legacy of Random Acts of Kindness (She started Starlit Hope, a charity that does Acts of Kindness to kids and their families in hospital). Since she gained her angel wings in 2015, we have started our own SJB tradition of celebrating/ remembering her on her birthday (March 9th) with a week of Random Acts of Kindness. This year our RAK week will take place from the 12th - 15th March. This ties in beautifully with our LENT traditions too.

We would love to know what you are doing in your class or at home to celebrate our SJB RAK week in memory of Gabby. Take photos and share them with your teacher!

You might like to write a nice thank you card for someone, save your pocket money to donate to Caritas or Gabby's Starlit Hope, do some baking for someone, help your parents with emptying the dishwasher etc... the opportunities are endless! No matter how big or small - it all counts!

Thank you God for blessing us with beautiful Gabby. "Small things with great love"

Awards

Students of the Week

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

Puriri	Claire Martin	
Koromoko	Ella Hohaia	
Kawakawa	Emmerson Ormond	Micah Jenkins
Nikau	Remi Williams	Marial Lijo
Horoeka	Joyce Ma	Archer Leng
Kōwhai	Alexandra Cowley	Hunter Loto
Pōhutukawa	Maddison Theys	Finn Lynskey-Maclean
Karaka	Theo Dawick	Adeline Murdoch
Rimu	Isla Bishop	Luke Brien
Tōtara	Niamh Carr	Temahni Gupwell
Kauri	Benji Gunn	Shae Bellringer



HOT CROSS BUN - FUNDRAISER

Order your Hot Cross Buns in time for Easter!



Piccolo Morso Bakery are generously giving SJB School \$3 for every pack of hot cross buns sold by using this link:

<https://piccolomorso.co.nz/products/hot-cross-buns-st-john-bosco-school-fundraiser>

Hot Cross Buns will be ready to collect from Piccolo Morso Bakery on Tuesday 26th of March.

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Girls Smash Cricket at Pukekura Park with the Central Hinds!

Some of our year 6 girls took part in the Girls Smash Festival with Mangorei Primary School and the Central Hinds. The session started off with some fun batting, bowling and fielding games and was finished off with the two teams playing against each other.



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Swimming Sports!

Swimming Sports was a raging success today, it was great to see the children demonstrating what they have been learning in the pool. Also it was great to have Brooke from Swimming NZ taking our year 3-6 children through water safety skills in the diving pool. A huge thank you to Ross Fraser, Suzanne Turner, Mel Lynskey, Shaun de Jager and Dave Soffe for getting in the water!



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Special Character



RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for March 2024: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

This Lenten Season....

We are halfway through Lent and every year Catholics try to answer the age old question What should I do for Lent? Well, Pope Francis has some great ideas:

Pray: Make our hearts like yours!

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Make our hearts like yours.' In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference."

Take part in the sacraments "Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist."



**"God is love!
It is only through loving
that we know love."**
Pope Francis, January 8, 2015

**E te Atua o te aroha, God of love,
Thank you for always loving us, just like a caring parent.
We remember that you loved us so much that you sent your
special son, Jesus, to be with us forever.
Help us to learn how to use love as a way to understand and
share with everyone around us.
Āmene.**



YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 17th March at 10:30am**



School families please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea afterwards.

**At Mass will be collecting donations of non-perishable items
of food for the New Plymouth Food Bank**
*If you are unable to make it to mass please send your donations to the school office
next week.*

Thank you

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The Time is Now!
Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!

CARITAS LENTEN CHALLENGE 2024

Just a reminder that next week (Week 7: Thursday 14th March) St John Bosco school will be completing the annual CARITAS Lenten Challenge event for schools and youth groups around New Zealand. This demonstrates solidarity with those living in poverty or injustice.

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We will have NO power in classrooms, NO digital devices, and NO furniture.

We will also be asking that children bring a simple lunch with NO packet foods.

We will be providing a simple rice and vegetable lunch option for all children as well.

We hope that SJB students' fundraising is going well and this is due to Andrea at our school office by 13th of March.

Please if there are any parents that can help cook and serve the rice and vegetable lunch to our tamariki can you please get in touch with Natalie natalie@sjb.school.nz

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 7	Wednesday 13 March Sunday 17th March	Nīkau & Horoeaka School Mass
Week 8	Wednesday 20 March	Pūriri, Koromiko, Kawakawa
Week 9	Wednesday 27 March	Kauri & Tōtara
Week 10	Wednesday 3 April	Nīkau & Horoeaka
Week 11	Wednesday 10 April	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai

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Messages from the Parish

Welcome FR TRUNG



Pictured above: Last Sunday Fr. Trung celebrated his first Mass in the Parish at St. Joseph's Church.

I am Fr. Trung Nguyen. I come from Vietnam. I was born into a Catholic family. There are six boys and one girl in my family. For six boys, two of my older are married with kids, two Priests, one deacon and one seminarian. Lien, my sister, has survived having six brothers and now is a happy mum.

I arrived in New Zealand on the 18th of May 2012. I learnt English in Palmerston North before joining the seminary. I got ordained as a Priest on the 6th June 2020 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palm-

erston North. After ordination, I was appointed as the Assistant Priest for the Catholic Parish of Hasting and the Vocation Director for our Diocese.

It is my privilege now to serve people in the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Thanks for your welcome on Sunday. I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know more of you in this Parish.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.

God bless *Fr. Trung Nguyen*

Everyone is invited. Everyone, that is all those at Mass on Sunday, those who attended Alpha, those whose children go to one of the five Catholic schools in the city, everyone who receives an emailed copy of the newsletter, everyone who had a child baptised in one of our churches. Everyone!!

We invite you and the whole parish, to be with us on Tuesday 12th March, 7.00pm at St. Joseph's church for an evening with Fr. Chris Ryan MGL.

We are so fortunate to have him here with us in New Plymouth.. Do join us to listen to Fr. Chris, talking about The Case for Mission. Learn how we can live a life of renewed witness and be inspired to help our parish bring people to Jesus. The evening begins in the church at 7.00pm with cake and a drink.

The Case for MISSION

Living a life of renewed witness as Catholics today

Tuesday | 12 March at 7 PM

St. Joseph's Church
106 Powderham Street
New Plymouth, 4340

This is a free event. Register today at:
divinerenovation.org/missiontour
OR just come along on the night! Bring a friend.!



Fr. Chris Ryan MGL
St. Declan's Parish, Sydney

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.



SACRAMENTAL

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH 2024:



Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 20 March, 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church Hall

This is a requirement for parents who wish their children to prepare this year for Older Children's Baptism (for children aged 7 and older), Reconciliation and First Communion.

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

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Messages from the Diocese

Good Friday Collection | 29 March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country are forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated.

Easter Sunday Dues Special Collection | 31 March 2024

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. Your support and help is always appreciated!

Lent

This year, Pope Francis has chosen the Book of Exodus as the focal point for his Lenten message. Find resources for your reflection for your reflection at

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/02/through-the-desert-god-leads-us-to-freedom-lent-2024/>

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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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**PŌHUTUKAWA
SELF PORTRAITS**



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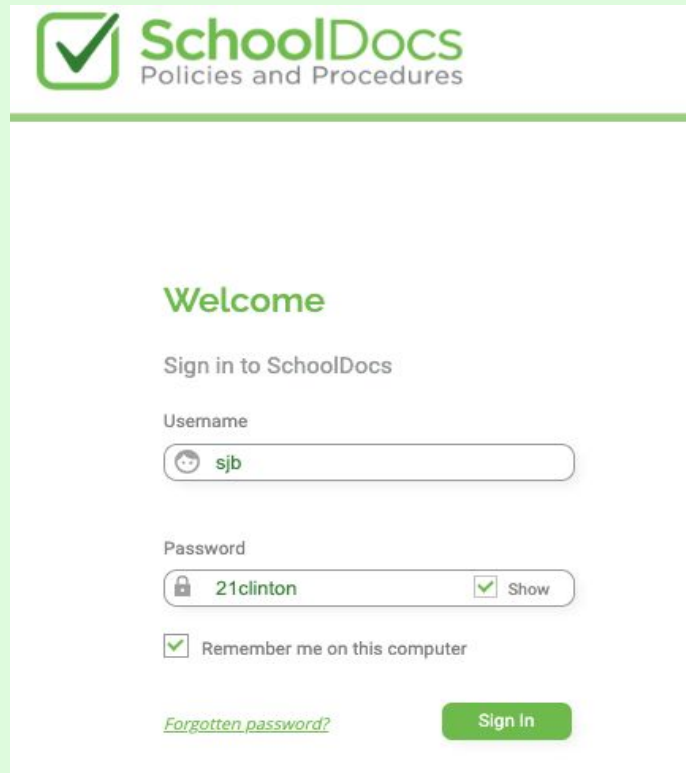
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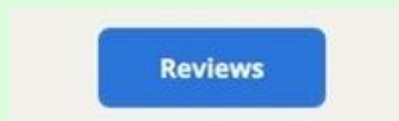
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Current policies under review:

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

We welcome your feedback!

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Community Notices



ST PIUS X
GALA DAY
 24TH MARCH 11AM - 2PM
 120 BROOKLANDS RD
 FFTPOS AVAILABLE



PIONEER VILLAGE
Teddy Bear's Picnic
 Sunday 10 March
 10am-3pm
 Bring along your favorite stuffed friend for a fun filled family day
 With special guest...
 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TARANAKI PIONEER VILLAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION



TUKAPA RUGBY AND SPORTS CLUB
JUNIOR RUGBY 2024 REGISTRATIONS
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SEASON PLEASE CONTACT DARRYN 027 801 1729 OR EMAIL JONESY_DR@HOTMAIL.COM
 EXISTING PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL TO RE-REGISTER
 FOR NEW PLAYERS REGISTER ONLINE
[HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/VIEWFORM/143803](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/143803)
 Collective



FDMC GALA DAY
SAT 6 APRIL 11am - 2pm
 Francis Douglas Memorial College Grounds



WALK...RUN IT'S FUN!
New Plymouth Joggers & Walkers Club
5 & 10k FUN RUN / WALK
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024
 9 AM START @ Family Friendly Spot Prizes!
Enter on line
www.npjw.co.nz/funrun/
 Or
 Entry form at **St John's** New Plymouth
 Focus Charity this year **St John's Here for Life**



HALF MARATHON 2024
The CAPE EGMONT
 Run - Walk - Team Events
 14th July - 8am
 Oxford Road Okato Taranaki
 Virtual event July 1 to July 31
Cancer Society
 ENTRIES OPEN NOW www.capeegmonthalf.com



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