



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

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Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 6 October -
Friday 12 December

Term 1 2026

Monday 2 February -
Thursday 2 April

Term 2 2026

Monday 20 April -
Friday 3 July

Term 3 2026

Monday 20 July -
Friday 25 September



What's On

Helpers Morning Tea

Friday 21 November

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 25 November

Cathletics

Friday 28 November

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 9 December

Junior Nativity

Monday 8 December

Graduation

Thursday 11 December

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 12 December - 3pm

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Ngā mihi kia koutou.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

Six weeks has flown by in a whirl of events, trips, assessments, sunshine and success.

We were very proud of our Kapa Haka roopu who performed at the annual Puanga Festival on Wednesday the 29th of October. We have worked diligently with our new kapa haka tutor whaea Wharekuuka to learn a new bracket. A big highlight for me was the refining of our haka to better align with our school pepeha and local iwi, Te Atiawa.

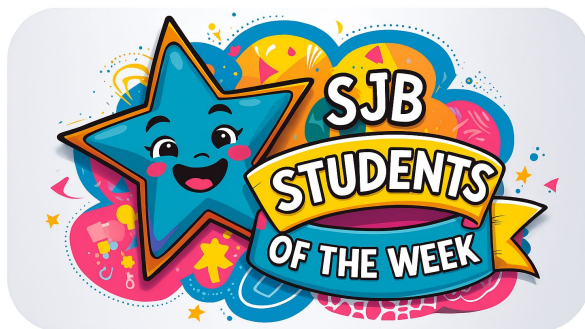
Today's athletics event was a great day for our community to come together to watch our children demonstrate their skills and hard work in PE over the past month. Many thanks to Ms Lynskey for the huge effort in preparing our children and in organising a day that ran like clockwork. A tough day for Mr Fleming's hamstrings, however. I was fortunate enough to be on the 'sprints' event today. In every single one of the Year 4-6 finals races we required a photo finish to determine who won which is testament to the talent and standard of athleticism in our students. But ultimately, today isn't about placings. It is about having a go, defining success as trying your best and enjoying being active with a smile on our faces so all of our children should be very proud of themselves today. As should our teachers relay team of Mr O'Sullivan, Mrs White, Mrs Ormond and Mr Fleming who gave the Year 6 team a real run for their money. The final result is still with the adjudicators.

Every year we commemorate Parihaka Day with a series of house activities based around a special 'Parihaka curriculum' we began piloting in 2019. This is called 'Parihaka Mai Ai,' and comes from a statement made by Tohu and Te Whiti to their whānau who were forcibly being removed from Parihaka in the wake of the invasion on November 5th, 1881. We tell the story of Parihaka to our children and I was very proud to be recently informed that our former students have impressed their Intermediate Schools with the knowledge of this story.

Over the past month or so Lachlan Severinson, Eden Smith, Lexi White and Oskar McGregor have been working super hard on their science fair investigation into how even 'hands free' calling in cars can reduce reaction times and are therefore a safety issue. They've written letters to parliament (and received replies!!), conducted their own experiments under carefully controlled conditions to test their hypothesis and on Thursday they took their display to the Primary Science fair. I'm just proud of our children for having a go but they came second overall!! Well done team.

Our Year 6 students returned from 3 days at camp late last week. Vertical Horizons camp out the back of Inglewood has been a staple of the Year 6 experience at St John Bosco school for some time now and it is a treasure of a place. Zip lines, flying kiwi, kayaking, water slides and much more make it a great mix of challenge and fun. Many thanks to Mrs Crystal Smith and Mr O'Sullivan who take time away from their families to provide such a great experience for our children.

Ngā Mihi Aroha
Ryan Fleming



Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 12th November

Harakeke

Puriri

Koromoko

Kawakawa

Nikau

Horoeka

Kōwhai

Pōhutukawa

Karaka

Rimu

Tōtara

Kauri

Sarva Logesh

Harriet Christensen

Freddie Vercoe

Harvey Wicksteed

Oliver Doyle

Harrison Loto

Frankie Kerry

Huron Pottier

Isobel Sinclair

Blake James

Ella Cantlon

Joseph Davies

Melanie Hettiarachchi

Reyna Cooper

Amanda Jomon

Olivia Robinson

Remi Williams

Vincent Mussen

Veronica Dacko

Eden Smith

Billy Pepper



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SJB
HELPERS MORNING TEA**

**WE WANT TO SAY A HUGE THANK
YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT
THIS YEAR**

When : Friday 21 November

Time : 10.30am

Where : Church Foyer

RSVP: by Monday 17 November

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Support Our School & Get Your Christmas Shopping Done!

This year, we're partnering with the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce on a fun and easy school fundraiser with the new Taranaki Monopoly board game!

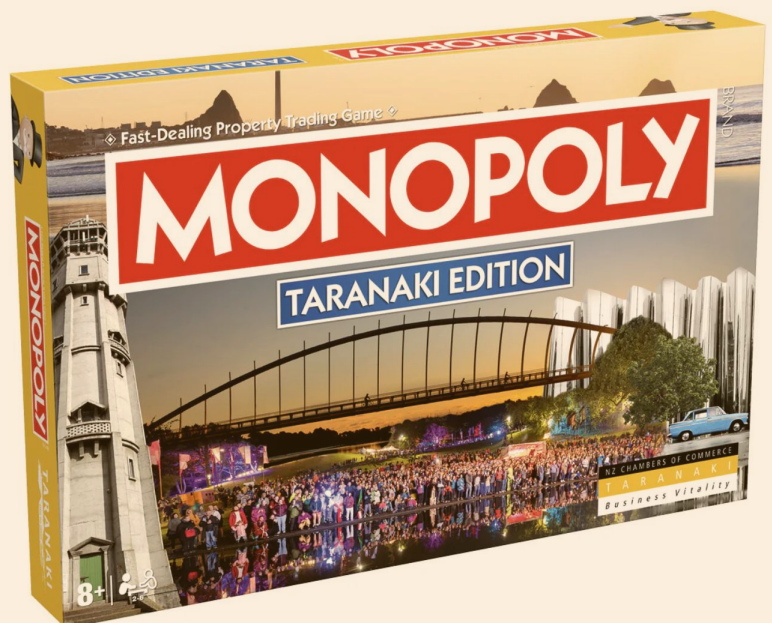
For every game purchased before the end of the school year using our school's unique code, our school receives a \$10 donation (you must use our schools unique code, which is SJB).

It's the perfect Christmas gift that encourages family fun, and every purchase directly helps us fund our school projects for next year.

How to support us:

- Visit www.taranakimonopoly.co.nz/schools
- Add the game to your cart.
- Use our school's unique code at checkout: SJB
- We then get a school donation!

Thank you for your support!



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Special Character



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For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve

Mark 10:45



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025

For the prevention of suicide:

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



For November, the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 focuses on two main groups: the Poor, and the Jubilee of Choirs, an event dedicated to music, choirs, and chorales. The overall theme of the Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope", encouraging acts of compassion, spiritual renewal, and a greater sense of global solidarity.

Important Feast Days

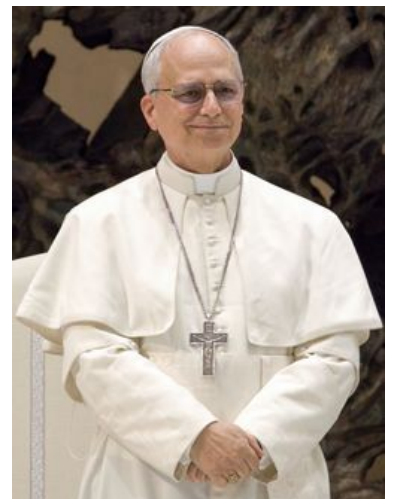
Sunday 9th November THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is about a very special church in Rome, the home of the Pope, that is a symbol of unity for all Christians, reminding them that the Church is not just a building but about people.

Sunday 16th November - World Day of the Poor

The World Day of the Poor was started in 2017 by Pope Francis to raise awareness of poverty and encourage a collective response through prayer and concrete actions. Pope Leo's Theme for this year is "You are my hope". For children it is a time to show kindness to others who may not have as much as we do, to think about what we have and what others need, and to learn about why some people are poor.



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21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Presentation is the day we remember Mary being presented in the Temple. It is also the Feast day of the Presentation Sisters who came to teach in New Zealand in 1950 from Ireland and a small group arrived in Green Island Dunedin in 1954. Their Foundress was Nano Nagle. St Peter Chanel School in Green Island was started by the Presentation Sisters. The Nano Nagle Trust supports many families and children throughout New Zealand in Catholic Schools.

23 November Christ the King of the Universe

The Global Celebration of Young People takes place annually on the Solemnity of Christ the King. On Sunday, November 23, 2025, in every diocese and community around the world, including at the Vatican with the Holy Father.



What is the Feast of Christ the King?

A Different Kind of King: Jesus is a king of love, not someone who rules with force. He is a gentle, humble leader who serves others, not someone who sits on a distant throne.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...

Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 23rd November at 10:30am



During mass we will have a blessing for
our leaving Year 6 students

School families please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea afterwards. Please stay after mass and enjoy a time of hospitality and fellowship with our parish and school community.

Please remember to bring your donation/s for the
Foodbank, Pack the Bus and St Vincent de Paul

**If you are not coming to school mass please bring your donations
for service to the school office anytime next week**

Thank you

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Service @ School Mass

For our last Act of Service this year we are supporting 3 Charities:

- ***New Plymouth Foodbank***
- ***Pack the Bus*** *(Collecting donations of Pet Food)*
- ***St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Bags*** *(to be distributed at the St Joseph's Community Meal)*

Suggested items include but not limited to:

- Christmas treats
- non-perishable food items
- cat/kitten/ dog/puppy food
- Personal items such as Comb, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, shampoo, conditioner
- Sunscreen
- Tissues (pocket size)
- Deodorant (Men and women)
- Socks
- Emergency rain jackets/poncho

Items collected will be distributed to the Charities following Mass



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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 7	Wednesday 17 September Sunday 23 November	Karaka & Rimu SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 26 November	Nga Kakano
Week 9	Wednesday 3 December	Horoeka & Nīkau
Week 10	Wednesday 10 December	Pōhutukawa & Kōwhai



We would love you to join us for this friendly group. The group meets every Monday during term time in the OLHC Church Foyer. Arrive anytime after morning school drop off and it finishes at 10.30am. Come join us for a morning of play, music and a delicious morning tea. There is no cost to attend. If you would like further information contact Amelia, Music Coordinator, Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, 06 757 3682.

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Messages from the Parish

 <p>YOUTH GROUP WE MEET ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.</p>	 <p>JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 -13 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p>
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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.



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

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Messages from the Diocese

Diocesan Art Trail

In this Year of Jubilee, and to celebrate the Jubilee of Artists that occurred in February, parishes across the Diocese of Palmerston North have been showcasing their sacred artwork for all to enjoy. Visit www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail to view the list of participating parishes and read some information on the various artworks you can admire around the diocese.

World Day of the Poor | Sunday 16 November

The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

Te Kupenga Online Webinar: Reflections on Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year "Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope" with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies. This webinar is on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

Save the Date: Closing of the Year of Jubilee

The closing of the Year of Jubilee for the diocese will take place on Sunday 1 February 2026, 10am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection | Sunday, 30 November 2025

The Clergy Trust Fund supports the well-being and care of priests in our Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all healthcare-related costs.

As medical expenses continue to rise, the Fund is under increasing pressure. Your contribution to this special collection is deeply appreciated—especially by our elderly and retired priests who directly benefit from your generosity.

Supporting this collection is a meaningful way to express gratitude for the pastoral care and service our priests have provided over the years. Every contribution helps.

With sincere thanks and blessings,

Monsignor Brian Walsh

Chairperson, Clergy Trust Fund, Diocese of Palmerston North

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



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Articles from our Year 6 Media Leader

Yr 6 Camp

On the 5th 6th and 7th of November the lucky year 6s got to go On camp for 2 nights and 3 days! We went to Vertical Horizons to have heaps of fun. Some of the things we did were:

The flying kiwi is where you are harnessed up onto a big long string and that big long string is connected to a huge wooden frame. Your team pulls onto the other end of the string and you run at the same time and you go flying!

Grass karts are a car with no motor 2 people go at a time. You sit down and put on helmets on the kart is secured onto this pole of wood and the kart drops at any minute. Then you go down a really big and dusty track.

The catwalk is where there is a huge long string that you need to get harnessed onto then you can climb up the ladder onto the big long log and you have to try to try walking to the other side!

Junior multi is where you are harnessed up to a huge long string and then you climb up the ladder to a thick wire that had thick strings suspended from above. The aim is to make it to the other side without falling off.

The mudrun was where we had to go in water with a heap of mud at the bottom.

Kayaking was where we got to kayaking around the huge lake And free swimming time.

It was sooooo much fun so a big thank you to our parent helpers vertical horizons staff and Me Smith and Mr O'Sullivan for coming!



By Media leader Olivia Soffe

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Puke Ariki

Trip

Did you know: that Puke Ariki actually means hill of chiefs? Wow.

On Tuesday the 11th of November Totara and Kauri had a class trip to Puke Ariki! We started off by sitting on the ground and listening to what Manu was saying then we went to Te Takapou Whāriki o Taranaki part of the museum and we learnt about the Maori traps from about 300 years ago in the bush and in the river. We also got to try this Maori tool where you swing in around really fast and hard it will make a noise like when you roll your R's and it's to attract kerurus. For those who are familiar with Puke Ariki you know that stone outside of the Maori section? Yeah! Manu taught us about that as well! And finally a big thank you to Puke Ariki and Mrs Smith.

By media Leader
Olivia Soffe



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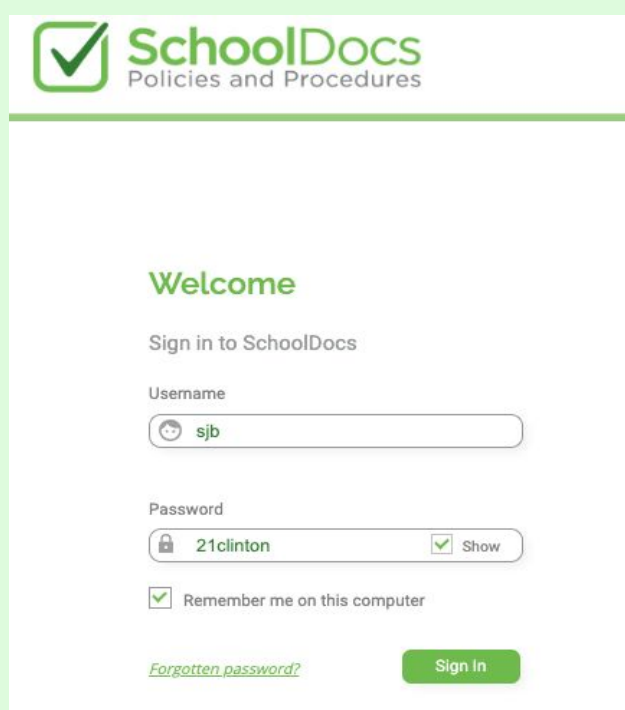


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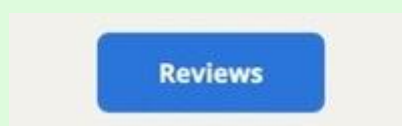
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Go to sjb.schooldocs.co.nz

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



Current policies under review:

- Bullying and Harassment
- Behaviour Management
- Minimising Physical Restraint

We welcome your feedback!

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Kelly Club



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Website: kellyclub.co.nz/sjb



KELLY CLUB ST JOHN BOSCO UPDATE

What's been happening...

It's been a blast at Kelly Club lately! We've loved our Pancake Fridays! flipping, topping and of course taste testing our creations! Fun didn't stop there, we got messy making snow fluff, cooled off with water fights and showed our creative sides turning toilet paper into fashion!



What's happening next week!

 THEME: Kids Choice! Term 4 Week 7, 17th November 2025					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fairy Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Veggie Chips & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fairy Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Brownies & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: UNO	Game: GGU	Game: RPS	Game: Twister	Game: Connect Four
	DISCOVERY Let's Enjoy a Movie	COOKING Dirt Pudding	GAME Four Corners	SPORT Handball	CRAFT Plant a Seed
3:45 – 4:30 pm					
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 5:00 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Game: Connect Four & Projects	Game: UNO & Projects	Game: Twister & Projects	Game: GGU & Projects	Game: RPS & Projects
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Community Notices



LIVE AUCTION STARTS 6.30PM
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PREVIEWING FROM 4PM

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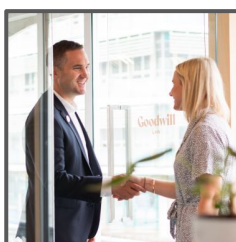
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