



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr Ryan Fleming

TO PROVIDE A CARING CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERED, INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE ARE FOSTERED AND CHILDREN ARE CHALLENGED TO PRODUCE THEIR BEST EFFORTS.



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

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 Harakeke

India Allan and her parents Sophie and Ross
 Rose Hanover joins her big brother Charley at school
 Jude Spicer and his parents Ashlee and Cody
 Millie Newell joins her big brother Jude at school

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.

We are at the end of the year - the fastest year in history, it feels like. Time has flown and we have had great fun and can nearly begin to reflect on a great year.

We are proud to report that the progress of our children in reading, writing and maths for 2025 has again been something to be proud of with children achieving at or above expectations in Reading at 87%, writing at 89% and maths at 86%. We are also proud that achievement levels for our tamariki māori remain in step with reading at 90%, maths at 77% and writing at 85%.

We have also met government attendance targets in Term 1, Term 2 and are touch and go for Term 4, but should make it. All schools need attendance management plans in place by the start of Term 1, 2026. You'll see ours published on the school website and we'll share it on HERO early next year.

What we are most proud of is that regardless of whether certain children achieve at the expectation we know all children are progressing and improving in a way they can all be proud of. We are also proud of the wide range of sporting, cultural and faith based experiences we provide in order to achieve our school vision of faith and foundations for the future.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff. Incredibly professional, relentlessly optimistic and driven to ensure all St John Bosco students can achieve their own personal best. The rate and breadth of change in education at the government level is quite significant. Throughout it all we have remained steadfast in our belief that our priority will always be to do our best everyday for the children in front of us and that we will adapt a change without losing the best of what we do. Change is an opportunity and we will be leveraging every new initiative or change in regulation to benefit our children as best we can.

It is a great time to thank a few of our stalwarts from the Community Fundraising Group. Justyna Staddon, Julia Mclean and Sonya Simpson have served our Community Group for nearly ten years each delivering projects that not only raise funds for better facilities but events and support systems that create a great community.

Have a great summer - we are blessed to live in this city and country which is a fantastic place to raise kids. Embrace everything it has to offer, refill the tank and come back excited for 2026.

Ngā Mihi Aroha
 Ryan Fleming



What's On

Last Day of Term 4

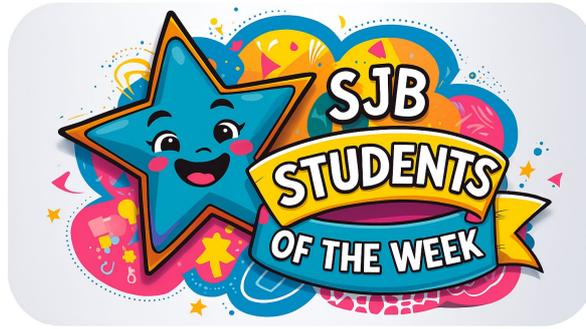
Friday 12 December - 3pm

First Day of Term 2026

Monday 2 February

SJB Picnic

Wednesday 11 February



Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 26th November

<i>Harakeke</i>	Sylvie Lee	
<i>Puriri</i>	Madison McCarten	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Leo Gilmour	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Karley Seator	Olive Menzies
<i>Nīkau</i>	Freddie Fleming	Lainie Johnson
<i>Horoeka</i>	Takumi Kirckcaldie	Ziggy Hunt
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Elyse Wales	Evie Price
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Knox Murdoch	Martha Michael Dass
<i>Karaka</i>	Aubrey Aston	Jeremy Johnson
<i>Rimu</i>	Elliot Diachok	Evie Tofts
<i>Tōtara</i>	Lachie Severinsen	Freya Connolly
<i>Kauri</i>	Stella Padman	Neve King

Congratulations to the following students who received Class Diligence Awards at our final school assembly on the 10th December

<i>Harakeke</i>	Arias Danaher	Matilda Speirs
<i>Puriri</i>	Harvey Snowden	Harper Lepper
<i>Koromoko</i>	Jack Harvey	Grace Jenkins
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Fergus Childs	Ariella Hill
<i>Nīkau</i>	Theo Diachok	Scarlett Cotter
<i>Horoeka</i>	Takumi Kirckcaldie	Lexie Taylor
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Jai Te Pau Konui-Whiting	Milla Gilmour
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Atticus Clarkson	Elliotte Shelswell
<i>Karaka</i>	Levi Hoyte	Olive Smiley
<i>Rimu</i>	Blake James	Josephine Carr
<i>Tōtara</i>	Shanmuk Kosuru	Eden Smith
<i>Kauri</i>	Ari Smith	Shae Bellringer

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A huge congratulations to the following students who received cups and special awards at our Graduation Ceremony last night. These awards recognise outstanding effort, attitude, and achievement throughout the year.

Overall Excellence Award

Oskar McGregor
Sofia Buchboeck

Leadership Award

Ari Smith
Neve King

Academic Award

Shanmuk Kosuru
Stella Padman

Service Award

Grace Smith

Sports Award

Cameron Wainwright
Amelia Ireland

Literacy Certificate

Bowen Smither
Neve King

Numeracy Certificate

Luke Brien
Stella Padman

Performing Arts Certificate

Tove Shelswell

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Graduation Awards



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Kowhai and Pohutukawa showed our school value of service this week as they went to Adele Senior Living to sing Christmas songs.



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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!

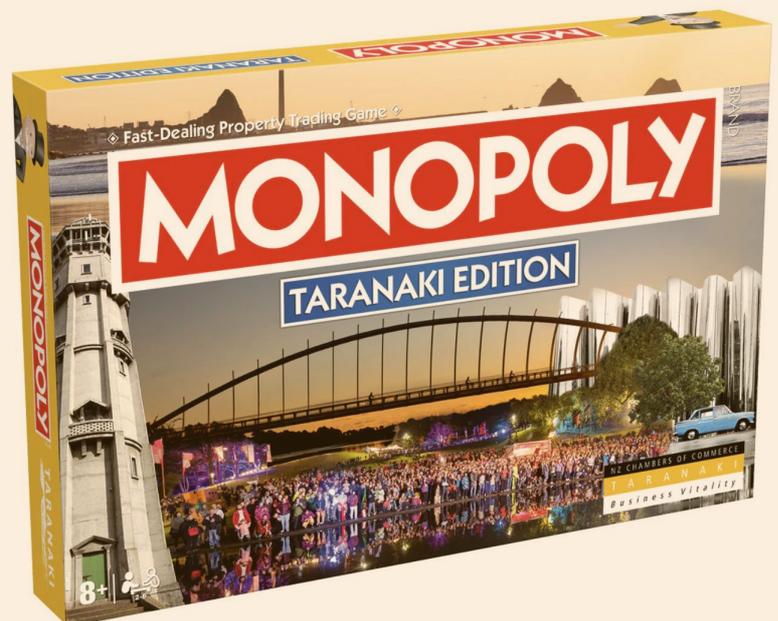
For every game purchased before the end of the school year using our school's unique code, our school receives a \$10 donation (you must use our school's unique code, which is SJB).

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



SERVICE



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

Mark 10:45



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



ADVENT begins this weekend

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. Traditionally, Advent wreaths hold four coloured candles, lit one by one through the four weeks of the season. These candles represent in order: hope, love, joy, and peace. Each is purple except the pink, which represents joy. A fifth candle, the white Christ candle, is added to the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. Advent wreaths are a great way to mark the Advent season and involve your household in the process. Make yours now!

This week we held a Liturgy to bless our classroom Advent Wreaths.



*Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ.
He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples;
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us;
He is the Saviour of every nation.
O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you.*

*Bless us all and our advent wreaths
May the light that shines forth from them illuminate our way as we journey towards Chr
May the light that shines forth from them illuminate our lives as we wait in hope for the
We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World.
Amen.*

Advent Bible Reading

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 9:6-7, (NIV)

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Weekly Advent Prayers for Families

Week 1, Hope (purple)

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace (purple)

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3, Joy (pink)

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love (purple)

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



Christmas prayer for your home

Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the light, joy and love you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas. Amen.

*May the love of Christ fill your home during the Christmas season.
Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone)*

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Messages from the Parish



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Join us for a morning filled with fun, carols, festive delights and Christmas crafting for children.

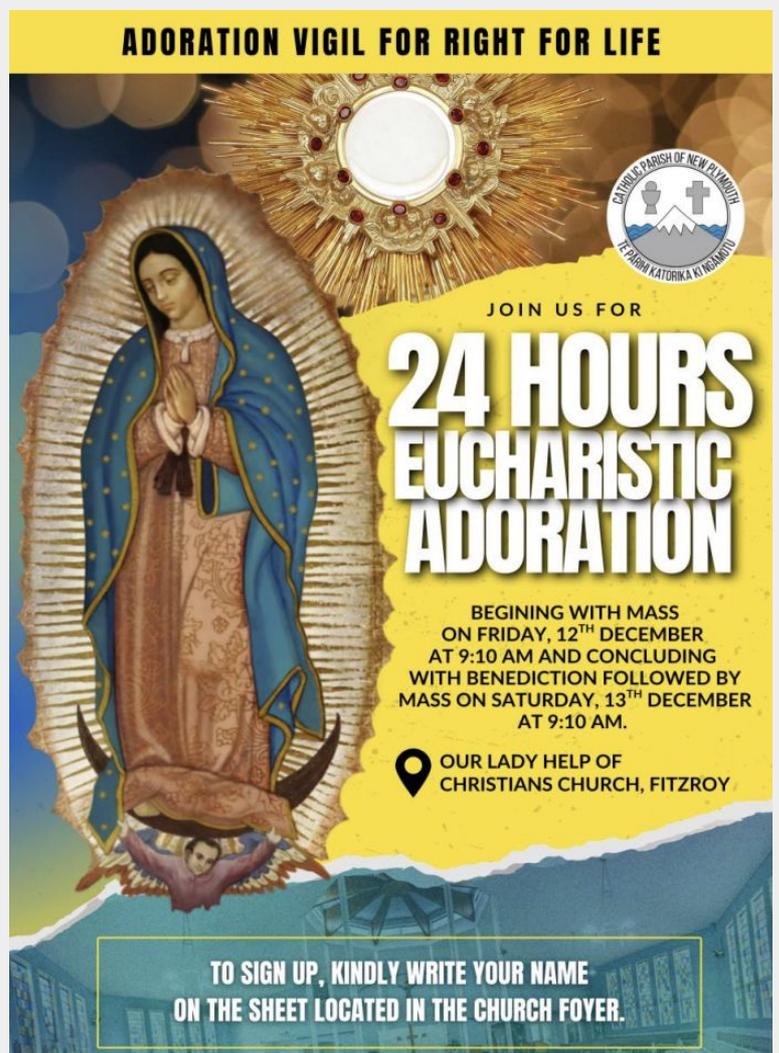
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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, FITZROY

TO SIGN UP, KINDLY WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET LOCATED IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

We are asking parishioners to sign the Adoration form in the foyer, just to ensure that someone is always with the Lord at Adoration. If you haven't signed up, it doesn't matter. You are welcome to just come at any time to Our Lady Help of Christians church, over the 24 hours, 9.10am Friday 12 December to 9.10am Saturday 13 December to spend a quiet time with the Lord.

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

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Advent and Christmas Schedule 2025

RITE I RECONCILIATION

<p>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH</p> <p>Saturday 6, 13 and 20 December 11.30am to 12.00 noon</p> <p>Tuesday 16 and 23 December- 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass</p> <p>Friday 12th and 19th December 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass</p> <p>Every Thursday during 7.00pm Adoration</p>	<p>ST JOSEPHS CHURCH EVENING</p> <p>Friday 19 December 5.00pm to 7.00pm</p> <p>RITE 1 RECONCILIATION: Several priests will be available sitting throughout the church for Rite 1 Reconciliation .</p> <p>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OKATO</p> <p>Saturday 13 & 20 December- 5.15pm to 5.45pm prior to the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm</p> <p>BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE</p> <p>Saturday 20 December 9.00am to 10.00am</p>	<p>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS</p> <p>Each Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm before Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 16 and 23 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.30am during Adoration</p> <p>Wednesday 17 and 24 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.00am</p> 
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 106 Powderham St New Plymouth	OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Clinton Street Fitzroy New Plymouth	ST PATRICK'S OKATO 36 Cumming Street Okato	BELL BLOCK MASS CENTRE 138 Parklands Ave Bell Block
<p>Wednesday 24 December - VIGIL MASS</p> <p>Carols - 7.30pm</p> <p>Mass - 8.00pm</p> <p>MIDNIGHT MASS</p> <p>Carols 11.30pm</p> <p>Mass 12.00am</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 December VIGIL MASS</p> <p>Carols - 6.30pm</p> <p>Mass - 7.00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 December VIGIL MASS</p> <p>Carols - 6.45pm</p> <p>Mass- 7.00pm</p>	
<p>Thursday 25 December Mass 9.00am</p>	<p>Thursday 25 December Mass 9.00am</p>		<p>Thursday 25 December - Mass Carols - 10.15am Mass - 10.30am</p>

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Messages from the Diocese

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.

Catholic Mass Times App

As we approach the Christmas season, many individuals who do not regularly attend Mass, or those visiting family around the country, will be searching online for Christmas Mass times and locations.

One of the most common platforms people use is the Catholic Mass Times app. Travellers, seekers, and returning Catholics find this a quick and convenient way to find the nearest parish.

The app is free to download and update via Apple and Android app stores, or at

<https://catholicmasstimes.com/>

Scripture Focus this Advent | Living the Word

You are invited to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will hear that weekend. Marist priest Fr Frank Bird has for several years been helping people make those preparations through his Living the Word project. As the name suggests, Living the Word is an invitation for Catholics and others to allow the Word of God to shape their lives. You can download the resources, and access other rich content, at www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray

Food For Faith for Advent 2025

Daily reflections for those seeking greater maturity of Christian Faith in preparation for Christmas. Sign up to receive daily emails during Advent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Catholic Kiwi Podcast

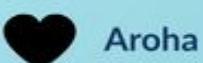
Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

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KELLY CLUB ST JOHN BOSCO UPDATE

What's been happening...

Staff week at Kelly Club was a blast, we got creative with paper mache balloons, battled it out in our new favorite board game The Game of Life and decorated some funny face cookies and top it off, the kids challenged the coaches to some epic relays.



What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Kiwi Christmas!				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club St John Bosco	
		Term 4 Week 10, 8th December 2025					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
3:00 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time					
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Popcorn & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea PANCAKE FRIDAYS!		
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	Game: Turkey Tag		
	SPORT Bat Down Cricket	COOKING Reindeer Christmas Pops	CRAFT Kiwi Christmas Ornaments	GAME Hit the Sleigh	DISCOVERY Christmas Smell Game		
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					
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Game: Bam Bam Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects		

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📅 Ages: 6-12
Boys and girls are welcome!
 🕒 Time: 9.30am - 11am
 📅 Dates: 17th, 23rd of December
 📍 Location: Bell Block, confirmed upon booking
 💰 Cost = \$20 for a lesson

***ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED**

Contact **Victoria** on **022 121 8075** to confirm your child's space ASAP



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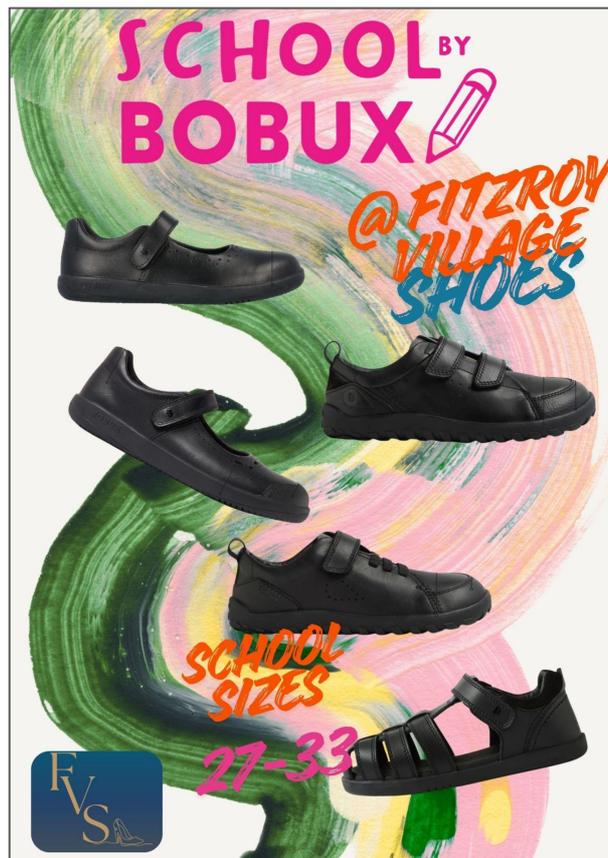
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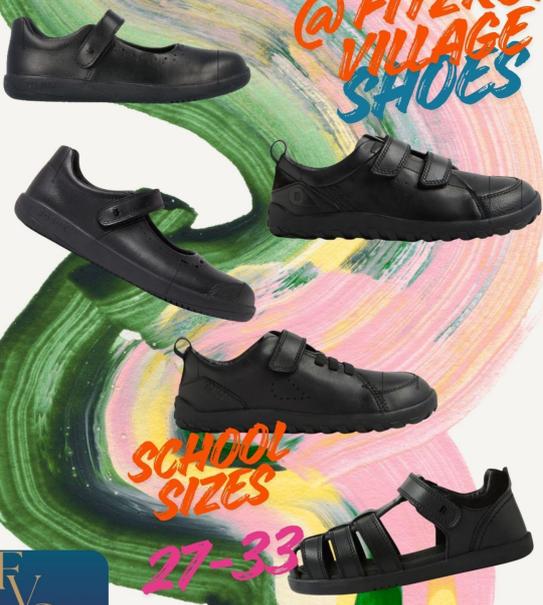
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