



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL

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Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 20 July -
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October -
Tuesday 15 December

Term 1 2027

Monday 1 February -
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 Harakeke

Victor Paoli who joins his big brother Raphaël

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.

A huge congratulations to the 28 St John Bosco children who took another important step in their sacramental journey and completed their First Holy Communion on Sunday. I was very pleased with how reverent and diligent our students were during the process and very grateful to Karen McLean and Mrs Mehana for guiding our students and their whanau through the process.

Winter illness. Like most schools, we have been obliterated by the latest bout of flu etc in both students and staff. One thing I would like all of our families to support us with is helping our children develop better habits around hands in mouths and noses. This is how germs spread and lots of us have habits we need to improve in this department. All St John Bosco children should be able to manage their own noses with tissues and the like.

A big congratulations to some of our senior students who have completed their ICAS exams this week. ICAS are an Australasian organisation who create academic competition exams for students. These exams are set at a far higher academic standard than the Australian and New Zealand curriculums so as to differentiate between highly skilled students. So to even pass these exams indicates a great performance. Results will be out soon.

I would also like to acknowledge the passing of Liz Shaw. Liz was the Principal of St John Bosco School before Marie Barrett. We are fortunate to be part of a great school here which stands on the shoulders of the great work and tireless dedication of our predecessors and Mrs Shaw is certainly one of those.

Add the HERO calendar directly to your own one for automatic integration. If you go to our school website, find the 'calendar' page, scroll down and click the little + button and it will automatically integrate our school events calendar (the same ones as on HERO) into your own and will update in real time, if you want. Absolute gamechanger.

Have a great weekend.

Go the ABs!

Ngā Mihi Aroha - Ryan Fleming



What's On

School Cross Country

Friday 4 September

Wacky Hair / Mufti Day

Friday 11 September

School Mass

Sunday 13 September

NP Cross Country

Monday 14 September

Taranaki Cross Country

Wednesday 23 September



SJB Students OF THE Week

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

<i>Harakeke</i>	Georgie Fevre	
<i>Puriri</i>	Jaxon Seator	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Lily Hohaia	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Ander Swartz	
<i>Nīkau</i>	Harvey Wicksteed	Ethan Aby
<i>Horoeka</i>	Olive Menzies	Finn McDowell
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Ziggy Hunt	Emmerson Ormond
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Amanda Joman	Reyna Cooper
<i>Karaka</i>	Archer Severinsen	Charlie Lamplough
<i>Rimu</i>	Isla Naus	Netanya Varghese
<i>Tōtara</i>	Charley Hanover	Isla Menzies
<i>Kauri</i>	Mitchell Cotter	

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

<i>Harakeke</i>	Margot Cribb	
<i>Puriri</i>	Piper McDowell	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Bailey Anamani	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Freddie Verco	Skye Haveswood
<i>Nīkau</i>	Bodhi Johns	Eva Black
<i>Horoeka</i>	Jude Downey	Finn Wesley
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Samantha Cipriano	Nina Mussen
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Takumi Kirkcaldie	Adaliyn Perham-Bird
<i>Karaka</i>	Olivia Robinson	Thijs Roach
<i>Rimu</i>	Kalolaine Sisifa	Finn Turner
<i>Tōtara</i>	Max Hamilton	Miller Ormond
<i>Kauri</i>	Luke King	Rachel Chamany

Our School Core Values



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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 September 2026 *For the care of water.*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

First Holy Communion

Last Sunday, 28 students from St John Bosco celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to these students and their whānau on taking this meaningful next step in their faith journey. They are now blessed to fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist every time they attend Mass. Well done everyone.



Children who received their First Holy Communion at Our Lady Help of Christians Church with Fr Sobin

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

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

Sunday 13th September 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

Term 3 School Mass

Our Term 3 school-led Sunday Mass is coming up on September 13th. This is an important occasion in our school and parish calendar, and we warmly expect all of our school families to make the effort to attend. Your presence means so much as we come together to pray, celebrate, and strengthen our shared faith. We look forward to seeing every family there to support our students and share in this wonderful celebration!

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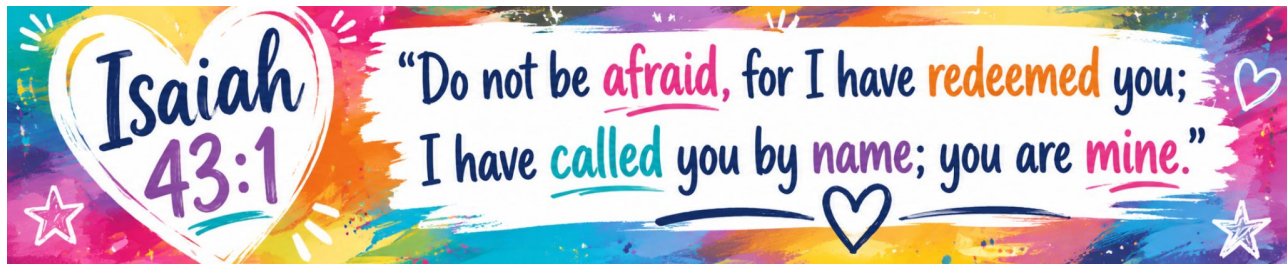
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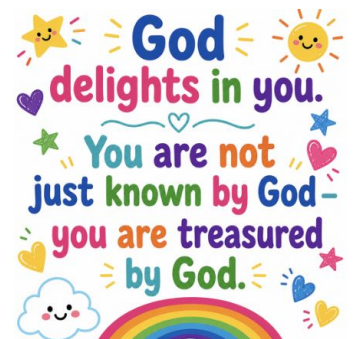
World Day of Prayer for Creation 1st September

World Day of Prayer for Creation on Tuesday begins the 2026 season of the Season of Creation. This season goes until October the 4th, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Christians around the world, from all denominations, unite in prayer and action for our common home and renew our commitment to care for God's creation. ***This year's theme is "Living Waters".***



Social Justice Week

This year Social Justice Week will be celebrated from Sunday 6th-Saturday 12th September. This year we begin a three-year journey exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to one another, and to creation — starting with the first and most important thread: we belong to God, made on purpose, fully known, and unconditionally loved.



Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every person carries a dignity that is not earned and not given by others but woven into us by the God who made us. In Aotearoa New Zealand, this truth echoes in the idea of *tūrangawaewae* — a place to stand, a place to belong. Wherever we come from, whoever we are, we are held by a God who knows our name and calls us home.

We will be learning more about this in our class RE programme during Social Justice Week, and will finish the week on Friday 11th September with a special liturgy and a 'Wacky Hair' mufti day to raise money for CARITAS as they work tirelessly to empower communities in need both here at home and around the world. Every small contribution helps us put our faith into action!



Our School Core Values



Love



Resilience



Co-operation



Service

Important Feast Days

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a major Christian feast celebrated annually on September 14th. It honours the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, celebrating it not as a symbol of defeat or torture, but as the ultimate instrument of salvation, love, and victory over death.

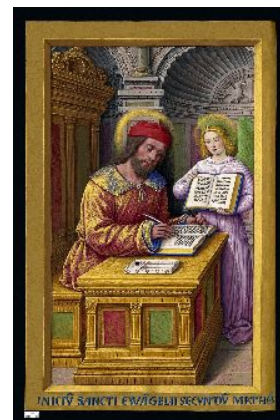


Our Lady of Sorrows 15th September

The 15th of September is a day dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary suffered many sorrows or sad times in her life. Like many others she shed tears and went through painful times. On this day we can remember Mary and pray for and with her. We can also pray for all those who are suffering through sad times.

Saint Matthew Feast Day 21st September

Saint Matthew was a Roman tax collector who gave up his wealth to become one of Jesus's twelve apostles and the author of the first Gospel. His story can teach us that it's never too late to make a fresh start and that everyone has a second chance.



Fathers Day is on Sunday 6th September

*God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Lord, please take care of our dads.
Though they are brave and protective,
they must also be frightened sometimes.
When money runs low and when we need things,
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.
And how much You love them.*

Amen!



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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 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

Welcoming Our New Youth Minister

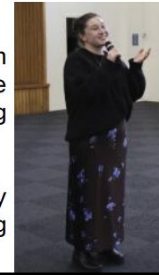
On Sunday, 23 August, parishioners gathered for a Pot Luck Meet & Greet to warmly welcome **Louise Lloyd**, the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth's new Youth Minister. Held following the 5.30 pm Mass, at the St. Joseph's Hall, the evening provided a wonderful opportunity for members of the parish community, Illumin8 youth members, and their families to meet Louise and extend a heartfelt welcome.

The shared meal, with everyone contributing finger food, created a warm atmosphere of fellowship and connection. The gathering highlighted the parish's commitment to nurturing young people in faith and building strong relationships within our community.

We warmly welcome Louise to our parish whānau and pray that the Holy Spirit guides and blesses her as she begins this important ministry among our youth.



Louise interacting the parishioners (Above) at Sacred Heart's College and at the Pot Luck Meet and Greet (Below)



Unlocking the Bible

We like to read the Bible, but sometimes we can get bogged down by long passages that seem difficult to understand, or lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps us uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. It gives us the "big picture" of the Bible and helps us understand what it is all about. Using a unique, colour-coded Bible Timeline chart that arranges the key people, places and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help us approach Scripture with greater confidence and see how we fit into God's plan. Our parish will host the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy, 7:00-8:30pm, fortnightly on Wednesdays. The 1st session is planned for 2nd Sept with the final session on 9th Dec. Each session includes an engaging video presentation, followed by small group discussion. A 'koha' of \$20 is appreciated as each participant receives a hard copy of Bible Timeline chart, 1 year access to online videos and e-workbook. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to email Albert: ahjchow@gmail.com

"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



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

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Messages from the Diocese

Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual time of prayer, reflection and action for our common home. This year's theme, *Living Water*, is inspired by Ezekiel 47:1-12, where God's life-giving river brings healing, renewal and abundance wherever it flows.

Resources can be found at www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2026/08/season-of-creation-2026-living-water

Social Justice Week 2026: You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe

Social Justice Week 2026 will be celebrated from 6-12 September with the theme *You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe*. This marks the beginning of a three-year journey exploring what it means to belong: to God, to one another, and to creation. This year's focus reminds us that we belong to God, who created us with purpose, knows us fully, and loves us unconditionally.

Schools, parishes and communities are encouraged to engage with the week's prayers, liturgies, stories and learning resources, reflecting on how we can help build communities where everyone knows they are welcomed, valued and loved. Resources are available from www.caritas.org.nz/social-justice-week

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.

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>

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

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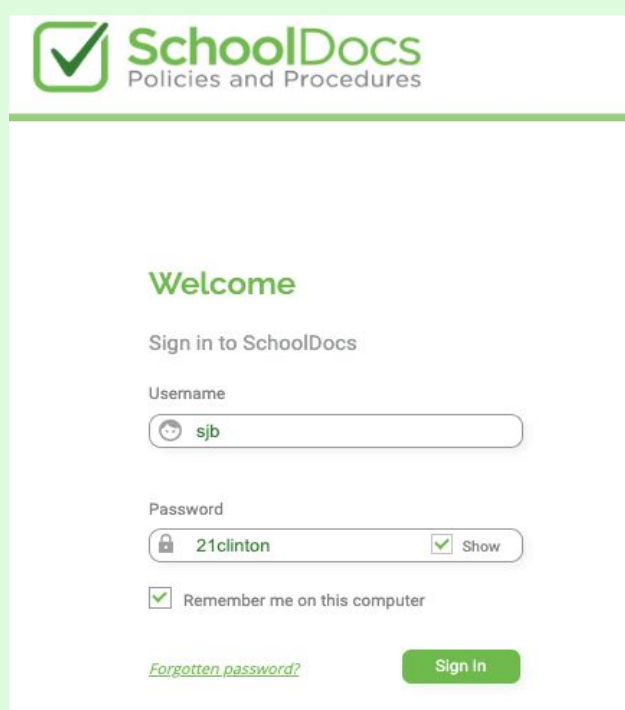


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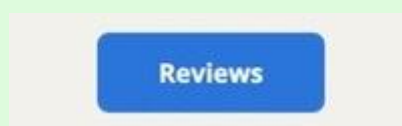
Get involved with School Policy Reviews

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:

- School Community Engagement Policy
- Inclusive School Culture
- Student Attendance

We welcome your feedback!

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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:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>

NPGHS/NPBHS Hillary Challenge Fundraiser
Mini Adventure Race
Saturday 5th September
(Rain Date Saturday 12th)
 90 minute race starting at NPBHS McNaught field off Hobson street, and exploring the Te Henui walkway, NPGHS, NPBHS, and WITT. All proceeds go towards getting to Hillary Finals!

9.30: Registration opens
 10.15: Briefing
 10.30: Mass start
 12.00pm Course closes & Sausage sizzle (\$3 each \$5 for 2)

Individual: \$15
 Pair: \$25
 team of 3 \$35
 Team of 4 \$40

Bring:
 • Highlighter
 • running gear
 • cash for raffle and sausage sizzle

Register with link in Bio @npadventurering or by scanning QR Code below:

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



Register your interest at www.stjo.school.nz

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The SJB Giving Circle

A dedicated give-back initiative for **St John Bosco** families

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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