ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

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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 1
Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April

Term 2
Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4
Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

What's On

School Mass
Sunday 15 March

Whanau Hui
Wednesday 18th - 6pm

Ambrose Golf Tournament
Sunday 22 March

BOT Meeting
Tuesday 24 March, 6pm

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 Koromiko
Ellis Hunt joins his big sister Ziggy 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.

This week has been Random Acts of Kindness week which we live out each year in memory of former student Gabby Devine. All week staff and students have been going above and beyond to show kindness and care for each other. It is a real privilege to be a part of and a great reminder of how good it is to do a little something positive for someone. You might also notice painted rocks hidden around the school - that was the SHGC hostel girls late last night popping in little surprises for our children to discover today. Carolyn Robinson from 7 Sharp has been in and out of school over the past fortnight grabbing shots for a feature on Gabby's legacy that lives on through Starlit Hope, Random Acts of Kindness week, her incredible family that give so much to so many in our community and much more. I'm told the story could be on 7 Sharp tonight.

Well done to our Year 3 - 6 students who braved the cold at swimming sports today. I'm really impressed with the calibre of swimming across the range of children at St John Bosco. The jump off the diving board with the life jacket on was a real highlight. MVP of the day for me was Lucia Dawick. The determination and resilience she showed on the top diving board was amazing. It is very high up there and it was scary for Lucia. She just couldn't make herself jump so I climbed up and gave her the option to come back down. When we got back to the top of the stairs, she had the courage to tell the Principal that 'no, I really want to do it' and then she went straight out and jumped off the top diving board. What a great example for everyone in our community of how to show determination, resilience and take responsible risks.

Thanks to everyone who came and connected with their child's teacher as part of the whanau connect meetings last week. We had a slight shift in focus from academics to the settling in, habits, social and emotional side to ensure all children are ready to achieve their best in all areas throughout the rest of the year. Our teachers do love sitting down in person with you and chatting about something that is very important to us and you - your child.

School Mass is this Sunday at 10:30. It is really important that we have a large turnout from our community. Please remember donations for the foodbank. I have also heard there may be a sausage sizzle and ice cream truck after!

Plans for our biggest fundraiser, the Ambrose Golf Tournament are well underway. There are still a few teams spaces left. If you can help out on the day for an hour or so with the food and drink tents please let Amy Theys know via amy.theys3@gmail.com

See you Sunday!

Ngā Mihi Aroha
Ryan Fleming

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 students who worked hard to prepare and submit their CVs for the 2026 school leadership positions. We are incredibly proud to announce our school leaders for 2026 as follows:

Ambassadors: Liam Dhanjee, Josephine Carr, Lexi White, Peyton Crosswell, Theo Dawick & Enzo Moratti

Special Character: Frederick Gunn, Eden Smith, Evie Tofts & Sofia Cipriano

House Leaders:
Darnell - Sebastian Lupton & Isabelle Harvey
Rewarewa - Miller Ormond & Lachlan Severinsen
Barbier - Ashton O'Keeffe & Maia Haenga
Waiwhakaiho - Elliot Diachok & Eloise Clarkson

Sports Leaders: Mack Wood, Bentlee Massey, Carter Brown, Ryan Coombe, Max Hamilton, Daniel Kotze, Harper Heal, Luke King & Darci Dumbell

ICT Leaders: Blake James & Luca Maw

Cultural Leaders: Moss James & Bree Parker-Bishop

Mediators: Rosa Carr, Charlotte Roche, Rachel Chamany, Adeline Murdoch, Isla Bishop, Sofia Dioglois, Iyla Walsh, Isla Menzies & Millie Bridgeman

Media Leaders: Jericho Rios, Tommy Mikloska & Emily Muller

Enviro Leaders: Hannah Sinclair & Liam Dhanjee

Librarians: Veronica Dacko, Lachlan Severinsen, Sofia Dioglois, Fable-Bea Fox & McKinley Evans-Cooke

Year 6 Leaders for 2026

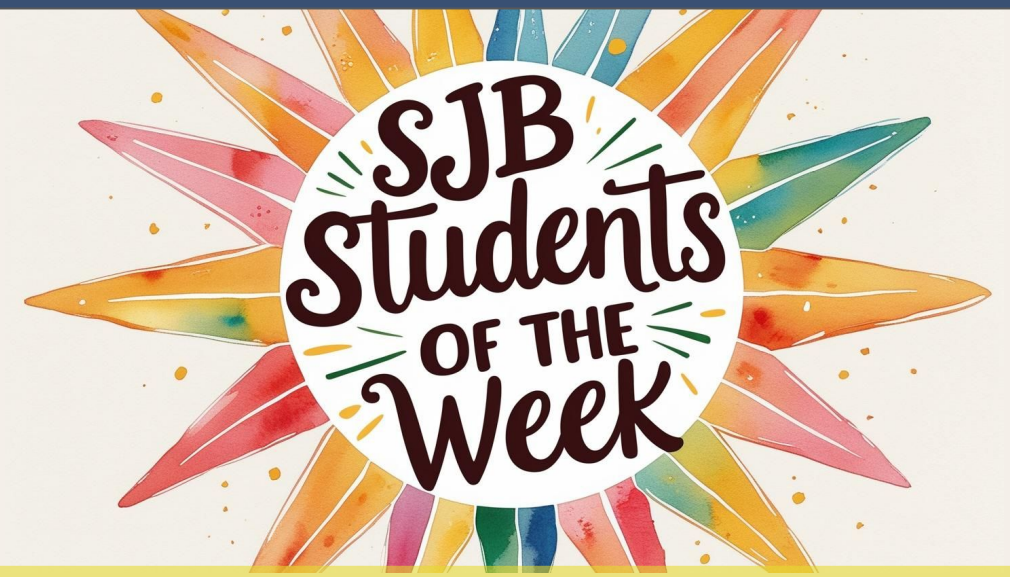
Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 25th February

Puriri	Matilda Speirs	
Koromoko	Roletta Faifua	
Kawakawa	Tayla Kumm	Tommy Cran
Nīkau	Aritz Williamson Sasia	Amelia Feek
Horoeka	Amelia Gamlin	Noah Murfitt
Kōwhai	Lainie Johnson	Ella Hohaia
Pōhutukawa	Freddie Fleming	Frankie Kerry
Karaka	Mackenzie Kumm	Everly Snowdon
Rimu	Jessica Ireland	Sean Simon
Tōtara	Jericho Rios	Maia Haenga
Kauri	Isla Bishop	Isabelle Harvey

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 11th March

Puriri	Kai Crosswell	
Koromoko	Poppy Crocker	
Kawakawa	Harriet Christensen	Lachie Connolly
Nīkau	Bodhi Johns	Eva Black
Horoeka	Jude Downey	Sophia Fastier
Kōwhai	Emmerson Ormond	Samantha Cipriano
Pōhutukawa	Asa Sako-Holmes	Delilah Hutchinson
Karaka	Mikaela Baikie	Violett Moratti
Rimu	Lily Rush	Hunter Loto
Tōtara	Peyton Crosswell	Liam Dhanjee
Kauri	Maddison Theys	Carter Brown

Special Character

RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for March 2026 ***For disarmament and peace:***

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

This year the Caritas theme for Lent 2026 is

'HEAR THE VOICE, ANSWER THE CALL
WHAKARONGO KI TE REO, WHAKAHOKIA TE KARANGA.

In Week 8 on Friday 27th March St John Bosco school will be completing the CARITAS Challenge. ***Our challenge will be a LIVE-A-THON.*** You should have received a sponsorship form this week for your whanau to raise some money for our CARITAS CHALLENGE.

We will be "spending 1 day to make a difference for a lifetime" while raising money to support vulnerable communities impacted by climate change through the He Oranga Taurikura programme.

During our LIVE-A-THON day, children will have a little bit of an experience similar to what life is like for the children living in these countries.

During the day we will spend some time learning how to build temporary structures with limited resources such as they would have to in many of the countries that we are raising money to support. We are also asking tamariki to experience a little hardship and ask that if able on our Challenge day, that they only eat plain rice or simple sandwiches for lunch instead of their usual yummy lunches (no packet food). We will supply the cooked rice at school. If your child would prefer not to join in for the simple lunch option, they may choose to give up something else at home to raise money for sponsorship.

We are encouraging every SJB whanau to raise some money for this appeal through asking for sponsorship donations.

Please return this form and money to school by Wednesday 25th March.

Important Feast Days:

17th March ST PATRICK

St. Patrick was a brave Catholic Bishop who brought faith to Ireland long ago, known for using a shamrock to teach about God and famously (but maybe not really) driving snakes out of the country, becoming Ireland's special helper and why we celebrate with green on March 17th. He was actually born in Britain, kidnapped as a teen, became a slave in Ireland, escaped, and then chose to return as a missionary.

19th March ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joseph was a compassionate caring man, who did everything he could to keep his family safe. He is remembered for his willingness to follow God's commands and the way he put his family first.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

Saint John Bosco School and Parish Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy

Sunday 15th March at 10:30am

During mass we will have a blessing for our School Staff and Board of Trustees.

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

Please also remember to bring a donation for the Foodbank

Thank you

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 6	**Sunday 15 March**	**SCHOOL MASS**
Week 7	Wednesday 18 March	Horoeka & Nīkau
Week 8	Wednesday 25 March	Karaka & Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 1 April	Pōhutukawa & Kōwhai

St John Bosco School Led Sunday Mass Dates 2026

Term 1: Sunday 15 March
Term 2: Sunday 7 June
Term 3: Sunday 13 September
Term 4: Sunday 29 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.

Messages from the Parish

Alpha

Explore Life Faith Meaning

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a 10-week programme that creates a space where people of all ages, backround, and cultures come together to discuss life, faith, and Jesus.

- Connect with new people in our parish
- Enjoy a meal and a meaningful conversation
- Watch an episode on topic of faith
- Ask questions and share your thoughts

alphanteam@cotholicparishnp.nz

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME.

SIGN UP

Alpha starts on Thursday 23 April 2026 6 pm to 8 pm St Joseph's Church Hall

Join us for an incredible journey of faith and discovery! Don't miss out—register online now at our website: www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2026!

We are happy to invite all parents to an important event about supporting your child on their confirmation journey!

Join us for the Parents' Information Evening, "EMPOWERING PARENTS," on Wednesday, 25 March 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at St Joseph's Church Hall.

We need you to attend, as this evening will provide you with useful insights and tools to support your child. If you can't make it, please let me know by email at youth@catholicparishnp.nz.

We look forward to seeing you there and empowering each other!

Susila Kentjana **Youth Minister**

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

CONFIRMATION 2026

FOOD FOR FAITH LENT: For daily readings, podcasts, prayer requests and Lent encouragements go to Food For Faith. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz to prepare for Easter by receiving daily email encouragements with Fr John O'Connor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent beginning 20th February, at 5:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Fitzroy. Also, the Syro-Malabar Community Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at St. Joseph's Church at 7:00pm in Malayalam language.

Anointing Mass at Bell Block Catholic Centre, 21st March, Saturday, 9.30am, followed by morning tea. Everyone welcome. Residents in resthomes will be anointed after the Mass.

Click here for the latest Parish Newsletter

Messages from the Diocese

Chrism Mass | Save the Date

This year's Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday 31 March, 12:05pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome.

Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama | Saturday 11 April 2026

A new date has been confirmed, and we are continuing to take expressions of interest for our second pilgrimage to Hiruhārama. We look forward to sharing this beautiful journey of faith together.

If interested, email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz with your name, parish and phone number.

Submissions on Liturgical Posture in the Diocese still open

If you haven't had a chance to email Bishop John around the issue of Liturgical Posture in the Diocese, the deadline for submissions has been extended to Easter Sunday (5 April).

Please send all submissions to bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz if you would like to share your thoughts.

More information can be found at
https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2025/12/liturgical-posture-in-the-diocese-of-palmerston-north

LENTEN RESOURCES

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Behold Lenten Companion | Fourth Week of Lent

Behold – Seeing with Eyes Made New

"I was blind and now I see."

This week, we ask Christ to open our eyes to His light and grace. The Behold Lenten Companion helps us notice God's quiet work within us and grow in gratitude.

Joy is born from encounter with Christ. Behold the Light. Download this week's resource at
https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Behold-2026-Fourth-Week-of-Lent.pdf

Ashes to Hope | Caritas Lent Webinar Series

Journey through lent with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops and others of the faith as they guide us in prayer and reflection on each Sunday's Gospel. **Wednesdays in lent, 7:30pm to 8:30pm.**

The next webinar, 'The Man Born Blind' with Bishop Paul Martin, will be on Wednesday 18 March.

Registrations are now open: visit www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars

FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS

Growing in maturity of Faith accompanied by Food For Faith through Lent with daily reflections at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Click here for the latest Diocesan update

Online Lunch Ordering at School with Ezlunch

From this term, our school will be using **Ezlunch**, part of the **Kindo** platform, for all online lunch orders.

Ezlunch provides a simple, mobile-friendly way for families to order fresh, tasty lunches from the same local providers you already know and love. Ordering is quick and easy, payments are secure, and lunches are delivered reliably to school.

Lunch days remain the same, with **Sushi available on Wednesdays** and **Subway available on Fridays**.

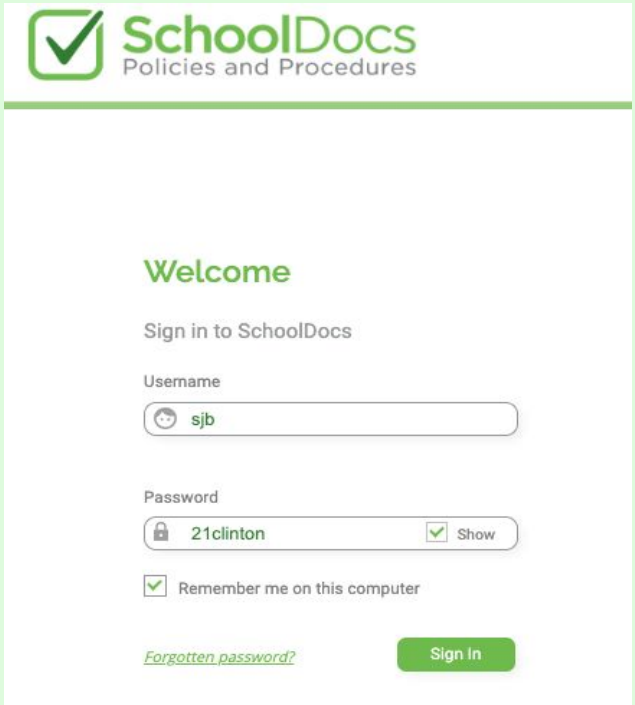
Parents and caregivers can place orders using the **Kindo app** (available on iPhone and Android) and choose from a range of convenient payment options, including card, bank transfer, Google Pay, Apple Pay, and more. The system also includes helpful allergen alerts and automated reminders, helping ensure no one misses out on lunch day.

Ezlunch is free for schools, reduces administration time, and makes it easier for families to stay organised.

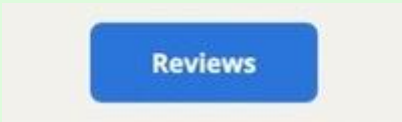
Get involved with School Policy Reviews

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:

- Sun Protection
- Alcohol, Drugs & Other Harmful Substances Policy
- Digital Technology and Online Safety
- AI Policy

We welcome your feedback!

Kelly Club

KELLY CLUB

Contact: Aimee Callaghan
Phone: 021648 074
Email: sjb@kellyclub.co.nz
Website: kellyclub.co.nz/sjb

What's Up AT YOUR CLUB!

KELLY CLUB SJB UPDATE

What's been happening...

We have been having so much fun with "Staff Choice" this week, We have made filled scones with Kaia, yummy cheese and garlic and pizza scones, played multi sports with Gemma and got creative making a solo ping pong board with Levi!

What's happening in the Holidays!

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! *Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Community Notices

Our School Core Values

Love | Resilience | Co-operation | Service

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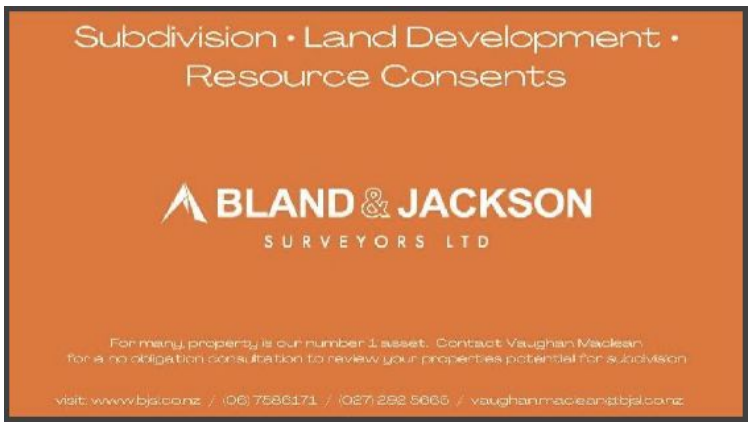

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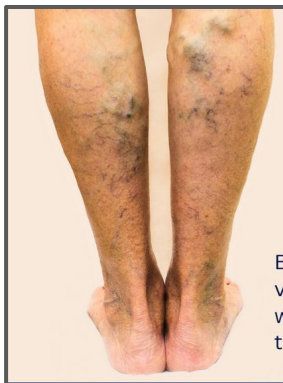

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