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Principal: Mr Ryan Fleming

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Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 20 April -
Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July -
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October -
Tuesday 15 December

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

Piper McDowall, who joins her big brother Finn

Ruma Koromiko

Bailey Anamani, who joins her big brother Luca
Benji Bennett and his parents Lauren and Brad
Lily Hohaia, who joins her big sister Ella

Ruma Tōtara

Makai Fuglistaller and his parents Kaahuia and Scott

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.

I want to start by thanking our amazing teachers who are working tirelessly in the background to overhaul our reporting and assessment systems to align with the new government criteria. All change is hard but it is especially so when all the learning and changing can't be done between 8:30-3 as they're focused on teaching our wonderful children. I feel very privileged to work with such dedicated, committed and courageous people. I am also very comfortable with how we are tracking towards implementing this change. We have moved away from the regular 'real time' reporting on HERO to twice yearly only. You will receive the first of these new reports in week 11 of this term.

Our Year 5 & 6 interschool sports squad have had a successful past fortnight. Friday the 15th of May saw us host Merrilands for Netball and Football where we took out both games. Yesterday we travelled out to Waitara East to play rugby, netball A & B, football and chess. Waitara East School is an amazing place with incredible hospitality and the entire exchange is a real privilege. We won both netball games, the football, the chess and narrowly went down in a very spirited game of rugby. Many thanks to all our coaches including Dan & Mark with the football, Mrs Ormond and Amy with the netball, Jane for refing and Jono with the rugby team.

This week we farewell Mrs Clough who is off on maternity leave! We wish Brooke and Richard all the best with the birth of their first child. Children made her gifts, books and advice mantras which were presented at jump jam today. Those of us in attendance also noticed the subtle changes to the jump jam moves as an ode to Mrs Clough, particular in our favourite - 'ice, ice baby'. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Edwin slot straight in next week after a couple of really valuable handover days in the past week.

I also want to give a shout out to one of our CRT/specialist teacher extraordinaires Mrs Erin Smith who embarks also embarks on another type of amazing adventure. With her own children having flown the coop, she and husband Adam are off to Rarotonga where they have set up an electrical business and Erin an online tutoring business. We expect her back in the country before long too!

Another short week next with King's Birthday public holiday on Monday - enjoy the precious family time.

Ngā Mihi Aroha - Ryan Fleming



What's On

King's Birthday

Monday 1 June

Y5/6 Interschool at St Pius

Friday 5 June

School Mass

Sunday 7 June, 10:30 -12

Second Hand Uniform Sale

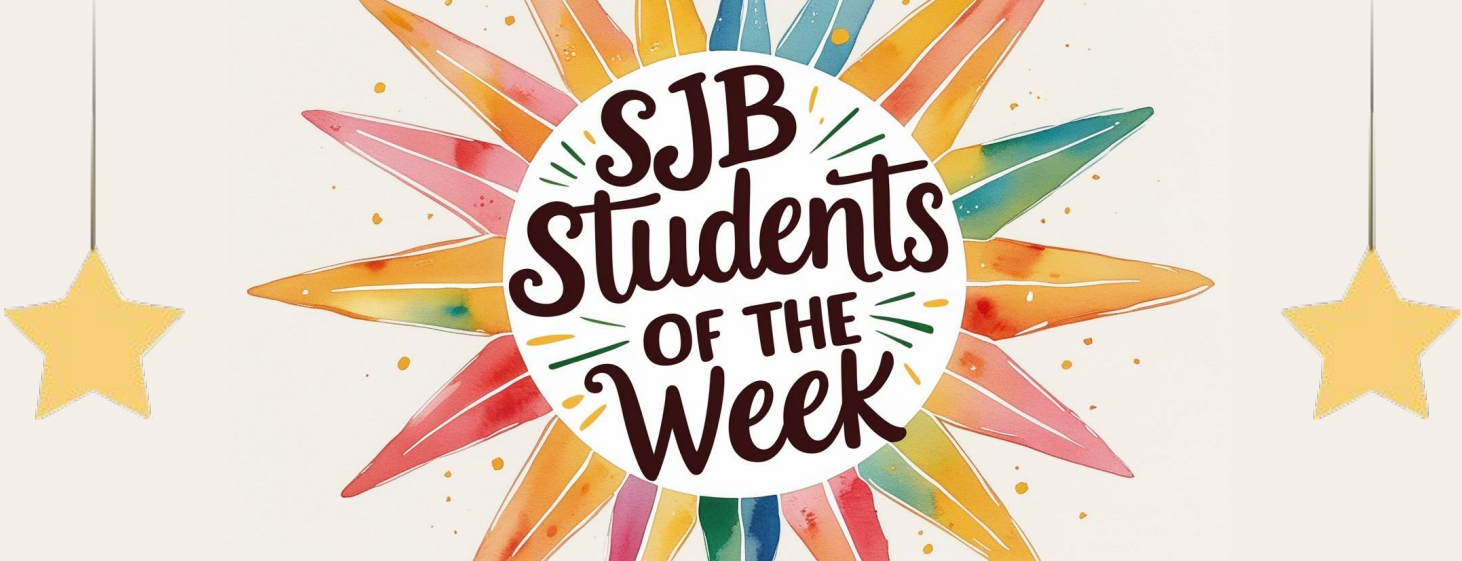
Wednesday 17 June, 2.30pm
Junior Breakout Space

School Disco

Wednesday 24 June,
5.30pm-7.00pm

Y5/6 Interschool hosting Mangorei

Friday 26 June



SJB Students OF THE Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 13th May

*Puriri**Koromoko**Kawakawa**Nīkau**Horoeka**Kōwhai**Pōhutukawa**Karaka**Rimu**Tōtara**Kauri*

Olive Rapley

Cooper Mundie

Harvey Snowden

Aiya McGregor

Finn Wesley

Alfie Landrigan

Marial Lijo

Lars Holtom

Amadea Stanway

Adeline Murdoch

Matisse Ngeru

Ava Dioglois

Aria Williamson

Bodhi Lamplough

Claire Martin

Gordon Keighley

Joyce Ma

Angus Gilmour

Max Hamilton

Iyla Walsh

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Harriet Childs

Indie Taylor

Goldie McFadyen

Raphaël Paoli

Pippa Davy

Elsie Rapley

Luca Anamani

Jesse Theys

Henry Delvin

Elliot Diachok

Veronica Dacko

Skye Haveswood

Arlette MacKay

Angus Keighley

Skye Collins

Lexi Taylor

Macy Coward

Sienna Dawick

Charlotte Roche

Ashton O'Keeffe

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RESILIENCE
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



**David Loving-Molloy will be running a
Hidden Disability Sunflower Scheme (HDSS) Training Workshop
at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 106 Powderham St. on Friday 29th May from
5.30pm – 7.45pm BYO DINNER
For more information, contact
David Loving-Molloy: catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz**

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For more information, please visit hdsunflower.com/au



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for May 2026 *That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Easter has come to an end: The Church has entered again into **Ordinary Time** after the Easter Season.

Ordinary time is the longest liturgical season, focused on growing in faith, learning the life of Jesus, and following saints. Symbolised by the color green. It is "ordered" time, not mundane, perfect for building daily prayer habits, exploring Saint stories, and practicing virtues at home. **Ordinary time is a time to do extraordinary things for Jesus.**



Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. One week after the Ascension, on the 50th day after Easter, the feast of Pentecost is celebrated. Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which empowered them to go out and begin spreading the Gospel. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the founding of the Church (sometimes called "the birthday of the Church") and the beginning of its mission to all peoples.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...

Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 7th June at 10:30am



*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

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Important Feast Days



This Saturday (30 May) is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

Jesus, this world holds many dangers for our children. Keep them safe from accidents, illness and injury. Protect them from anyone who would abuse or exploit their innocence. Guard them from falsehoods and media who would deny Your truth and discourage their faith. Shield them from gossip and slander, loneliness and rejection. Be their mighty Guardian and peaceful shelter wherever they go. Amen.

Trinity Sunday (31st May)

The feast of the Holy Trinity. This is a fundamental Christian belief. The words from the Apostles and Nicæan Creed are a statement of belief since the 4th Century. It was formulated from the lived experience of the church since the time of Christ. Its roots lie in Scripture and the faith of the earliest disciples.



I believe in one God
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ
I believe in the Holy Spirit

I believe in **one, holy, catholic** and **apostolic Church**

Catholic here means universal and apostolic means from the apostle.

Sacred Heart of Jesus (12th June)



The Sacred Heart devotions are very old dating back to the 10th and 16th Century.

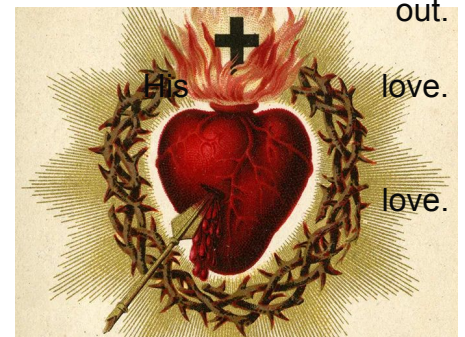
The Heart: Represents Jesus' human heart and His deep love for all people.

The Flames: Symbolise the "burning" or intense heat of His love that never goes out.

The Cross: A reminder of how much Jesus sacrificed to show

The Crown of Thorns: Represents the times His heart is hurt by our sins or when we forget His

The Wound: Shows that Jesus' heart is open to everyone



Catholic holy card depicting the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ca. 1880.

Auguste Martin collection, University of Dayton Libraries. (photo: Credit: 'Turgis', via Wikimedia Commons)

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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 available for preschoolers, please don't worry about little ones making noise during the Mass.

We would also love you to stay after each Mass for a special morning tea and fellowship with our parishioners and other families.

Week	Date	Classes Attending
Week 7	Wednesday 3 June Sunday 7 June	Horoeka & Nīkau SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 10 June	Tōtara & Kauri
Week 9	Wednesday 17 June	Nga Kakano
Week 10	Wednesday 24 June	Pōhutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 11	Wednesday 1 July	Horoeka & Nīkau

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Messages from the Parish

Job Vacancy: Youth Minister – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is seeking a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish.

This role involves running youth groups and events, leading the Confirmation programme, building strong relationships with local Catholic colleges, and encouraging young people to take an active part in parish life.

For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz. Applications have been extended to Tuesday 16 June.

St Vincent De Paul Community Meals requires a cook for the third Tuesday (to make pudding) and one for the fourth Tuesday (to make a pasta bake eg: mac & cheese) each month.

Please contact Liz for more information. 0226430252, eogooch@gmail.com.



SHINE

SHINE Junior Youth Group is designed for children aged 8 to 12 years.

We gather every Sunday during the school term at St. Joseph Church Hall from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass
Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School Breakout Space.



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

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS

at Our Lady Help of Christians at 9.00am in the church foyer. For more details please contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



Click here for the [latest Parish Newsletter](#)

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Messages from the Diocese

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October.

Those interested are asked to register at [St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026](#)

Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>

Urgent Need for Christian Foster Parents

The Open Home Foundation is calling on any Christians who feel called to be foster parents. You can make a difference, if just for a weekend, a week or long-term.

Contact Jo.Berrington-Hince@ohf.org.nz for more information. You can also watch their promo video here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S9cmZ6XyMGr4n2iVOe49VhzNepTy-YT5/view>

Click here for the latest [Diocesan Update](#)

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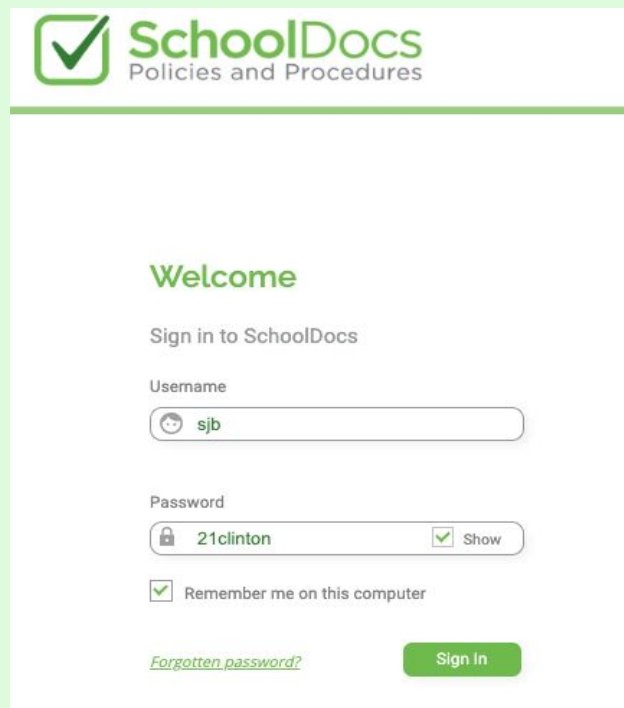


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Policies and Procedures

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Sign in to SchoolDocs

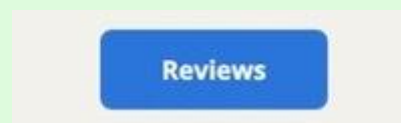
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Once you're into the website click the blue register button and see what policies are under review



Current policies under review:

- School Swimming Pool
- Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

We welcome your feedback!

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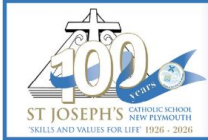


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Community Notices



**St Joseph's School New Plymouth
Centenary - Register online**
23rd-25th October 2026



We are delighted to be approaching a special milestone in the life of **St Joseph's Catholic School New Plymouth**, and we warmly invite past students, staff, and families to join us in this joyful celebration of this **Mission Sisters'**, **RNDM** historic and iconic school! This will be a meaningful time to come together in fellowship, to reconnect, and to give thanks for the spiritual purpose and history of the school, and the many memories and blessings shared within our school community.

Please mark your calendars for **Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October**. We kindly ask you to complete the **"Register Your Interest"** form here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>

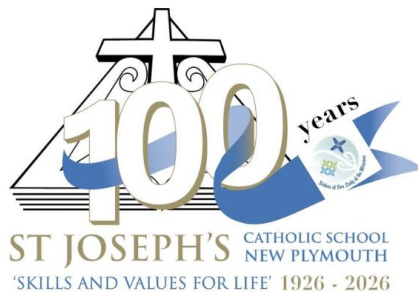
As our planning continues and we gain a clearer idea of numbers attending, further details will be shared here. In the spirit of community, please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who have been part of St Joseph's Catholic School, so we can gather as widely as possible.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by following our Facebook page, where you can see the life and spirit of our school as it continues today.

We look forward to welcoming you back, renewing connections, and celebrating together as a faith-filled whānau.

For further updates, the following is the official **Centenary Facebook** page:

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Community Notices - Cyber Safety Info

Our children live in a different world to the one we were raised in and the presence of screens is one major difference.

I do think the tide is turning and whanau are becoming more aware and more deliberate in their choices around what they let their children access. I see far less children on screens in public places compared to a few years ago. The next frontier really is the adult phone use but that's a story for another day.

At St John Bosco we are really intentional about our use of technology and committed to ensure if we use it, its for good justifiable reasons. We have good systems through Apple School Manager, Jamf, Google Admin and N4L. This, alongside developing children of good character and integrity who make good choices means it is rare for us to deal with tech related behavioral matters. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with Ryan.

There are a number of organisations out there championing intentional screen decisions for childhood and below are some links to a couple if you were interested. "Screenstrong" and "Smartphone free childhood". Tap on the pictures to be taken to their websites.

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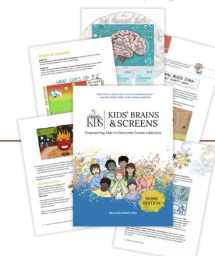


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