



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

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Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 14 July -
Friday 19 September

Term 4

Monday 6 October -
Friday 12 December

Term 1 2026

TBC -
Thursday 2 April

Term 2 2026

Monday 20 April -
Friday 3 July



What's On

School Mass

Sunday 3 August

School Photos

Monday 4 August

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 5 August

BOT Nominations Close

Wednesday 6 August, 12pm

Samosas Fundraiser - orders close

Sunday 10 August

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 20 August,
2.30pm

School Cross Country

Friday 22 August

Teacher Only Day

Monday 25 August

Production: The Toy Box

Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3
September

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

Harriet Christensen and her parents Jenna and Leon

Ava Dioglois joins her big sister Sofia at school

Charlotte Moon and her parents Alice and Shay

Ruma Koromiko

Macey Critchley and her parents Maxyna and Cullum

Tayla Kumm joins her big sisters Caitlyn and Mackenzie at school

Ella Robinson joins her big sister Olivia at school

Ruma Horoeke

Jacob Nassau and his parents Larissa and Martin

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.

Last week we were thrilled to officially launch Hoops in Schools at our kura. With our newly installed basketball hoops now in place, we've already seen students shooting goals before school, during breaks, and as part of PE lessons. This initiative is about much more than sport, it's about wellbeing, teamwork, and providing our students with opportunities to be active and confident. A huge thanks to everyone who supported this project in the background, your efforts are making a visible and joyful difference. An extra special shout out to parent, Dan Dawick, who leads this initiative. An amazing initiative for our school but also for all schools around the country.

Our interschool Netball Team has had a spectacular run this season, and are now heading to the finals day next Wednesday. Their commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been exceptional. Best of luck for the finals, the whole school will be cheering you on! Our rugby team lost their semi final yesterday to a very good St Joseph's team. I'm really proud of how our team handled themselves - they kept getting up, never backed down and maintained their dignity in the face of real on field adversity. I know both teams of boys will enjoy playing together next year at Intermediate!

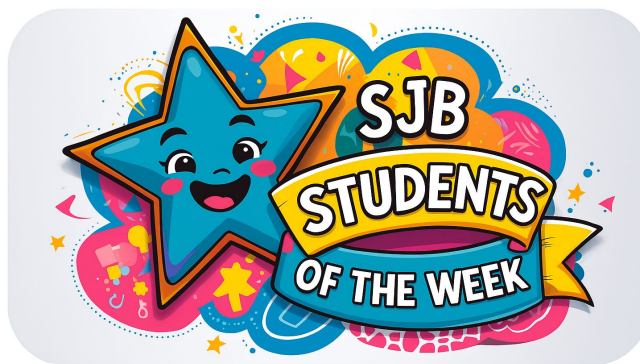
There's also a buzz of creativity around the school as preparations for our upcoming School Production: "The Toy Box" begin to take shape. The songs, dances, and drama practices echo through the hallways, and it's heartening to see our students expressing themselves so confidently. We can't wait to see the final performance, it's shaping up to be a real showcase of talent.

Looking ahead, there's plenty to mark on the calendar. We have our School Mass this Sunday, 3 August, an opportunity for our whole school community to come together in worship. The very next day, Monday 4 August, is School Photo Day, so please ensure students are in full school uniform, ready to smile!

From the 6th to 12th of August, we welcome back Harold and the Life Education Trust. This is always a highlight for our students, with engaging lessons around health, wellbeing, friendships, and making good choices.

I would like to finish by congratulating all of our children who completed their first reconciliation last Friday.

Ngā Mihi Aroha
Ryan Fleming



Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 23rd July

Puriri
Koromoko
Kawakawa
Nikau
Horoeka
Kōwhai
Pōhutukawa
Karaka
Rimu
Tōtara
Kauri

Emily Webb
Amelia Eng
Hayden Delvin
Ida Adams
Ella Hohaia
Stella Diachok
Kalolaine Sisifa
Isabel Sinclair
Fable-Bea Fox
Joshua Vercoe
Mack Youngman

Ethan Aby
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Jacob Nassau
Joey Bridgeman
Thijs Roach
Charley Hanover
Josephine Carr
Rosa Carr
Shae Bellringer



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

*If you have any uniform items that you can donate to the sale,
please drop them off to Andrea in the office.*

\$5.00 PER ITEM - CASH ONLY

*Wednesday 20 August, 2.30pm
Junior Breakout Space*

Our School Core Values



Love



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Hoops in Schools Programme

New Hoops and Skills Thanks to *Hoops in Schools!* 🏀

We're thrilled to be part of the Hoops in Schools programme, proudly supported by Basketball New Zealand and Chemist Warehouse. Thanks to this initiative, our school now has brand-new outdoor basketball hoops and our tamariki are loving them!

As part of the programme, Basketball New Zealand also visited and ran awesome basketball skills sessions with our students. It was a fantastic morning full of energy, fun, and learning new moves!

A huge thank you to everyone involved, this support is helping our kids stay active, build confidence, and enjoy the game of basketball.



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Community Group News

The St John Bosco Community Group is running a delicious fundraiser with Surti Samosas to help raise money for our upcoming School Production!

 Order online here:

<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/st-john-bosco-community-group>

 Orders close: Wednesday 10th August
 Delivery date: Wednesday 20th August

Every order helps support our students and makes our production extra special — thank you for your support!



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- Butter Paneer

SCAN TO BUY SOME DELICIOUS SAMOSAS




Last night we spent some time together making meals for our school freezer, ready to be shared with families in need of a bit of extra support.

If you'd like to contribute, we'd love your help! We have containers available at school that you're welcome to use. Whether it's one meal or a few, every bit makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for helping us care for our school whānau.

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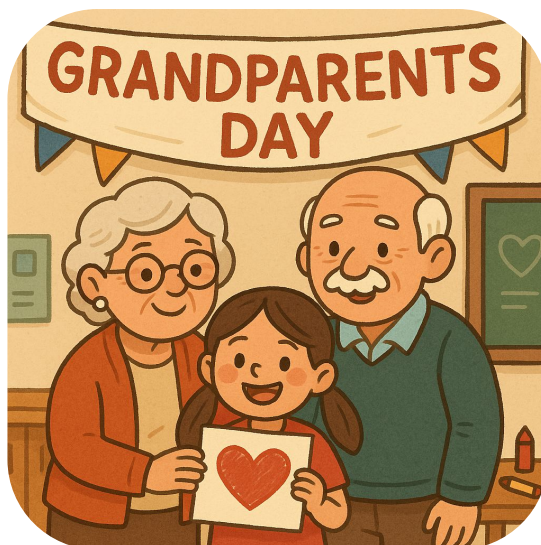


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Grandparents Day Photos



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Special Character



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For we are partners working together for God..

1 Corinthians 3:9



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for August 2025 : For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

RE LEARNING THIS TERM - Te Rongopai - The Good News

The Good News is really about how God shows who God is to us through the Bible. It's about the relationship between God and people—how much God loves us, and how we can grow closer to God. And the best part? It's genuinely good news—full of hope and joy!



The New Testament shares the story of Jesus and his first followers. The Old Testament tells us about God's connection with the Hebrew people—this is the background that helps us understand Jesus' life and teachings. The Bible is part of all our stories.

But knowing the Bible isn't just for people who are strong in their faith. The Jewish and Christian scriptures have shaped cultures all over the world. We see them echoed in music, art, books, and even laws.

Young people need to get to know the stories and messages in the Bible—but also need help learning how to really understand what they're reading. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops say that the Gospel and moral values are like “seeds of the word” planted in different cultures and societies.

As they grow up, it's important for young people to learn where the Bible comes from and how it was put together. They also need to understand what life was like in the times these stories were written. That way, they can see how these ancient messages still matter and speak to their own lives today.

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Sacramental Programmes



Last Friday we had 32 children from our school, 93 in total from our Parish, receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. They are all now preparing to receive First Communion. Congratulations to them all. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they make this next step in their Faith journey.



Grandparents / Special Friends Day

It was great to see so many Grandparents and special friends at our celebration Mass and morning tea this week. It was a beautiful time together. The children really enjoyed being able to spend time with their grandparents and special friends and show them around the school. Thank you for extending the invitation to them. Please let them know how much their children appreciated and enjoyed their time together.

Blessing of Grandparents

*Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.*

*May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Important Feast Days

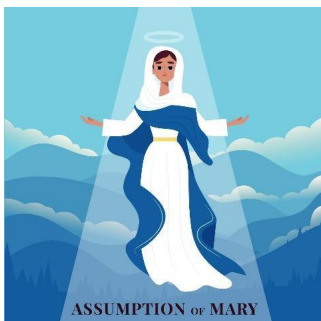
August 6



What is The Transfiguration? Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, go to a mountain. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by God the Father. The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospels of the life of Jesus, the others are Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

August 8

St MARY OF THE CROSS also known as St Mary MacKillop travelled to New Zealand from 1894- 1902. In 1897 she stayed for some time with the sisters in Arrowtown while travelling in Otago and Southland. Our St Joseph's school in Balclutha is a Josephite school and Saint Brigid's school and other schools in our diocese have had strong association with the Josephite sisters through the years.



August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This day celebrates the mystery that the Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. In other words, she is the Patron saint of New Zealand and this week is her feast day.

We will be attending Mass as a school at 9:10am on Friday 15th August for the Assumption of Mary Feast Day - please join us if you are able.

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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. 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 4	Wednesday 6 August	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 5	Wednesday 13 August	Nga Kakano
	Friday 15 August	Whole School
Week 6	Wednesday 20 August	Karaka & Rimu
Week 7	Wednesday 27 August	Kauri & Tōtara
Week 8	Wednesday 3 September	NO MASS
Week 9	Wednesday 10 September	Nikau & Horoeke
Week 10	Wednesday 17 September	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai

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Messages from the Parish

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.
St Joseph's Church at 9.00am Mass in
the church foyer.



LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS:

Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am. Each Monday during term time. For any enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.



WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

SHINE Junior Youth Group | Year 4 - 8
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OP SHOP FITZROY

needs donations of clothing and household items. Items can be dropped at the shop between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday-Friday. 573 Devon St East, in the little arcade behind Piccolo Morso at the Fitzroy lights, or accessed from Clemow Road which is also off the lights. Ph: 06 758 6740. St Vincent de Paul can offer collection of large house clearances. Help them help others.



AGM: The AGM for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place, 20 August at 6.00 pm in the Ngamotu Room in the Parish Office. Please enter through the back door. All interested in the work of St Vincent de Paul are welcome.

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

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Messages from the Diocese

Prayer for the Summit

Lord, what can I offer? Each of us has been gifted by God for the good of His Church. This week, we reflect on how we can offer those gifts—great or small—in service of others. Whether through prayer, welcome, leadership, encouragement, or quiet support, the Lord calls us to put our gifts at the service of His mission. If you feel called to support someone's attendance—or want to know how you can contribute—please email hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz. Your generosity could make a lasting difference.

Upcoming Webinar:

Parish Ministry in Aotearoa New Zealand Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a webinar on “Parish Ministry in Aotearoa New Zealand” with Emily Sit, the director for mission and evangelisation for Palmerston North. This webinar is on Wednesday, 20 August 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

From Gallileo to Laudato Si':

Why Science Needs Faith Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory, will be speaking at a number of events across New Zealand in early August. He is a highly regarded speaker on the intersection of faith and science and has written many books on the subject. He has a free public lecture in Wellington on August 6 at Victoria University. The lecture will also be available on Zoom.

<https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/the-popes-astronomer-br-guy-consolmagno-sj-speaker-series/>

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



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Articles from our Year 6 Student Media Leader



Music Time!! ↻

If you've been anywhere near the senior block lately you would have heard the good tunes because Mr O'Sullivan has been teaching us how to play the ukulele! We've been learning chords and how to strum in time and play real songs which makes music time extra fun. Thank you Mr O'Sullivan for teaching us this cool and exciting new skill!



By Media Leader
+Olivia Soffe



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Grandparents Mass And Morning Tea

On Wednesday 30th July SJB hosted a very special event - The Grandparents Mass And Morning Tea!! It was a beautiful celebration where students got to spend time with their grandparents and show them just how special they are

It was so nice to have my Grandma and Grandpa at school. They loved seeing where I learn, meeting my friends and my teachers!

The event was a big success and reminded us how special family really is. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers who made the morning so special. We hope our Grandparents come back again soon!



By Media Leader
Olivia Soffe

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Board of Trustee Elections



The School Board plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school. Board members set the strategic direction, engage with our community, ensure effective use of school funding, and support the school's Catholic Special Character.

We are currently holding a **parent election to fill five vacancies** on the School Board. The election will be conducted online, and you should have received an email from *My School Election* with all the details.

You can nominate yourself or someone in our community who you believe would be a strong and effective representative. Nominations can be made via the *My School Election* website or directly through this link: <https://myschoolelection.nz/mynomination/>

Important Dates:

6 August - Nominations Close - 12pm
13 August - Voting Forms issued
10 September - Voting Closes 4pm

Please direct any enquiries to: Andrea Pretty, Returning Officer, email: office@sib.school.nz

Below is a guide for community members about the role of the school board please have a read and consider becoming involved in our School Board.

https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/Korari/c171d421a3/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-school-board_Sept-2020-v3.pdf



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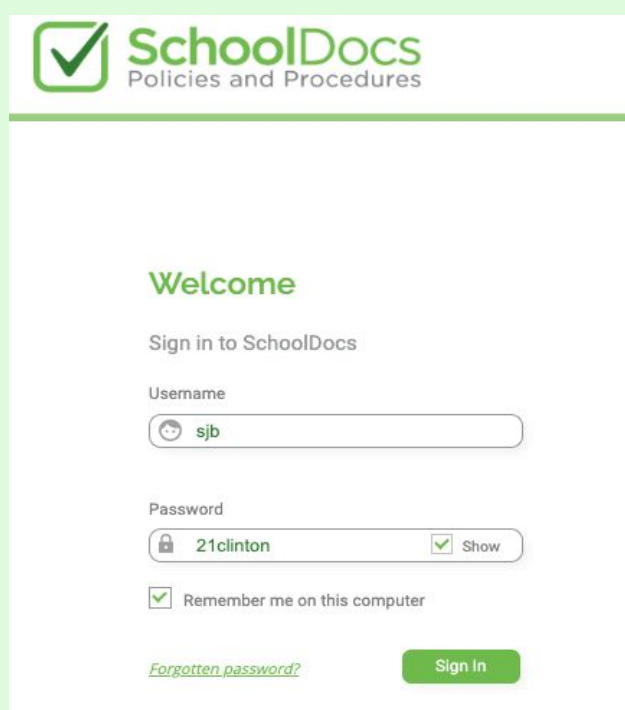


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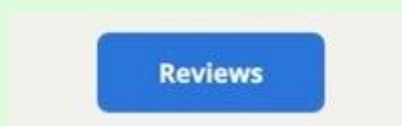
Get involved with School Policy Reviews

Go to sjb.schooldocs.co.nz

Enter username 'sjb'
password '21clinton'



Once you're into the website click the blue register button and see what policies are under review



Current policies under review:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Safety Checking

We welcome your feedback!

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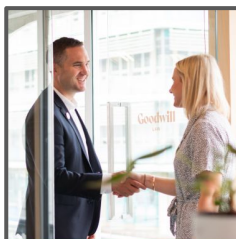
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