



# 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 3

Monday 20 July -  
Friday 25 September

### Term 4

Monday 12 October -  
Tuesday 15 December

### Term 1 2027

Thursday 28 January -  
Friday 9 April

### Term 2 2027

Tuesday 27 April -  
Friday 2 July

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**

Lennox Stevens who joins his big brother Lincoln  
 Jamie Williamson and his parents Lucy and Callum  
 Madeline Gamlin who joins his big sister Amelia  
 Rhett Hurley and his parents Andrea and Liam

#### **Ruma Koromiko**

Gia Hamilton who joins her big brother Max and sister Essie  
 Ada Landrigan who joins her big brother Alfie  
 Oscar Singleton and his parents Amy-Louise and Todd

#### **Ruma Harakeke**

Margot Cribb who joins her big brother Jude  
 Georgie Fevre and her parents Tara and Jamie  
 Amelia Kebin and her parents Reny and Kebin  
 Emilia Murray and her parents Caitlyn and Nathan  
 Edison Thomas and his parents Babisha and Siju

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.



## What's On

### **BOT Meeting**

Tuesday 11 August, 6pm

### **Life Education Truck**

Wednesday 12- Friday 14  
August

### **Teacher Only Day**

Friday 21 August

### **School Cross Country**

Friday 4 September

### **School Mass**

Sunday 13 September

### **Taranaki Cross Country**

Wednesday 23 September

Congratulations to our Interschool Netball team who won their final today against Coastal. The team has had a great season and have now gone back to back with victories. A huge thank you to Mrs Ormond for all the extra work she has put into the team. Our Interschool Rugby team have has their final postponed till next Tuesday as Waitara East were unable to field a team. Their final will be at home next Tuesday at 11:30am. Many thanks to coach Jono Murdoch who has the team well oiled and ready to go.

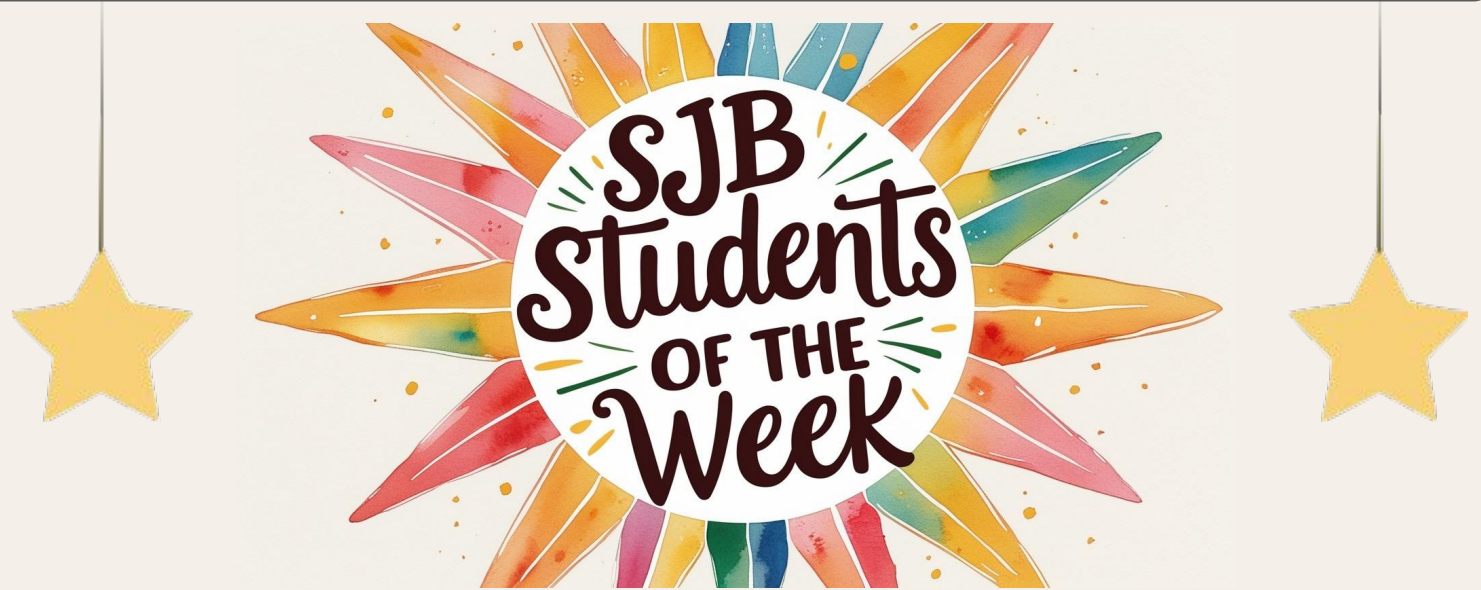
I want to thank everybody who came to parent interviews last week. It is a big couple of days but our staff loved them and came away buzzing from all the positive interaction, great questions and discussions. I know our students are very fortunate to have such invested parents and such quality teachers.

I have had plenty of discussions with parents about our big push around our school value of 'co-operation' this term. It is great to hear that the talk is coming home! Being willing to work together, compromise, find solutions and work towards common goals is an essential part of being part of the St John Bosco School community, so thanks for the shared commitment!

Lastly I would like to acknowledge the passing of Wayne 'Arm' Martin, grandfather of James and Claire Martin and Noah Murfitt. Wayne was an ever present grandparent, often dropping his grandies off in his blue ute. We are blessed with some sporting talent at all levels of our community and he is one of Taranaki Cricket's all time greats and a man held in very high regard in his communities for his calm, reassuring demeanour - something we can all aspire to in the hustle and bustle of the modern world.

*~ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
 May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace ~*

Ngā Mihi Aroha - Ryan Fleming



**Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our school assembly on the 22nd July**

*Puriri*

*Koromoko*

*Kawakawa*

*Nīkau*

*Horoeka*

*Kōwhai*

*Pōhutukawa*

*Karaka*

*Rimu*

*Tōtara*

*Kauri*

Marlo Johns

Nina Fleming

Ella Robinson

Theo Aston

Austin Bellamy

Harrison Loto

Ida Adams

Chloe McCarten

Martha Michael Dass

Makai Fuglistaller

Sebastian Lupton

Will Taylor

Georgia Radich

Indi Cina

Cora Te Pau Konui-Whiting

Quinn Purcell

Elysie Wales

Sophie Becroft

Evie Tofts

Ellie Bellringer

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# Special Character



## CO-OPERATION

For we are partners working together for God.

1 Corinthians 3:9



### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for August 2026 For evangelisation in the city

*Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community*

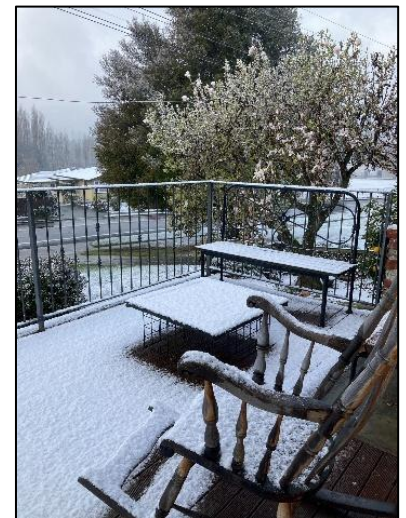
Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flower seeds still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Spring is but a short time away. And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the warmth of your love and help see your light in our friends and family.

Amene



### Grandparents / Special Friends Day

It was great to see so many grandparents and special friends at our celebration Mass and morning tea to celebrate the Feast Day of St Joachim and St Anne - Jesus' grandparents. 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.

Sunday 26th July was World Grandparents day. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was started by Pope Francis, and is celebrated on the fourth Sunday every July, near the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. It is a time to be thankful for all grandparents' lives, support and love.

### **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.*

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## **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.



### **Sacramental Programmes**

Last Friday we had 27 children from our school, 110 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.



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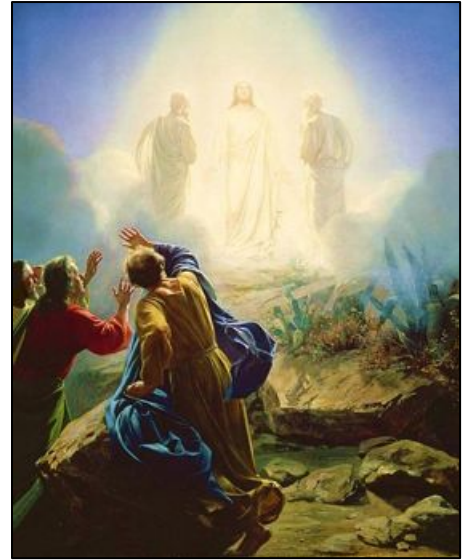
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## **Important Feast Days**

### **Transfiguration of Jesus - August 6**

What does Transfiguration mean?

In the Bible, transfiguration means a complete, glowing change of appearance. It refers to the amazing moment when Jesus took three of his best friends (Peter, James, and John) up a mountain, and his face and clothes shone as bright as the sun to show them his true heavenly glory. 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.



### **St Mary of the Cross - August 8**

St MARY OF THE CROSS also known as St Mary MacKillop was a brave Australian nun who started free schools for poor children. She is the first person from Australia to become a Catholic saint. Mary started a new group of helpers called the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). The sisters wore plain brown clothes and traveled to teach children everywhere.

St Mary Mackillop travelled to New Zealand from 1894- 1902. She founded both St Joseph's School in Opunake and St Joseph's School in Hawera.



### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August**

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.

***This year the Bishops of New Zealand have transferred the Feast of the Assumption of Mary to Sunday 16th August.***

***Therefore, the 16th August will be the Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in New Zealand.***



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***What is a Holy Day of obligation?***

The obligation to participate in the Mass. In New Zealand, we now have only two holy days of obligations as well as Sundays. They are Christmas Day and the feast of the Assumption.

***The Queenship of the Mary - 22 August***

This is a special Catholic celebration on August 22nd that honours Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. It teaches that because Jesus is the King, his loving mother is given the special title of Queen.



## 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 4  | Wednesday 12 August    | Nga Kakano          |
| Week 5  | Wednesday 19 August    | Horoeka & Nīkau     |
| Week 6  | Wednesday 26 August    | Tōtara & Kauri      |
| Week 7  | Wednesday 2 September  | Pōhutukawa & Kōwhai |
| Week 8  | Wednesday 9 September  | Karaka & Rimu       |
| Week 9  | Wednesday 16 September | Horoeka & Nīkau     |
| Week 10 | Wednesday 23 September | Nga Kakano          |

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# Messages from the Parish

## "SMEG" Knives at New World Supermarkets

If any parishioners shop at New World and aren't collecting the SMEG coupons, would they be kind enough to collect for us and drop into the container at O.L.H.C. or St Joseph's Office. These will be used to get some knives for St Joseph's Hall Kitchen. Thank you. Fiona Dravitzki, Hospitality Team.



### 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](mailto:musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz)



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

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# Messages from the Diocese

## **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday 15 August. In New Zealand, the bishops have transferred the celebration to Sunday 16 August, as indicated in the 2026 national liturgical calendar.

The readings for the Assumption are to be used on Sunday, 16 August. Saturday evening Masses on 15 August are the Vigil of the Assumption and use the proper Vigil readings. Parishes will not be celebrating the Solemnity on Saturday morning or holding a Vigil Mass on Friday evening. The Saturday morning Mass remains that of Saturday of the 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.

The Assumption is the patronal feast day of Aotearoa New Zealand, and a Holy Day of Obligation.

## **Dovecotes for Women NZ**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand.

Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.

For more information contact [doventational.leader@gmail.com](mailto:doventational.leader@gmail.com) or visit [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

## **St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years**

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed>.

Register your interest at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit\\_requested=true#responses](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses).

All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

## **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>

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

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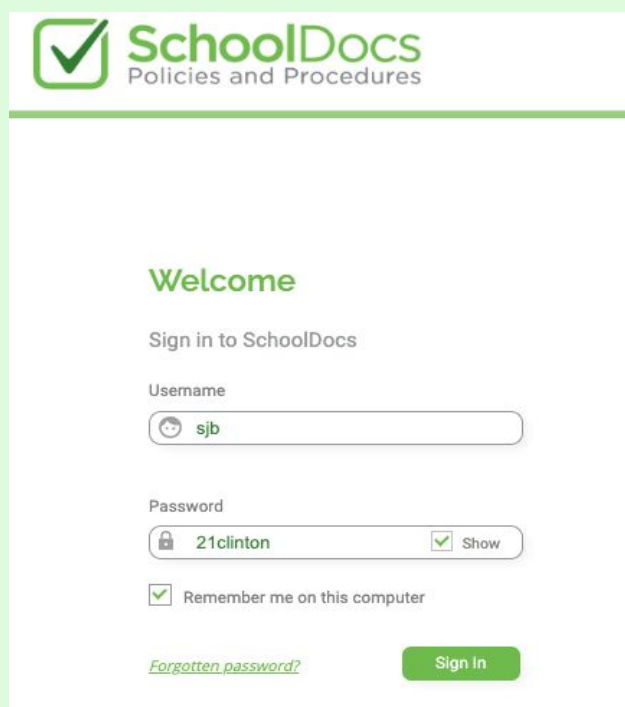


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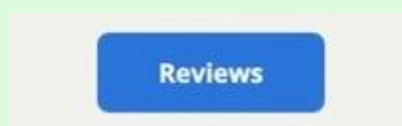
## Get involved with School Policy Reviews

Go to [sjb.schooldocs.co.nz](http://sjb.schooldocs.co.nz)

Enter username 'sjb'  
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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 Community Engagement Policy
- Inclusive School Culture
- Student Attendance

**We welcome your feedback!**

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# Community Notices

**TARANAKI LUG'S FIRST EVER BRICK SHOW!**

## TARANAKI BRICK SHOW

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Taranaki LUG Incorporated

**Saturday**  
26 September 2026

**Doors open:**  
9:00am – 3:00pm

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• Adults: \$10  
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• Under 3: Free

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NP Cake Club

Free Entry

## 'Big Cake Day Out'

**HALLOWEEN Saturday 31st October 2026**  
Beach Street Hall, 40 Beach St. Fitzroy NP. 9am-4pm

### Cake Decorating Competition

Bring your cake & register on the day - Between 8-9am

Open to the Public regardless of experience - Not separated by amateur or professional  
Cakes will not be cut - judged on creativity - detail - theme - overall decorating

**Categories 6-9yrs. 10-15yrs over 16yrs - Prizes 1st. 2nd & 3rd**

- \*All categories must decorate a real cake - a choice of either 1, 2 or 3 tiers
- \*All cake decorating must be unassisted and entirely the work of the entrant
- \*All decorations and toppers must be handcrafted and totally edible (NO plastic)
- \*All cakes must be presented on a cake board
- \*All cakes must reflect a **HALLOWEEN THEME**

**Prize giving & Raffles drawn at 4pm**  
All cake entries cannot be collected until after prize giving between 4-4.30pm.  
NP Cake Club will not be responsible for any damage or loss of your entry

**NP Cake Club Displays - Halloween Themed Cookies For Sale**  
**Cafe - Raffles - 'The New Yorker' Food Cart**  
**Local Cake Professionals Showcase their Talent**

**CASH ONLY**  
All proceeds go to the NP Cake Club

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē

## 125th Jubilee

Thursday 22 + Friday 23 October 2026

**The Schedule**

**Thursday 22 October 2026**  
**JUBILEE MASS**  
9.30am @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē

**Friday 23 October 2026**  
**AG DAY GALA**  
9.30am - 2pm @ St Joseph's School Ōpunakē, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē

**JUBILEE DINNER**  
6.30pm @ Sinclair Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Buy dinner tickets at [trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com)

Register your interest at [www.stjo.school.nz](http://www.stjo.school.nz)

**St Joseph's School New Plymouth**  
**Centenary - Register online**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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/.../1FAlpQLSeUuzs83RR.../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:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>

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## The SJB Giving Circle

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For every successful home sale by a St John Bosco family, a **dedicated contribution is donated back to the SJB Community Group** for allocation to support our school and community.



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