

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

Easter Holidays

Fri 29 March - Tue 2 April

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Wed 3 April, from 2.30pm

End of Term 1

Friday 12 April

Start of Term 2

Monday 29 April

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 14 May, 6pm



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: Olive Menzies joins her big sister Isla and big brother Max at school, Raphaël Paoli and his parents Virginie and Florian.

Rumu Puriri: Lucia Dawick joins her big brother Theo and big sister Sienna at school and Theo Aston joins his big sisters Emelie and Aubrey at school.

Last Sunday's Ambrose Golf Fundraiser was a great success on many levels. On behalf of our community I would like to thank our Community Group for their tireless mahi pulling together the day that included 27 golf teams, 23 sponsors, the selling of 115 burgers, outstanding spot prizes for every golfer and much more. Check page 3 of this newsletter to see how much was raised. Make sure you have a look at the sandpit area behind the office to see what this event has provided for the children of St John Bosco. All accounts suggest it was exceptionally well run and the team on site had a great time in the company of fun people. I must also acknowledge Ben Sifleet. Ben has been part of 8 Ambrose Golf Days. This years was his final Golf Day - 8 years is a massive contribution too, please do acknowledge him if you see him!

The Weetbix Tryathlon was another great success. Last year we had 80 children attend and this year we had 95 which was enough for us to secure another prize for most entries. Check out page 5 for some photos from the day.

This week is Holy Week - the most important week in our calendar. Classes have been coming together each afternoon for re enactments of the stations of the cross. To walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. We finished this week today with a Holy Week liturgy today which focused on the Last Supper. Also thank you to all of those that attended at our most recent school mass on a busy weekend. Our next school mass is the 16th of June.

It has been a real pleasure attending all of our class trips to important historical landmarks over the past fortnight. Children have been visiting the places in our pepeha in order to 'know' the places we speak of.

Another reminder that our Term 2 Teacher Only Day is now on Friday the 31st of May. Our staff have been invited on to Parihaka Marae and this represents a fantastic opportunity to grow and to learn about a place that has immense significance to both Taranaki and our kura.

Term 1 Sport has wound down now. Many thanks to all of our coaches and managers of cricket teams - we can't do it without you! As we get ready for Term 2 sport, now is a great time to check for any old sports uniforms that are still at home.

Have a great Easter - it is a privilege to get a little block of family time so cherish it and those around you.

**Ngā Mihi Aroha,
Ryan Fleming**

Awards

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on 13th of March:

<i>Puriri</i>	Charlie Fraser-Leathem	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Jude Newell	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Freddie Fleming	Elsie Rapley
<i>Nīkau</i>	Macy Coward	Thomas Kearns
<i>Horoeka</i>	Gordon Keighley	Holly James
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Aubrey Aston	Huron Pottier
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Rachel Chamany	Henry Stephens
<i>Karaka</i>	Frederick Gunn	Iyla Walsh
<i>Rimu</i>	Rosa Carr	Mack Youngman
<i>Tōtara</i>	Elodie McFadyen	Patrick Purcell
<i>Kauri</i>	Wilbur Lupton	Ella de Jager



Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on 27th of March:

<i>Puriri</i>	Taika Crosswell	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Harrison Loto	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Theodore Diachok	Samantha Cipriano
<i>Nīkau</i>	Essie Hamilton	Antonio Sanguenza
<i>Horoeka</i>	Olivia Robinson	Jesse Theys
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Atticus Clarkson	Angus Gilmour
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Veronica Dacko	McKinley Evans
<i>Karaka</i>	Tommy Mikloska	Emily Muller
<i>Rimu</i>	Sofia Dioglois	Jericho Rios
<i>Tōtara</i>	Emilia Lynskey-Maclean	Jay Armstrong
<i>Kauri</i>	Christopher Lacanaria	Georgia Bridgeman



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



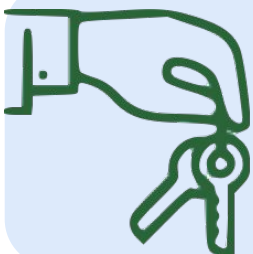
Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 3rd April from 2.30pm in the junior breakout space.

\$5.00 PER ITEM - CASH ONLY

If you have any uniform that you would like to donate to the sale, please drop off to Andrea in the office before next Wednesday.

Pool Keys to be Returned



With the pool season being over, it's now time to return your pool key.

Return your pool key to Andrea in the office, once you do you will also get your \$15 bond refund.

We would appreciate the keys back by the end of this term.

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ST JOHN BOSCO AMBROSE GOLF DAY - A Swinging Success

On Sunday 24 March the St John Bosco Ambrose Golf Day at Westtown Golf Course brought together 27 teams and 121 golfers who teed up in our Annual Community Group Fundraiser.

Amongst the returning teams and newcomers, notable mentions went to:

- Best Dressed - *Holey-Lujah* - Mike Bridgeman
- Longest Female Drive - Lana Kingi
- Longest Male Drive - Reece Vesty
- Closest to pin - Logan Crowley
- 1st Nett - *For the Kids* - Tyler Diachock
- 2nd Nett - *Six and Out* - Matt Moorby
- 1st Gross - *Slice and Dice* - Jarred



Participants enjoyed perfect weather, refreshing drinks and gourmet burgers put on by our fantastic community group. The event, supported by Schurr Ireland CA and 24 other sponsors is our major fundraising campaign and we proudly raised \$13,805, earmarked for transforming our sandpit into a vibrant playscape. Work has begun and we are looking forward to opening the gate to this refurbished area that will have an enhanced sandpit, kitchen area, water play, a stage and mural. These enhancements promise endless play opportunities for all ages. The success of the Golf Day is a testament to the power of our community and a great opportunity for us to come together. A big thank you to those that contributed.



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GOLF DAY SPONSORS

Thank you to the following sponsors who helped our golf day last Sunday be a huge success:



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WEET-BIX TRYATHLON



Yesterday 95 of our students attended the Weetbix Tryathlon. It was an amazing day for everyone, the children were so supportive of each other and cheering each other on. We won the most entries award for the second year in a row!



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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.



CARITAS LENTEN CHALLENGE 2024

On the 14th of March our school participated in the Caritas Lenten challenge. As a school we do this once a year. There are four different challenges, the move it challenge, stop it challenge, sweat it challenge and work it challenge. This year we did the stop it challenge. In this challenge, we couldn't use any electricity. We had to work on the floor, because we couldn't use any furniture. For some subjects our teacher had to work with our whole class on the mat instead of sending people into different groups. We couldn't check our iPads for what we had to do, Our teacher would write activities on the board for us instead. We would use pre printed work sheets instead of using apps on our iPad. For Lunch some people cooked up a delicious meal of rice and vegetables. It was open for all kids at our school to try. It was a hit with the kids, Most of the kids in the school tried it, and they left a good comment. It was a very fun day and kids look forward to what challenge we will do next year. Our school raised \$3118.90. For every dollar we raised, Caritas gave 4 dollars, so in total we raised a huge \$12,475.60.

By Benjamin Gunn.



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On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week. Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem is only one side of the story. He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple, and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday, to share the Last Supper with His apostles. Then was then arrested and tried. He was crucified at Calvary on Friday. He was buried the same day, and arose three days later, on Easter Sunday.



What is the Easter Season?

The Easter season is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus to Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the Octave of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of Easter Sunday. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

During the Easter season the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the Risen Christ, remains in the sanctuary near the altar until Pentecost Sunday.



The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. You see it at the front of the church. The candle is lit during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night in Holy week.

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 10	Wednesday 3 April	Nīkau & Horoeka
Week 11	Wednesday 10 April	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai

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Messages from the Parish



SACRAMENTAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH 2024:

For details of our sacramental programmes for Older Childrens Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, please look at the Parish website homepage for more information www.catholicparishnp.nz.


Any questions, please contact: Karen—Young Family Minister youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz




Over 140 people participated in our Alpha Series last year; exploring life, faith and meaning! Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over ten weeks with a retreat around week eight. There are three key things in an Alpha session: food, a talk and good conversation. Come along and experience Alpha 2024!

<p>DATE Thursdays 2 May - 20 June (approx.) 6.00pm - 8.00pm</p> <p>LOCATION St Joseph's Church Hall 151 Devon St West New Plymouth</p> <p>REGISTRATION Register at www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/</p> <p>CONTACT alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz</p>	<p> Each session will start with a sit down meal. It's a great way to build community and get to know each other.</p> <p> The talks - played as a video are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually, around thirty minutes long. We'll explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity.</p> <p> The chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic in a small group in an honest, friendly and open environment.</p>
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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.





Our Diocese of Palmerston North seminarian Zung Phan will be in our parish for Holy Week. Zung is in the second year at the seminary. Please welcome Zung, pray for him and encourage him while he is in our parish.

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

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Holy Week 2024 and Reconciliation times

HOLY THURSDAY

28 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's Church 8.30am
(There are no morning Masses on this day)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 7.00pm
Night prayer at the Altar of repose
in the St Joseph's church hall 9.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion of the Lord

29 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's Church 8.30am

PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 3.00pm
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 3.00pm
BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE 3.00pm
ST. PATRICK'S OKATO 2.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

30 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's Church 8.30am

EASTER VIGIL MASS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

31 March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 9.00am
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 10.30am
BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE 10.30am
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA 10.00am (Opunake)

RITE I RECONCILIATION

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE Sat 23 March 9.30am - 10.30am
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Sat 23 March 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Wed 27 March 9.45am - 10.30am
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Sat 23 March 11.30am to 12pm
Mon 25 March 12pm - 12.30pm
Thursday 28th March 9.00am to 12.00 noon & 1.00pm to 3.30pm
Good Friday 9.00am to midday
Sat 30 March 11.30am - 12.00pm

RITE II RECONCILIATION

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Fri 22 March 7.00pm
We gather as a community and celebrating the liturgy with prayer and song. We then seek individual confession and absolution from one of the many priests who will be with us on that night. The liturgy concludes with a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing.



There is no VIGIL MASS at Our Lady Help of Christians Saturday 30 March
There is no VIGIL MASS at St Patrick's Okato Saturday 30 March
There is no 5.30pm evening Mass at St Joseph's Sunday 31 March

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Messages from the Diocese

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The next phase of the Synod on Synodality is set for October 2024.

A letter has gone out encouraging all people of the Diocese of Palmerston North to engage with the content presented in the Synthesis Report – read the letter at:

<https://pndioocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Synod-on-Synodality-Phase-Two-2024.pdf>.

The Catholic Bishops have also put together a consultation document that focuses on the synodal question, “How can we be a synodal church in mission?” Find the document at:

<https://pndioocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024-NZCBC.pdf>.

Nick Wilson has delivered a video message urging all communities in the Diocese to consider the synodal question (“How can we be a church in mission?”) and send in their responses. The cut-off date for this is Friday 5 April. Please watch the video and share it within your communities: <https://youtu.be/1o5ijXuLjnA>.

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!

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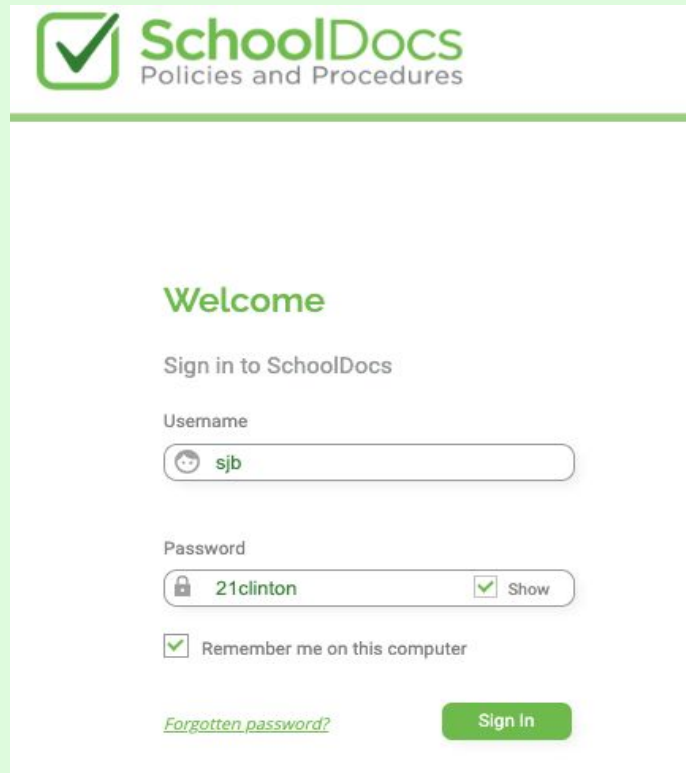
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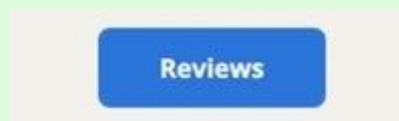
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Current policies under review:

- 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



2024 Attendance Dues Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Attendance Dues charges for 2024 are as follows:

Primary (Years 0-8) - \$508.00 per annum (GST inclusive)

Secondary (Years 9-13) - \$1,016.00 per annum (GST inclusive)

The voluntary Catholic Character Donation remains the same of \$30.00 per child (excludes Francis Douglas Memorial College, Hato Paora College, Saint Joseph's Māori Girls College and Sacred Heart College, New Plymouth)

The four equal instalment due dates are 31 March, 31 May, 31 July and 30 September 2024.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in migrating data to our new system, CathConnect. We are hoping to email out your 2024 invoice before the end of March. Due to the lateness of this, we have moved the due date for the first instalment to be before the 30th April 2024.

Please feel free to contact our attendance dues team if you have any queries.

We also strongly encourage parents/caregivers who may be experiencing any difficulties in paying their attendance dues account to contact either our office or your school principal for financial assistance.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards

Attendance dues team – 0800 200 208 or email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz

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- Muster Day**
2nd April 2024 @ 6pm
- Bell Block Rugby Club**
Hickford Park, Bell Block

FDMC GALA DAY

SAT 6 APRIL 11am - 2pm

Francis Douglas Memorial College Grounds

<p>Keen to gain some extra driving skills?</p> <p>Free driving course</p> <p>Who: Young drivers with a licence What: Advanced braking & cornering Where: Egmont showgrounds, Hawera Why: Give you experience with emergency braking and cornering (understeer & oversteer errors) When: Sat 13th or Sun 14th April 2024</p> <p>How much? It is free, no cost to you.</p> <p>We supply the cars thanks to Autocity</p>	<p>Course takes approx 2 hours, with a mixture of theory, interactive activities and driving in cars with instructors over 2 courses.</p> <p>Practical sessions will be provided by instructors including NZV8 Championship driver Phil Blythe.</p> <p>To register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 0800 111 323 (8am-5pm Mon-Fri) • Txt Marion on 027 279 2662 with your name & preferred day & time • Email: info@roadsafetaranaki.nz <p>Roadsafe PARANAKI</p>
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