



St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 3
Mon 22 Jul - Fri 27 Sept

Term 4
Mon 14 Oct - Fri 13 Dec

EVENTS

Order forms for
Andersons Pies &
Yarrows Cookies Due
Fri 2 August, 10am

Delivery of Andersons
Pies and Yarrows
Cookies
Thu 15 August



From the Principals Desk...

Welcome: It is with real pleasure that we welcome the following new students to St John Bosco School - Sofia Buchboeck, Luke Brien and Ella Maclean. All three already have fantastic older siblings at St John Bosco School whom have been a great support thus far. We also thank their parents Kate and Mario Buchboeck, Sonja and Gregory Brien and Jessica and Vaughan Maclean for the continued support of our school.

Great to be back: I've had such a welcoming three days back at school. Your children have made me feel so special and loved with the many handshakes, smiles, welcome back comments and hugs!

I feel so incredibly lucky and grateful to have had the opportunity to refresh over Term 2. I'd again really like to thank the Board of Trustees who supported my application, my amazing staff who all had to step up in some way or form and take on extra loads and also the SJB community and Parish whom I also felt really supported my break.

In particular, I would really like to thank and at the same time congratulate both Catherine Allen and Matthew Moorby for their amazing work, effort and organisation as acting Principals whilst I was away. Such a neat opportunity for them both and an opportunity to learn more about my role and the intricate details of running a school. They're both back this term so it can't have been to bad!

Alongside lots of great professional reading, reflection and shaping of ideas I was really lucky to spend time back on my family farm. I really valued spending time with my parents and reliving many of my 20 years of life growing up on a dairy farm. I'm pretty sure my father enjoyed

having another pair of working hands! Raeleen and I were also very lucky to travel to Vietnam in the holidays just been to immerse ourselves in and learn about another culture and countries history. I feel blessed.

But, I'm so happy to be back at school and I'm looking forward to working hard for our community and continuing to push the boundaries of education.

Grandparents Day: We are really excited to be back in the position of being able to host and celebrate



Grandparents day with our community again. Now the building projects are finished we have children in settled in classes and are in a position to be able to really celebrate who we are as a Catholic School Community. I warmly invite Grandparents and friends of families to our special Liturgy. We will bring the children outside by the hall for you to connect with your tamariki before going into the church. Liturgy begins at 12 noon. Afterwards you are warmly invited to spend time with the children during their lunch break both inside their classrooms and playground 12:30 - 1:30pm. The children all sit outside first to eat together from 12:30-12:40. You are welcome to bring lunch and eat with them. There will be a cup of tea in the hall for all visitors.

Building Update: It was so nice to come back to school this term and not see any builders, security fences or classes in breakout spaces. Three years of continuous building has come to an end and Stage 4 of 4 has been completed. I am so proud of the learning environments we have created and it is so rewarding to see them occupied with children who are focused,

happy and having every opportunity to learn.

How ever... We are very close to completing the planning and receiving council approval for an extra stage, stage 5. Stage 5 will compose of two extra classrooms being located on our site. These are pre built classes that will be relocated to our school. Meaning that we will be able to reclaim our library and also work towards having 12 classes instead of 11. No, our school roll will not grow instead we will be working hard to look at ways we can get the best education settings for our 275 students. This could be ready as early as Term 4 2019.

There will be some flow on effects in relation to new playgrounds and court spaces linked to this also.

Removal of our Karaka Tree: In the holiday break we have removed the Karaka Tree at the front of our school. Unfortunately it had begun to split in the main trunk and was at potential risk of falling towards our school or the Church. It was also within the vicinity of the Church's new welcome foyer modernisation. I am thankful that prior to the holidays our Green Guardians planted close to 30 native trees within our school grounds that we will nurture.

Life Education: We love having Harold and the Life Education Trust Classroom at our school. I'm hoping you have all heard about Harold's stories this week and that children have shared some of the keys messages they have learnt with their Educator Megan Lilly. We really value the experiences and messages this programme shares with our children and as a learning community are much richer as a result. The major focus for this visit has been movement.

Value Focus Term 3: Each Term we focus in on a key school and Gospel value. This term our focus is Service. Following is a brief overview of what we are trying to achieve and foster within our school community.

Term 3 Learning to Do

Value: **SERVICE & GENEROSITY**

Through working together for others, we become stronger in ourselves and our abilities. We will accept ourselves as we are, value our gifts and be happy to share them with others.

Success Criteria Term 3:

- *Children will be prepared to help each other at tasks and activities*
- *Children will invite others to help them*
- *Children will be prepared to help for as long as it takes to do the task*
- *Children will experience the joy that comes in giving to others*
- *Children will want to help those children who are less fortunate and who live in poor circumstances*
- *Children will be happy to accept help from others gratefully*

The habit of giving without expecting anything in return. This is an attribute that we hope that our children learn from us or the people surrounding them. This may not come as naturally as we hoped to a young child. Many times, as parents (and other influences), we will need to take the reigns to teach children about these qualities. Generosity usually begins with children sharing their possessions with other peers. Not only can you learn this important quality from home, but you can also incorporate it at school. We have 7 great ways to show your children what generosity is!

SHOW YOUR CHILD VOLUNTEERISM - Not only will volunteering expose your children to helping others, they can actually interact with other individuals who are doing the same. At first, you can take them with you as you volunteer. They will love doing something that Mum or Dad finds important!

SET AN EXAMPLE OF SELFLESSNESS - Kids look up to their parents. Children are very aware of what you are doing and feeling. Put this to good use and be a wonderful example of selflessness. **Practice** this everywhere you can so that they can be a part of it. Open and hold doors for people. Let someone else go before you in a grocery store line just because it is a nice gesture. Act kind in front of your children and in turn, they will be kind to others. It is amazing what a good message these gestures will send to them.

PAY IT FORWARD TO OTHERS - This is a great concept to introduce your children. When someone does something nice for you, pay it forward to someone else. There is no recognition for what your child has done, only their own gratification for helping another person. This may be a little harder to reinforce in the beginning until they have realised the impact that they have made. It doesn't have to be something big, just a little act of kindness that makes someone **smile!**

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF THANK YOU - Two simple words and yet they hold an **immense** meaning. They hold an even greater meaning to the people they are said too. Make sure you teach your children the appropriate times to say thank you. Also, be a good example to them and say thank you when you feel it is appropriate. Begin to write thank you notes at an early age. Even if your child can not write themselves, have them participate by reciting what they would like you to write and then signing their name to the bottom.

DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL CHARITY - Take this incredible learning opportunity to also help others! You can choose several times of year to make donations of toys and clothes to a local store, an organisation, or to a specific family in need. Have your kids choose several different toys to donate and take them to the actual place to see where they are donating. That way they can actually see the good that they are doing. You can also help at school as well! We usually have an organisation or event we are focusing on to support (Food bank, Clothing for the St Vincent de Paul)

26th July Feast Day of Sts Joachim and Anne – Jesus Grandparents



The Feast of Joachim and Anne, Mary's parents and Jesus's grandparents, gives us a great opportunity to thank them for giving us Mary and a great day to think of our own parents, grandparents and all the special people in our lives that help to raise us and are involved in our children's lives.

It is also very nice to think that Jesus had a grandma(sava) and grandad(sav) as well.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and grandparents. Both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

It was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Mission Statement

To provide a 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.





COOKIE AND PIE ORDER REMINDER



Below are a few details and important dates:

•Friday 2nd August order forms and money due back to school by 10am

•If paying by internet banking this will need to be done by Wednesday 31st July so that your order can be placed

•If you wish to pay by internet banking the details are as follows:

Bank: TSB Account name: SJB Community Group

Account number: 15-3944-0007510-00

Reference: your child's first and last (so that payments can be checked before the orders are made)

NB: if you have family and friends paying for their order by internet banking please ask them to put your child's first and last name in the reference so we can track payments more easily.

•Please put your order and money in a named envelope into the SJB Community Box at the office

•If paying by CASH please check you have the correct amount for your total order.

•Thursday 15th August your orders of cookies, croissants and pies will be ready for you to collect from school from 2.30pm

•It is important that you collect your orders on Thursday 15th August as we have no facilities to store your orders if they are not collected

Thank you from the SJB Community Group for your continued support of our fundraising to benefit our children at St. John Bosco School

Piano Lessons

Would your child like to learn piano but can't get to lessons? They can learn from home! Online lessons suitable for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from me using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available.



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Pita Pit school lunches start again tomorrow Friday 26th July. Please have your order in by 9am.



New Season

New season is about to start and we would like you to come and give this fantastic sport a go.

First club day Sunday 11th August 2019

New Plymouth BMX Track, Bell Block

Club days are on every Sunday with registration and warm up from 10:15-11am
Racing starts at 11.

For new riders the first three club days are free, and we have all the equipment including bikes available for hire.

All you need to do is wear long pants, good shoes, and a long sleeved top. We can sort you out with the rest.

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