



### TERM DATES

#### 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

Y5/6 Interschool at home v  
Waitara  
Tuesday 21 May

FDMC Open Morning  
Thursday 23 May

Community Group Meeting  
Wednesday 29 May, 7pm

Teacher Only Day  
Friday 31 May

Kings Birthday - School  
Closed  
Monday 3 June

BOT Meeting  
Tuesday 25 June, 6pm



# St John Bosco School

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## 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:*

**Ruma Puriri**

*Fergus Childs and his parents Paige and Nick, Bodhi Lamplough who joins his big brother Charlie at school, Ariella Hill and her parents Rebecca and James, Angus Keighley joins his big brother Gordon at school*

**Ruma Koromiko**

*Bodhi Johns and his parents Sarah and Nicholas, Carter Maxwell and his parents Jo and Antony*

**Ruma Pōhutukawa**

*Fletcher Downey and his parents Jodie and Will*

**Ruma Kauri**

*Freya Connolly and her parents Alex and Craig*

*Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Hato Hoani Paukau - St John Bosco School. May God bless you on your educational journey with us. We will nurture and grow your children and enable them to be the best version of themselves everyday on their journey to reaching their full potential.*

*Interschool sport has begun for our Year 5 and 6 children. Last week's fixtures were against Waitara East. Our Rugby team were victorious 62-34, our football team won 3-2 thanks to a goal in overtime by Wilbur and our Netball teams came a close second which is no great shame as Waitara East is typically one of the stronger teams in our division. Of course, interschool sport is more than just results. It is about the full process of being welcomed on through mihi whakatau, representing our school with pride with your mates while offsite and the aftermatch process with speeches, kai and acknowledgements. The next fixture is against Waitara Central at home next Tuesday. Games start at 11:30am.*

*If you haven't already checked out the Playscape at the back of the library do go check it out. That space is the fruits of our Community Group's Fundraising efforts at the most recent Ambrose Golf Tournament. It is such an asset to our school and the children love it. It is fully utilised every break time, our juniors use it during 'discovery' and it is even used when Tess and Sarah bring the 'Little Angels' pre school group over on a Monday morning! Andrew Georgeson, a former principal, is the man who created it all and did the work.*

*Just another reminder that Friday the 31st of May is a teacher only day while our staff go to Parihaka marae for the day with staff from most of the other catholic primary schools around the region.*

*Enjoy the weekend.*

**Ngā Mihi Aroha,  
Ryan Fleming**

## Support Staff Poem

This week has been national support staff in schools day. Support Staff is the general term for all of our non-teacher staff: Andrea in the Office, Brent on the Property, Jo in the Library and Merryn, Inthira, Cath and Amy our phenomenal Teacher Aides. We have tried make them feel super special this week and part of that was the little poem below that we made about them all, with a little help from AI!

### Support Staff Poem 2024

In every classroom, their presence is felt, Support staff, the backbone, where hearts melt. With care and dedication, they pave the way, In schools, the unsung heroes, day by day.

In the classroom's vibrant hum, where voices blend, Inthira guides with patience, a cherished friend. With tender care, she nurtures seeds of speech, In the tapestry of language, she helps them reach.

Jo, the guardian of tales, with books in hand, In her library realm, stories expand. She welcomes all, with a warm embrace, In her sanctuary of words, hearts find their place.

Andrea, the steward of our sanctuary's door, With diligence, she tends to tasks and more. Beneath her watchful eye, order thrives, In the rhythm of paperwork, our school survives.

Brent, the steward of earth's lush domain, Tends to grounds where memories reign. Amidst the blooms, and under the sky's arc, He nurtures nature's evergreen spark.

Cath, with calm resolve, steadies the ship, In the ebb and flow of schedules, she's hip. With flour-dusted hands and hearts so light, She sparks joy in every doughy delight.

In classroom's glow, Amy's grace does shine, As aide, her talents bloom, divine. With patience vast and wisdom's reach, She's destined for the teacher's seat, to teach..

In the classroom's embrace, Merryn stands tall, Wisdom woven in every word's call. With teaching's speech, her mastery gleams bright, Guiding minds to soar, in knowledge's flight.

In classrooms bright, where dreams ignite, Their presence fills the air with light. For every child, every step they take, Is a testament to the difference they make.

To the support staff, our heartfelt praise, In your dedication, our gratitude sways. For in your hands, futures unfold, A symphony of care, in stories untold.

I hope you have enjoyed my words, Crafted with care, like chirping birds. Alas I cannot claim as thee, This one's written by chat GPT.

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# Awards

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on the 10th of April:

<i>Puriri</i>	Louie Smith	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Nina Mussen	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Charlie Turner	Skye Collins
<i>Nīkau</i>	Elyse Wales	Everly Snowden
<i>Horoeke</i>	Rio McGregor	Violet Moratti
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Xanthe Lagula	Finn Turner
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Mia Roos	Jeremy Johnson
<i>Karaka</i>	Ashton O'Keeffe	Izzy Harvey
<i>Rimu</i>	Maia Haenga	Luca Maw
<i>Tōtara</i>	Nesta Dombroski	Will Baldwin
<i>Kauri</i>	Oskar McGregor	Ella Cantlon



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on the 1st of May:

<i>Puriri</i>	Cailee Leadbeater	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Rowan Speirs	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Aritz Williamson Sasia	Harlow Mcleod
<i>Nīkau</i>	Stella Diachok	Manna Manuval
<i>Horoeke</i>	Cobie Tofts	Milla Gilmour
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Matisse Ngeru	Isobel Sinclair
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Vincent Mussen	Ellie Bellringer
<i>Karaka</i>	Blake James	Josephine Carr
<i>Rimu</i>	Jackson Gadsby	Sofia Capriano
<i>Tōtara</i>	Livia Becroft	Noah Kapernick
<i>Kauri</i>	Elliott Williams	Tove Shelswell



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on the 15th of May:

<i>Puriri</i>	Alfie Landrigan	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Alfie McFadyen	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Takumi Kirkcaldie	Lexie Taylor
<i>Nīkau</i>	Frankie Kerry	Deacon Harrison
<i>Horoeke</i>	Jai Te Pai Konui-Whiting	Mikie Baikie
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Lincoln Stevens	Jessica Ireland
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Lucas Tooman	Charlotte Mundie
<i>Karaka</i>	Sebastian Lupton	Eden Smith
<i>Rimu</i>	Ryan Coombe	Shanmuk Kosuru
<i>Tōtara</i>	Neve King	Toby Hobin
<i>Kauri</i>	Kayden Shaw	Freya Connolly



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**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!**  
*The juniors celebrated their Mums and Nanas with a cup of tea and cookie on Friday morning*



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# Special Character



## LOVE



**My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12**

Our school value that we will focus on during term 2, is **aroaha** demonstrating **Love**.

Love for our God, Love for others and Love for ourselves.

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION May 2024 *For the formation of religious and seminarians*

*We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

### May - The Month of Mary

May is the month our Church has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady – Mary. Catholics in every part of the world recognise and celebrate the Queen of Heaven with tributes of faith and love. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Some ideas of how you can celebrate and remember Mary in your families are: by talking about her, praying to her, learning the 'Hail Mary' Prayer, and having a picture of Mary on your family Prayer table.



### 24th May Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

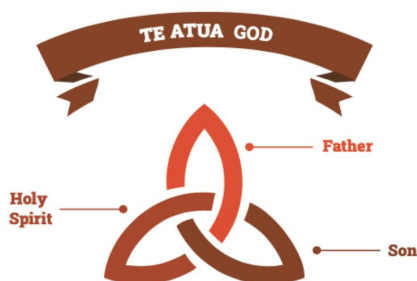
Mary Help of Christians is one of the numerous names by which Mary is known. It refers specifically to the aid that Mary gives as intercession, meaning one who prays with and for us to God. The Mary who helps all Christians - we only need to ask her and she will ask God on our behalf. This is also the Feast day of our church. There will be Rosary at 5pm and Mass at 5:30pm, followed by shared kai. You are all welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share.



### RE Learning

We began Term 2 learning about traditional and devotional prayers, and more about Easter.

Now we are moving into learning about Te Atua - God.



This learning unit focuses on the nature of God as revealed in the scriptures and the Tradition of the Church. It addresses such questions as who, where, what is God and what does God do? It considers each person of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit. It addresses God's relationship with us — individually and collectively, and our relationship with God.

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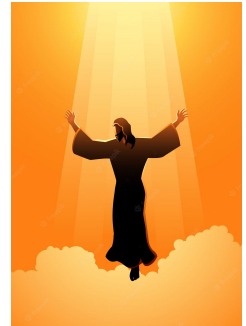




### ***The Easter Season is coming to an end....***

The Church is still Celebrating the Easter Season as we journey toward Pentecost. The Easter Season began on the evening of Easter Sunday and continues for fifty days, ending on the evening of Pentecost Sunday which is this Sunday. The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost are a time of thanksgiving and joy for what Christ has done for humanity.

***Last Sunday... The Ascension of Jesus....*** Ascension Day is celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter. On that day people remember how Jesus returned to his father in heaven. The story of Jesus' return to his Father is told in the book of the Acts of the Apostles written by St Luke. St Luke says that as Jesus was lifted up, a cloud hid him from sight. Writers of the Bible sometimes used the idea of a cloud to show that God was present. In his story of the Ascension. St Luke wanted to show that Jesus was going from this world into the presence of God his Father. So people celebrate the Ascension of Jesus as part of the good news of Easter - Jesus is alive, Jesus is with God and with us forever. The Ascension is a day of great joy!



### ***This Sunday.... Pentecost... The Birthday of the Church***

The week after the Ascension the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday.

Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, while visiting with his disciples, the risen Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We read in Scripture that one morning, when the disciples were gathered together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women, they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others about Jesus, and that he died for us and rose to new life. On this day the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages.

We often call this the birthday of the Church because this was when the Holy Spirit was sent to reassure and encourage Jesus' people to not be afraid to carry on and share his good news!

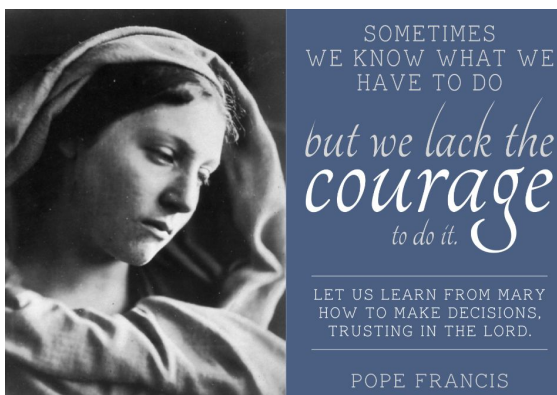
The Holy Spirit continues to be with us always!

Acts 2: 1-12 or 1-4

[Read the bible passage here](#)



Come Holy Spirit  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And enkindle in us the fire of your love



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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 22 May	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 5	Wednesday 29 May	Nīkau & Horoeke
Week 6	Wednesday 5 June	Kauri & Totara
Week 7	Wednesday 12 June	Nga Kakano
	Sunday 16 June	SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 19 June	Karaka & Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 26 June	Nīkau & Horoeke
Week 10	Wednesday 3 July	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai



*Thank you Tess Bowling and Sarah Devine for your loving acts of kindness and service with providing and serving morning tea after our Wednesday class masses. These ladies both also organise the Little Angels music on Monday mornings in our church foyer for toddlers and caregivers so they are very busy ladies. We would love to have a team to help them with Wednesday class mass morning tea.. If you or maybe a grandparent or friend are able to help (maybe on a week when your child's class is attending mass) please message Tess on [tessb@windowslive.com](mailto:tessb@windowslive.com) or pop in and see her in the church foyer either Mondays or Wednesdays before school.*

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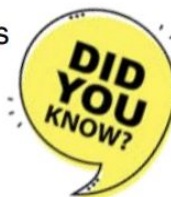


## Messages from the Parish

Three more titles Mary is known by that we can ponder on this month of May.

*Seat of wisdom* - Mary is the Seat of Wisdom because wisdom became incarnate in her son Jesus whom she carried. She also possessed and practised true wisdom, not the wisdom of this world.

*Mystical Rose* - The rose is portrayed as Mary's favorite flower. From the mysterious roses in Juan Diego's tilma which was imprinted with Mary's image, to the garland of roses she wore at La Sallette and the beautiful roses she brought to Lourdes, Portman, Pellevoisin, Beauraing and Banneaux. It is said, every Hail Mary we say is like placing a rose at her feet.



*Tower of David* - The Tower of David was one of great strength and beauty and used for the defence of the city of Jerusalem during King David's reign. Mary is a symbol of the Tower because of the virtues she represented in beauty and strength. She defended and protected her Son, and continues to defend and protect us as we journey through life.

### **KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRIS- TIAN 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.



### **WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL T**



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



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

**VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HA**

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## Messages from the Diocese

### **Pentecost Sunday and Laudato Si Week**

The National Liturgy Office has published resources including prayers, music and a homily podcast for Pentecost Sunday (this coming Sunday, 19 May); and prayers and a celebration guide for Laudato Si' Week (beginning Sunday 19 May, through to Sunday 26 May).

The Pentecost Sunday resources are here:

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/pentecost-sunday-2/>

The Laudato Si' Week resources are here:

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/laudato-si-week-19-26-may-2024/>

### **Ministry congress in Rome**

Ka pai and congratulations Nick Wilson of Palmerston North and Jessica Jackman of Christchurch, who will represent young New Zealand Catholics in Rome at the International Congress on Youth Ministry, hosted by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life from 22 May to 26 May. Read more:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/youth/>

### **Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

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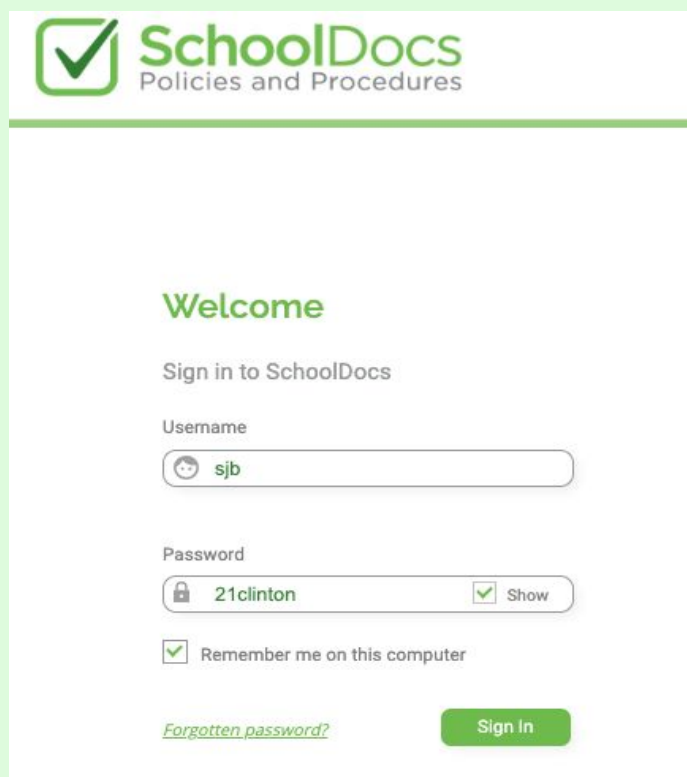
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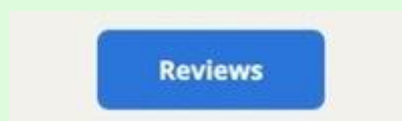
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### Current policies under review:

- Employer Responsibility Policy
- Appointment Procedure
- Safety Checking

**We welcome your feedback!**

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