



# St John Bosco School

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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin

## TERM DATES

**Term 3**  
Mon 22 Jul - Fri 27 Sept

**Term 4**  
Mon 14 Oct - Fri 13 Dec

## EVENTS

**Delivery of Andersons  
Pies and Yarrows  
Cookies**  
Thu 15 August

**School Cross Country**  
Wed 4 September

**ICAS Entries close**  
Thu 22 Aug

**Community Group  
Meeting**  
Wed 11 Sep, 7.30pm

**School Production**  
Wed 25 & Thu 26  
September, 7pm



## From the Principals Desk...

**Interscholar Rugby:** Again we would like to congratulate our School Rugby Team for making the semifinals in the Year 5 / 6 Interscholar Rugby Competition. It was a tough day out at Norfolk and the result didn't go our way. But we are so proud of the team, as it has been some time since we made a semi final. Congratulations team! I'd also like to pass on a huge thank you to Brent Taylor who has guided the team so well. The team looked sharp on the field, a result of great coaching and lots of time invested!

**Thank you:** We often spend time thinking of and endeavouring to help others. Recently we have received some love back.

A special thank you to St Vincent de Paul Society who have recently passed onto our school a significant donation.

Also to the New Plymouth Catholic Women's League whom have also presented a generous donation to the school.

We feel blessed to be supported by two very important Catholic Organisations working in our community for others.

**Cross Country:** Our Physical Education focus for term three based on movement and fitness. This leads us into our annual school cross country. Our school wide focus is based on positive participation by all. With this in mind our children will begin with their class teacher and also as a part of our PE lessons with Ms Lynskey working on building their fitness. This event will be held at Peringa Park and follow exactly the same processes as years been. More details of the course, times etc will follow soon. We can now confirm our school cross country will be held on

Wednesday 4th September starting around 12:00pm.

**School Production - "In Our Hands":** Term three like all other terms is busy for teachers and students alike. This term we will be preparing alongside learning our whole school production. Many of you will have heard via your children that we have already begun learning class dances. We are truly thankful and grateful that Sacred Heart College has allowed us to share their amazing Event Centre again. **We can now confirm our performances will be on Wednesday 25th September and Thursday 26th September at 7:00pm.** School singing will also start soon. If support is required in relation to props and costumes notes will be sent out via your child's class SeeSaw account. More details will follow soon.

**Cars Around School:** With the potential of wet weather approaching, I would like to remind families to take extreme care when driving in and around the school. Please ensure that if you are entering the Parish car park your speed in 5 km/hr and you do not park on any yellow lines or in any spaces that prevent the flow of traffic in and out of the car park.

We actively encourage children to wear a rain jacket to and from school, allowing them to walk the 50-100 metres to meet parents parked on Paynters Ave, on Devon Street or on Darnell Street. The Parish car park if used is ideal for families with young babies or for families / grandparents who have restricted mobility. Please consider the above for the safety and wellbeing of all.

**Footpath Upgrade:** We have been notified that over the

coming 4 weeks the footpaths on Clinton Street will be replaced with new wider versions. Obviously this will cause some disruption as far as walking on footpaths to school, but I have been assured that if there is a need a safe pathway will be created with barriers. The paths will be replaced in sections. Wider footpaths will be great for our community creating a larger safe passage in and out of school. Parents please take care as this type of work means extra traffic parked on our road or on the verges. Please be considerate when coming to and from school.

**Assumption of Mary 15<sup>th</sup> August**

The assumption of Mary – New Zealand's Patron Saint (Holy Day of Obligation).



**What is a Holy Day of obligation?** The obligation to participate in the Mass. The obligation to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God.

In New Zealand, we now have only two of these additional holy days of obligation apart from Sunday. They are Christmas Day and the feast of the Assumption, August 15. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. Having now only two of these additional holy days of obligation might be added reason to celebrate them well. Consequently, from now on they are holy days of obligation whenever they fall, including Saturdays and Mondays.

We will be attending Mass as a whole school next week on Thursday. **Please note the time has changed to 10am.** There will be some Sacred Heart girls attending mass with us. Please join us if you are able.

**2019 International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):** are at SJB again this year. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS 2019. This competition provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievements in external testing situation. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report. Students are eligible for awards including High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit and Participation certificates. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised. If you wish your child to enter any of these competitions then please complete the entry slip below and return to the office with your payment. Please note: The ICAS competitions are optional for all students from years 4-6. If you have any queries or interests in past papers for practice, contact Inthira at school between 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Subject	Official Sitting Dates
Digital Technologies	Monday 2, Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 September 2019
Science	Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 & Friday 6 September 2019
Spelling Bee	Monday 9, Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 September 2019
Writing	Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 & Friday 13 September 2019
English	Monday 16, Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 September 2019
Mathematics	Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 & Friday 20 September 2019

**ICAS Assessment -2019 Entry Slip**

Please return this form to the school office no later than Thursday 22 August 2019

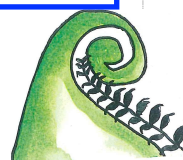
I would like \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2019 ICAS Assessments listed below.  
(Please include the subjects your child will be sitting in 2019)

Subject	Tick	Participation Price	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies		\$15.00 NZD	
Science		\$15.00 NZD	
Spelling Bee		\$15.00 NZD	
Writing		\$15.00 NZD	
English		\$15.00 NZD	
Mathematics		\$15.00 NZD	
		<b>Total</b>	

Enclosed is my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Parent \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



## Class Mass Timetable - Term 3

Week 4	Thursday 15 August	<b>10am WHOLE SCHOOL MASS</b> The Assumption Of Mary
Week 5	<b>Sunday 18 August</b> Wednesday 21 August	<b>9am WHOLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MASS</b> Class Mass - Ruma Karaka, Horoeke
Week 6	Wednesday 28 August	Class Mass - Ruma Kauri, Pohutukawa, Koromiko
Week 7	Wednesday 4 September	Ruma Tōtara, Kōwhai, Kawakawa
Week 8	Wednesday 11 September	Ruma Rimu, Nīkau
Week 9	Wednesday 18 September	Ruma Karaka, Horoeke

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Firstly thank you to our families who supported our most recent fundraiser and purchased pies and cookies. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help with organising the pies and cookies into their orders on Thursday 15th August please meet in the breakout space from 11am.

Also if anyone has paper bags or even plastic bags still that are suitable for the orders to be taken home in...please send these along to Andrea in the office before Thursday 15th.

Thank you once again from the SJB Community Group for your continuing support. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the staff room, we hope to see you there.

**THE TARANAKI TOY LIBRARY****CHILDREN'S  
MONSTER BOOK SALE!**

**FRI & SAT, 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

**WE ARE COLLECTING GOOD  
QUALITY 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND BOOKS NOW!**

Enhance a child's learning - Please donate your unwanted children's books so they can be enjoyed by others

Drop off to us by 24<sup>th</sup> August, or deliver direct to the Taranaki Toy Library at 524 Devon Street E. Fitzroy (beside Knox Church)

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library

**There is a box in our school office  
for book donations also.**

**Pest Traps**

**We still have a large number of traps** (from NPDC) that we were selling last year, as part of the 'Predator Free Taranaki Project'. They are safe, easy to use, good value and **MUST be sold.**

\$10 each - includes wooden box and trap

Please see Mr Moorby or email [matt@sjb.school.nz](mailto:matt@sjb.school.nz)

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

All ages and abilities are catered for including strider class (no pedals) for the little tackers.

For further information contact us via our facebook page, New Plymouth Bmx

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