

TERM DATES

Term 1 Tuesday 28 January -Friday 11 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April -Friday 27 June

Term 3 Monday 14 July -Friday 19 September

Term 4 Monday 6 October -Friday 12 December

EVENTS

Taranaki Anniversary Monday 10th March

Random Acts of Kindness Week 11-14 March

BOT Meeting Tuesday 18th March, 6pm

Ambrose Golf Fundraiser Sunday 23rd March



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.

It is hard to believe that we have completed 6 weeks of school already. It truly is flying, probably because we are having fun.

On Tuesday morning we welcomed 17 Principals from around New Plymouth to our school. They came to hear the story of our Waharoa and the journey we took to having it placed at the entrance of our school. The staff and I were so proud of our children and the way they conducted themselves at the Powhiri with impeccable behaviour and beautiful singing. The cola canopy really does allow the sound to reverberate around and it sounds amazing.

What a turnout we had for today's Swimming Sports! The weather was perfect (albeit pretty hot and draining by the end), everyone had a crack at multiple races and styles. We are really proud of way we frame our swimming sports - a chance to have a go and show your family what you can do alongside all of your mates. Congratulations to Waiwhakaiho House for winning the senior relay race! A huge thanks also to all of our parents who got in the water to allow us to confidently put children into challenging situations and still be safe.

We also wish to congratulate Jessica Tuki who has been appointed by the Palmerston North Catholic Diocese as a Proprietors representative on our school board. Jessica fills the role held by Michael Normanton and we hope to see a similar length stint of service!

Golf day entries are rolling in and we now have 24 teams entered. Go to page 7 of this newsletter to see details and how you might help.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 leaders for 2025. At St John Bosco School all of our Year 6's play an important role in leading and organising our school. It is a real privilege to be a Year 6 at this school and it comes with great responsibility which I know this group will take on well. Go to the next page to see the specific roles.

Sports registrations close today for netball, hockey and miniball in Term 2 and 3. It is also the time that externally run sports such as Football and Rugby have their clubs open registrations so now is a good time to be looking for their information. Children at St John Bosco play at a range of different rugby and football clubs throughout New Plymouth.

Now is also a good time to thank our green guardian team. Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Mehana are ably supported by Amanda Diachok, Ross Fraser and Anne Fraser to keep our garden plots going well. Thanks to Nick Johns for dropping off the compost this week to ensure our produce is well fed!

Lots of former St John Bosco cricketers have been in the news this week with Tom Bruce scoring a record 345 runs for the CD Stags, Will Young playing for the Black Caps team that have made the Champions Trophy final and Sam Fastier captaining Taranaki in their Hawke Cup defence against Canterbury this weekend!

Ngā Mihi Aroha, Ryan Fleming

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Year 6 Leaders for 2025

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 students who worked hard to prepare and submit their CVs for the 2025 school leadership positions. We are incredibly proud to announce our school leaders for 2025 as follows:

Ambassadors:	Tove Shelswell, Oskar McGregor, Neve King and Ari Smith
Special Character:	Grace Smith and Jackson Gadsby
House Leaders:	Darnell - Freya Connolly and Billy Pepper Rewarewa - Shae Bellringer and Will Baldwin Barbier - Lily Dey and Sam McVey Waiwhakaiho - Amelia Ireland and Mack Youngman
Sports Leaders:	Patrick Purcell, Cameron Wainwright, Toby Hobin, Shanmuk Kosuru, Harry Naus, Cooper Simpson, Ella Cantlon, Josh Vercoe and Luke Brien Head Sports Leader - Sofia Buchboeck
ICT Leaders:	Ted Guthrie and Ella Maclean
Cultural Leaders:	Shae Bellringer and Sam Harvey
Mediators:	Caitlyn Kumm, Kaley Charteris, Olivia Soffe, Oskar McGregor, Neve King and Bowen Smither Head Mediator - Stella Padman
Media Leaders:	Olivia Soffe
Enviro Leaders:	Emelie Aston, Ella de Jager, Shanmuk Kosuru and Cooper Simpson
Librarians:	Harper Luke, Joseph Davies, Bowen Smither, Joan Cowley and Emelie Aston Head Librarian - Ruby Staddon



Ambassadors



Special Character

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House Leaders



sports Leaders



ICT Leader

Cultural Leaders



Mediators



Media Leader







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Awards

Students of the Week

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

Puriri	Madison McCarten
Koromoko	Grace Jenkins
Kawakawa	Ariella Hill
Nīkau	lda Adams
Horoeka	Skye Collins
Kōwhai	Luca Anamani
Pōhutukawa	Cobie Tofts
Karaka	Aubry Aston
Rimu	Izzy Harvey
Tōtara	Jericho Rios
Kauri	Will Baldwin

Bodhi Johns Huriah Pottier Aritz Williamson-Sasia Rosie James Knox Murdoch Levi Hoyte Theo Dawick Lexi White Stella Padman





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 11th - 14th 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 mater how big or small - it all counts! Thank you God for blessing us with beautiful Gabby. "Small things with great love"

Supporting our Community Group with Freezer Meals

Our community group and staff have been preparing meals for our freezer as part of our manaakitanga. These meals are shared with families during times of celebration, such as welcoming a new baby, in moments of grief, or whenever there's a need. If you're able to help by making a meal, we would greatly appreciate it! Please drop off any meals to the office.



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Swimming Sports Photos











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Service

Love



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

PRESENTS THE 2025

AMBROSE GOLF DAY



SUNDAY 23 MARCH | WESTOWN GOLF CLUB | 11.00am START

With the support of **Schurr & Ireland Chartered Accountants** we are proud to present our major fundraiser for 2025 - SJB Ambrose Golf Tournament -

We would love your support - here's how you can help:



Sponsor A Hole - \$300

A great way to support the day. If you know of a business who would like to sponsor a hole, please let us know



Enter A Team - \$30 per player

Teams of 4-6 can enter. It's lots of fun, there are plenty of goodies to give away and all golfing abilities are welcome!

Donate A Prize

We like to give great spot prizes to our golfers on the day. Please get in touch if you can offer a prize or voucher.

If you can help, please contact Lynsay Ireland taylor.lynsay@gmail.com 022 371 9349

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for March 2025 : For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



More about the Jubilee Year

What is the biblical background for a Jubilee Year?

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word yobel, which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible (Leviticus 25:9). In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless.

What was Jesus' own mission to bring Jubilee?

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour:

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. *He invites us to join him in making it a reality.*

You can find more information about the Jubilee Year on our <u>Palmerston North Diocese</u> <u>Website</u>





LENT 2025 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.





<u>Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Lent 2025</u> theme is "Restoring Hope: Your Compassion in Action / Kia Puawai Te Tūmanako." This transformative journey aligns with Pope Francis's Jubilee Year theme of being "Pilgrims of Hope," inviting us to actively embody love, compassion, and hope in our daily lives.

Their weekly resources guide you through six key themes: Journey, Transformed, Impact, Hope, Love, and Unity. Each week, we'll explore Gospel stories alongside inspiring narratives from Caritas partners in countries like Tonga, Fiji, Gaza, and Ukraine, illustrating how compassion restores hope in challenging times.

Lent Week 1 Te Haerenga Journey

As part of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis emphasises that we are *Pilgrims* of Hope: "..We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us..."

Start your Lenten journey by selecting acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving from the Caritas Keep it Simple Action Plan. Good luck.





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Lent Week 2 Kua Whakahoutia Transformed

What small actions will you do as a family this week that will help to restore hope in our world?

We are called to be agents of change in our communities. We can pray this week to be transformed on our Lenten spiritual journey.

Lent Week 3 Te Pānga Impact

Lent Week 4 Te Tūmanako Hope

can provide hope.

Caritas Jerusalem is making a profound impact by providing medical care and distributing food parcels in Gaza. Their work helps to restore hope and dignity to the families in need.

As part of your Lenten journey as a family what small acts of compassion can you do this week that will make a difference.

Caritas has been working with those displaced

by the war in the Ukraine providing a source of hope in times of deep uncertainty. By standing

What small acts of kindness will your family do



Week 4: Hope Te Tümanako A Fast from social Pray for those Send a message of media for a day and hope to someone who have lost focus on spreading feeling down. hope. hope in person. in solidarity with others our small acts of kindness Make a small donation Fast from purchasing Thank God for the to the Caritas Lent anything unnecessary hopeful moments in Appeal. for one day. your life.



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In times of disaster Caritas shows love through simple yet life changing acts. Love in action can restore hope in the most difficult of circumstances.

As we near the end of our journey through Lent what small acts of love can you do this week?

Lent Week 5 Te Aroha Love

during the fourth week of Lent?

Week 6 Lent Te Kotahitanga

Throughout our Lenten journey as a family you have done your bit to work together to bring hope to those in need.

What positive changes have these simple challenges made to you personally and as a family.



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. You do not need to be Catholic to attend.

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 12 March	Rimu & Karaka
Week 8	Wednesday 19 March	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 9	Wednesday 26 March	Nīkau & Horoeka
Week 10	Wednesday 2 April	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 11	Wednesday 9 April	Kauri & Tōtara

St John Bosco School Led Sunday Mass Dates 2025

Term 2: Sunday 8 June - Pentecost Sunday - The Birthday of the Church Term 3: Sunday 3 August Term 4: Sunday 23 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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Messages from the Parish

LEADERSHIP TEAM VACANCY

Parish Strategic Leader (Fulltime) Strategic, organised, driven, relational and passionate – is this you? Do you have people management experience and have worked in an organisation with both operational and strategic responsibilities? . Does building relationships and collaborating with others around shared goals sound like you?

The Strategic Leader will be joining the vibrant New Plymouth Catholic Parish team, supporting and growing our Parish faith journey – could this be you? Then call the office on (06 757 3682) or contact by email ParishLeadershipTeam@catholicparishnp.nz to request the Job Description and Application Form. Applications close Friday 7 March 2025

FASTING DURING LENT: PRAYER ON FASTING from Pope Francis

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

(In the words of Pope Francis) Source USCCB.org

PARISH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION -starts this Monday 3 March!

Join Us for an Enlightening Video Series with Dan Burke.

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming video sessions on "Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits," led by Dan Burke. An introduction into understanding the spiritual battles we face and learn how to discern the spirits with wisdom and faith.

About Dan Burke: Dan Burke is the founder and President of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation and Avila Institute for Spiritual Direction which offers graduate and personal enrichment studies in spiritual theology to priests, deacons, religious, and laity in 90 countries and partners with 40 dioceses to prepare men for the priesthood. He is also the author and editor of more than 15 books on authentic Catholic spirituality.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and strengthen your faith journey.

When: Mondays -3 March to 7 April 2025. 7:30PM to 9:00PM

Where: St. Joseph Parish Hall (New Plymouth)

Registration: Walk – in (**Doors open @ 7:15PM for a cuppa)

Cost: Free Trailer video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpBHuteO4iM

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Messages from the Diocese

Message from Bishop John on the closure of WelCom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we bid farewell to WelCom, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the deep gratitude we owe to all those who have contributed to this publication over the years. WelCom has been a cherished source of news, reflection, and formation, faithfully serving our diocese and the Archdiocese of Wellington. It has connected us as a community, kept us informed about the life of the Church, and helped us grow in our faith.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye, I want to assure you that our commitment to communicating the Good News remains steadfast. As we move forward, I encourage you to stay connected through Tūmanako, the newsletter of the Diocese of Palmerston North. Tūmanako—meaning "hope"—will continue to share stories of faith, highlight the work of our communities and ministries, and provide resources for spiritual growth. Soon we will be launching a print edition of Tūmanako, in collaboration with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. This print edition will carry the same content as the online version, along with key national news from the NZCBC, ensuring that all members of our community—especially those without easy access to digital resources—can stay connected and informed.

I invite you not only to read Tūmanako, but to contribute to it. Our faith is enriched by the voices and experiences of our people, and I encourage you to share your stories, reflections, and news items so that we may continue to support and inspire one another.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers as we embrace new ways of staying connected as a diocese. May we, as a faith community, continue to be a people of hope, strengthened by the love of Christ and the fellowship of one another.

God's blessings and peace to you all, Bishop John Adams. To send a submission for Tūmanako, contact <u>communications@pndiocese.org.nz</u>.

Cathedral Centenary | March 2025

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating 100 years in March! There will be a free event on the weekend of 21 – 22 March to mark this special occasion, featuring coffee trucks, cultural food stalls, musical festivities and more! Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events for Jubilee Year

The following Jubilee events are coming up over the next few weeks (click the link for prayers, reflections and other resources for each weekend, or visit <u>www.pndiocese.org.nz/YearofJubilee2025</u>): 28 March <u>24 Hours for the Lord</u>

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Current policies under review:

- Health and Safety Welfare Policy
- Safety Management System
- Risk Management
- Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation
- Healthcare
- Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries and Illnesses

We welcome your feedback!

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Any further enquires please phone Jamie James: 02041158667

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