

TERM DATES

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

Teacher Only Day Friday 23 May

BOT Meeting Tuesday 27 May, 6pm

School Photos Monday 4 August



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** Lachlan Connolly joins his big sister Freya at school Emily Webb and her parents Sarah and Deon **Ruma Koromiko** Willow Coward joins her big sister Macy at school Thomas Cran and his parents Laura and Jack Ander Swartz and her parents Nicayla and Heinrich Meika Walsh and his parents Ziva and Cameron

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.

What an enriching start to the term we've had! In Week 1, our school had the privilege of visiting Ōwae Marae - a truly special event that brought together our tamariki, kaiako, and whānau in a spirit of learning, connection, and respect.

Our Year 5 and 6 students, nearly 90 in total, stayed overnight at the marae, an experience that will no doubt remain with them for years to come. The junior school joined us on the Friday, and it was heartwarming to see the whole school community gathered in such a sacred and culturally rich space. We learnt about how Waitara came to have its name and explored the stories told through the beautiful carvings in the wharenui. A huge thank you to Mrs Ormond, Mrs Katie Smith, and Mrs Crystal Smith for their incredible commitment in staying overnight and supporting our tamariki so generously.

Last week also brought some healthy competition as we welcomed Mangorei School for interschool sport. Our students played with heart, teamwork and grace. We were thrilled to win both netball games and the football match, and although we came second in a very spirited game of rugby, the effort and sportsmanship shown was second to none. Ka mau te wehi, koutou mā!

A heartfelt thank you to our parent community for your outstanding support at our parent interviews - we achieved a phenomenal 99.7% attendance rate. Your partnership in your child's learning journey is invaluable and a real strength of our school community.

Yesterday we celebrated our treasured support staff for Support Staff Day. These incredible people are the lifeblood of our kura - always working quietly behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly and with care. Check out the following slides to read some beautiful poems written in their honour.

A big shout-out to all involved in the start of winter sport! Our teams in hockey, netball, miniball, and basketball are training hard and representing our school with pride. Thank you to our volunteer coaches and managers - we couldn't do it without you. Your time and energy make such a difference in the lives of our students. I have also always been proud of our *sideline culture* so keep up the great work there too.

Finally, I want to thank our incredible teachers. It has been a big month of extras for them and I am continually in awe of their commitment, professionalism, love and resilience. We strive to create excellent outcomes for all our tamariki in all facets of school life and they are the foundation of that.

Next week we have the Education Review Office on site with us. We'll work with them to showcase the outstanding work we do and to help shape goals for continual improvement over the next 3 years.

Ngā Mihi Aroha, Ryan Fleming

Support Staff Poems

Amanda - Calm and Kind Amanda's new, but feels just right, A gentle voice, a smile so bright. With calm and care, she's found her pace, A steady, kind, and thoughtful grace. From Canada, she's journeyed far, Now part of who and where we are. Three children keep her life full-steam, Yet still, she backs the school-wide dream. She serves with flair behind the scenes, A fundraising queen by all means! As secretary, she lends her hand, To every plan the group has planned. And though she's calm, don't be misled – Her humour sparkles, softly said. A welcome heart, so strong and true -We're lucky to have her join the crew! Andrea - Office Star Andrea keeps our school on track, With calm and care, she's got our back. From finance forms to enrolments too, There's not much Andrea cannot do. She greets each day with grace and cheer, A steady hand, a voice so clear. Through every task, both big and small, She quietly takes care of all. This year she walked a sacred way, Baptised in faith - what joy that day! A journey rich, serene, and new, Her heart now holds a deeper view. And now, a nana proud and wise, With laughter dancing in her eyes. Her love expands, her joy runs deep, Both files and grandkids she can keep!

Amy - Ready to Shine With steady hands and open heart, Amy's played a vital part. She's worked with kids from every lane, With patience, care, and no refrain. Now soon she takes the teacher's role, In Puriri she'll shape each goal. Her passion blooms in tasks she plans, With messy paints and learning hands. She's curious, bright, and full of flair, With creativity to spare. She builds with blocks, explores with clay She learns through play in every way. Dedicated, strong, and true, There's nothing Amy cannot do. From aide to teacher - watch her grow, The seeds she plants will surely show.

Brent - Keeper of All Things

From gutters cleared to squeaky doors, Brent's magic hands maintain our floors. A caretaker with quiet flair, Who leaves his mark most everywhere.

He drives his ute with pride and grace, Tools and wisdom in one place. Our building's checks? All smooth, no fright – The BWOF passed and all was right!

But step aside — he's sharp and smart, A wizard with a game of darts. His aim is true, his throws are clean, A champion behind the screen.

A granddad, coach, and ref as well, He's got a thousand tales to tell. From fixing lights to football fun, Brent's quiet strength shines like the sun.

Catto - Heart and Humour

With calm and care and cheerful tone, Cath never lets a child feel alone. She lifts up those with complex needs, With steady hands and thoughtful deeds.

This year she's taken on much more, ESOL kids now at her door. With words that bridge from far and near, She helps new voices grow in cheer.

Her SUV – a mighty ride, With teens and bags all packed inside. Three kids she's raising, full of spark, From morning rush till well past dark.

She's quick to joke, to laugh, to tease,
 She brings the light with joyful ease.
 With Cath around, things just make sense A wit that's bright, a heart immense.

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Inthira - Our Guiding Star

Inthira's calm and clever ways Have brightened all our learning days. With every plan and thoughtful part, She lifts up learners, heart to heart.

Our ESOL stars now shine so bright, Because she leads with skill and might. An "outstanding" badge we proudly wear-Her systems brought that honour there.

She studies hard, her marks are high, Her intellect can touch the sky. With every task she gives her best, She's truly set apart from the rest.

Though on her placement for a while, We miss her presence and her smile. But soon she'll be back, even more wise A gift to school, a true surprise.



Jo - Pages and Play

Among the shelves where stories grow, You'll always find the calm of Jo. She guards the books with steady grace A peaceful smile upon her face.

But don't mistake her quiet tone – She's fierce when games are on the cone! She coaches teams with heart and might, Her kids can run, and kick, and fight!

The book fair's done – success, hooray! She raised sixteen-hundred in a day. With order, care, and modest flair, She made the magic happen there.

Reliable, calm, and always true, She does far more than most could do. From sport to shelves, she plays her part – With quiet strength and boundless heart.

Lisa - Gentle Strength

Though Lisa's new, she's hit her stride, With open heart and arms held wide. She meets each task without a fuss, No hassle ever slows her bus.

She bends and shifts with thoughtful grace, A calm and steady, cheerful face. She sees each need, each quiet plea, And meets them all so tenderly.

With children who need extra care, She builds a love that's always there. They feel her warmth, her steady way – A soft and safe, embracing day.



Her own three kids learn here as well, In halls where love and learning dwell. Forward-thinking, strong and kind — In Lisa, grace and heart align.



With seniors in her steady care, Merryn's calm is always there. She works with Ella side by side, With thoughtful steps and quiet pride.

A speech-whisperer, clear and kind, She helps unlock the growing mind. Each word, each pause, each gentle cue — She knows just what and when to do.

She pedals in through morning light, A cyclist's start to each day right. No fanfare here, just grace and grit, And wisdom deep where thoughts all sit.

Her children chase their dreams afar, Bright scholars aiming for the star. And still, she brings her light to school – A voice of care, serene and cool.



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Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on 14 May:

Puriri	Eva Black
Koromoko	Finn Wesley
Kawakawa	Hayden Delvin
Nīkau	Claire Martin
Horoeka	Amanda Joman
Kōwhai	Adam Viju Mathew
Pōhutukawa	Hunter Loto
Karaka	Mitchell Cotter
Rimu	Max Hamilton
Tōtara	Lachie Severinsen
Kauri	Sofia Cipriano

Pearl Dombroski Reyna Cooper Lucas Walsh Charlie Lamplough Lily Rush Alexandra Cowley Charlotte Roche Peyton Crosswell Daniel Kotze



Our Owae Marae Noho



On Thursday the 1st and Friday the 2nd of May our Year 5's and 6's had our Owae Marae noho.

The Tangata whenua welcomed us onto the Marae with a Powhiri. We learned about the carvings like tukutuku and kowhaiwhai as well as learning about the Sir Maui Pomare memorial statue.

It was all so interesting to learn about the Maōri history. Yes! All 90 of us stayed in the wharenui for our noho. We all set up our sleeping bags, had pizza for dinner, then we hopped into our sleeping bags and Mr Flemming read us the story when Maui slowed down the sun. Then the next morning on Friday we packed up all of our stuff and put it on the stage, we practiced the Haka Powhiri and waiata a couple of times til we perfected it. We had some free time while we waited for the rest of the school the come, some people played knucklebones or just talking to their friends and some people did Te rakau. We lined up for the Haka Powhiri to welcome the school onto the Marae when the school was welcomed we got separated into house groups we each did 4 activities like:

- Rakau (tall and short)
- String challenges
- Story time
- And knucklebones

After all those fun challenges we had some afternoon tea in the wharekai. Then all of a sudden it was time to go home!

And a HUGE thank you to the teachers, parents and staff at Owae Marae for making this possible





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Owae Marae Photos

















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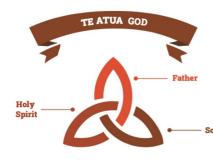
My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Our school value that we will focus on during term 2, is **aroha** demonstrating **Love**. Love for our God, Love for others and Love for ourselves.

John 15:12

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for MAY 2025 : For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity and that society might be humanised



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.

We are still in the season of Easter....

We are 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 tSunday 8th June. The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost are a time of thanksgiving and joy for what Christ has done for humanity.



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Thank you Sarah Fleming for helping our Special Character Leaders to create and set up a Holy Week display in 21 Learning Street - which they then transformed into a beautiful Easter display.





Let's Celebrate

During Easter, a group of adults in our parish including 3 staff members and several parents of our school, were Baptised and welcomed fully into the Church.





The next Alpha group has just begun. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish office.

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Term 1, Week 9

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 the Feast day of our church.

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	Altar Servers
Week 4	Wednesday 21 May	Nga Kakano	Josie, Rachel, Tove
Week 5	Wednesday 28 May	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai	Olivia, Freya, Jericho
Week 6	Wednesday 4 June	Karaka & Rimu	Sam H, Ari, Grace S
Week 7	Wednesday 11 June	Kauri & Tōtara	Sofia, Freddie, Tove
Week 8	Wednesday 18 June	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai	Tove, McKinley, Rachel
Week 9	Wednesday 25 June	Nikau & Horoeka	Olivia, Shae, Freya

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Messages from the Parish

WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL T

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

ENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HA

Please click here for the latest Parish Newsletter

KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRIS-TIANS 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.



HABEMUS PAPAM! WE HAVE A POPE

MEDIA RELEASE May 8, 2025

NZ bishops celebrate election of Pope Leo XIV

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has received news of the election of Pope Leo XIV with great joy.

Bishop Steve Lowe, president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, says there is trust in the Holy Spirit and the College of Cardinals that Pope Leo XIV is the right man to lead the global Church at this time.

On Friday morning NZ time, Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA was elected the new Pope, and took the name Leo.

He becomes the first North American Pope, but has spent much of his ministerial life overseas, predominantly in Peru. He is a member of a religious order – the Augustinians – and becomes the second consecutive Pope to have such a background, following the Jesuit Pope Francis.

"While a new Pope is often unknown to most people around the world, we know from his experience in leadership in Latin America, as a leader within his religious order and as prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops that Pope Leo understands the Church and its needs," Bishop Lowe said.

Bishop Lowe said the choice of the name Leo could offer a glimpse into the type of pope he seeks to be.

"In the coming days, we will learn more about Pope Leo XIV, but the last Pope to take this name helped develop some of the Church's key social teachings," he said.

A transformative encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*, was published in 1891, and has been the inspiration of many teaching documents in the years since.

In his blessing to the crowds in St Peter's Square, Pope Leo spoke about the importance of Catholics being willing to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice and peace, to be missionaries in the world.

New Zealand Catholics will immediately take up the practice of praying for the Pope in every Mass celebrated throughout the country.

"In parishes, in Catholic schools, in our outreach ministries and in Catholic homes, prayers will be offered for our new Holy Father, that God will provide him with all the strength needed for this immense task," Bishop Lowe said.

"There is a real sense among the faithful that the popes that have been elected in recent decades have had the right attributes to lead the Church at that moment. We trust that will be the same with Pope Leo XIV."

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

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Messages from the Diocese

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Upcoming Events

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>):

17 – 18 May Jubilee of Seminarians

24 – 25 May Jubilee of the World of Education

31 May – 1 June Jubilee of Families and Children

Pilgrims of Hope | Jubilee Hymn

Pilgrims of Hope is the official hymn for the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Parishes, schools and other communities are encouraged to use this hymn regularly throughout the Jubilee Year.

All of the resources for learning the hymn (including lyrics, musical score, guitar chords, mp3 version and YouTube video) can be found at https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/11/year-of-jubilee-2025/#hymn.

Hope and Renewal Summit

Is there more to parish life than just Sunday Mass? Yes—so much more.

The *Hope and Renewal Summit* is a national gathering for Catholics across Aotearoa who are ready to rediscover the vibrant, Spirit-filled life of the Church beyond the pews. Whether you're a parish volunteer, a parent, a young adult, or someone who simply wants to see their faith community come alive—this Summit is for you. 2-4 October 2025 (for Clergy), 3-4 October (for everyone) at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North.

Join clergy, parish leaders, and lay people from around the country as we ask bold questions, explore real answers, and learn how to build thriving parishes where faith is lived, shared, and grown. **Earlybird registrations close 15 June**. For more information and to register: <u>hoperenewalsummit.com</u>.

Please click here for the latest Diocesen Update

Have you seen our Palmerston North Diocese Website... <u>click here to view</u>. There is also a link on this page if you would like to receive our Diocesan Newsletters.



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Green Guardian Stall – A Passion Project in Action

The Green Guardian Stall began as Oskar's Passion Project in Term 4, 2024, with help from his Grandad. Together, they sketched a design, chose dimensions, and began building, with Oskar learning to plane, measure, and cut timber. In Term 1, 2025, Oskar's dad, Riley, joined in to help continue the build at school and home.

To complete the project, Oskar teamed up with Emelie (Enviro Leader) and her dad, Sam, who modified the design, supplied more materials, and helped assemble the final frame. A trip to The Junction led Oskar and Emelie to find wheels, making the stall easy to move around school.

Next step: painting a sign for when the stall is open. A great example of creativity, teamwork, and sustainability in action!











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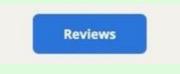
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• Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises

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- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crises
- Emergency Closure

We welcome your feedback!



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Community Notices



First Communion/Older Children Baptism Outfit Rental

For those families looking for a traditional white outfit for First Communion or Older Children Baptism. First and foremost, please ask family and friends if they have something suitable. Then, before you purchase a garment you might like to consider renting.

Please text or call Bridget Clarricoats on 021 0699160 for an appointment to view. I'm available 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday, 1pm to 7pm Saturday and Sunday. My address is: 3 Keats Place, Whalers Gate, New Plymouth. Sizes range from size 1 to size 16 for both boys and girls.

Rental Prices:

Girls: White dress \$10, white shoes \$5, white jackets \$5, shoulder or waist length veils \$5 (only if really wanted for First Communion), ribbons or clips in hair look just as nice – I have a small selection in stock

Boys: Black Trousers \$5, white shirts (with or without tie) \$5, vests/waistcoats \$5 (black or white)

How To Rent:

Ring from approximately 6 weeks out and arrange an appointment for your child/children to come and have a look and try on. If you decide to rent then you can normally take the garment with you on that day, keep it safe, wear it on the day, then return it to me by the Friday following the event. Garments are cleaned by myself upon return.

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KELLY CLUB SJB UPDATE

What's been happening...

We have been crafting and creating making pizzas and cookies crafting family trees and using our hand prints to make art. When the sun comes out we having been getting in some games of soccer and our favourite Fruit salad!





What's happening next week!





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