

TERM DATES

Term 1

Wed 29 Jan - Thu 9 Apr

Term 2

Tue 28 Apr - Fri 3 Jul

Term 3 Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep

Term 4

Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

EVENTS

Community Group AGM Wed 12 Feb, 7.30pm

Meet the Teachers & School Picnic Thu 20 Feb, 5.30pm



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> I want to let you know that the Ministry of Education has an information website for School Management which will be updated as more information and facts come to hand. We will monitor this site and keep you informed along the way when and if we need too. We also have access to a Public Health Nurse at the TDHB and will also make contact with them.

What can we do in the meantime...

- We need to as always make informed decisions, err on the side of caution and not panic.
- Reinforce good hygiene practice of washing hands, coughing into cuffs of elbows and using tissues to blow your nose.
- As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about a family member, please contact the Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your local GP.
- If we have any concerns about students at school we will make contact with their families and request that they visit their GP and remain at home until they are well.
- For any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we encourage you to inform us and delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.



Community Group AGM: Our Community Group AGM is being held 7:30pm on Wednesday 12th February. Meetings are held in the school Staff Room. Please come along - we need more hands to help out at our Community Group Events over the year. We really need people to help with our first event of the year - Ambrose Golf Day. We'd love you to support our school and children.

Waitangi Day Break: School is open Friday 7th February. We have decided not to hold a teacher only day on the 7th February as we have just returned from break and have held necessary teacher meetings for the start of year during our non contact time in the holidays.

Church Building Project: This project is progressing well. The new foyer / multipurpose space is going to be amazing. It looks like this will be completed by early March. In the meantime we really appreciate your safety awareness in relation to parking and restricted or limited spaces to enter or exit the school environment.

Taranaki SteelFormers Ambrose Golf Day: The Community Group have decided to hold our Ambrose Golf Fundraiser again in 2020. We are really grateful to again have Taranaki Steelformers as our major sponsor for the day. Over the next few weeks we will be seeking hole sponsors, teams to play in the event, items for spot prizes and also support from families to help out with organisation prior to and on the day. Historically this has been our major fundraising event for the year, meaning we have not had to continually request support over the year for other events. Please support us. Keep an eye on the newsletter, our school app and also Facebook for more details.

Meet the Teachers and School Picnic: We are looking forward to holding our Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday February 20th 5:30p.m. At 5:30pm the teachers will introduce themselves to our families. This will then be followed with an opportunity for families to move to the school field with their picnic dinner. We'll have sports equipment out and the school pool will be open. It'd be great to see you there.



being back in routine and spending time with their friends. We are enjoying our new classrooms and more open space in our courtyard. Children are also enjoying spending time in the pool each day, a welcome relief in the heat. It's great to have our library back. Our Librarian Rini is working hard to get it back into tip top shape like it was prior to being packed up two years ago.

Thank you for ensuring children had their school stationery the first day back. Thank you also for ensuring our children are also coming to school in the correct school uniform.

We have a few little jobs to finish on our stage 5 upgrade before we can open up our extra toilet block and take down the fencing at the end of Kowhai. We are nearly there. We are hoping to soon re mark the school courts and reinstate our netball/basketball hoops (This includes reinstating our junior set of hoops we have had in storage for a long time). This will give us a senior and junior court.

Welcome: It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new children and families to the St John Bosco Community:

Room Kawakawa: Kaley Charteris, Evie Hancock, Caitlyn Kumm, Luke Harper and Olivia Soffe.

Room Koromiko: Aadhesh Anenden, Noah Chisholm, Lily Dey, Samuel Harvey, Oscar James, Stella Padman, Hannah Sinclair and Joshua Vercoe.

Coronavirus: The Ministry of Education has asked that schools make contact with their families and draw awareness to the Coronavirus. As you will have seen in the media, the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus. This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear. Although it is believed that symptoms of the coronavirus are similar to other illnesses such as influenza and include fever, coughing and difficulty breathing.

Children and Teachers are currently returning to classrooms and the

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Pita Pit School Lunches - We will be offering Pita Pit lunches every Friday again starting next Friday 14th February. The cost of a Pita is \$6.00, regretfully Pita Pit have had to increase their prices due to increased food and wage costs. See the new order form below. Order forms are also available in the school office. Orders need to be in by 9am each Friday. Deliveries will start next Friday 14th February.

Die Pit	NAME:
FRESH THINKING • HEALTHY EATING	CLASS:
STEP 1: Choose your Loaded Pita Chips Chicken Breast\$6.00 Steak\$6.00 Falafel\$6.00	STEP 4: Fillings (Choose up to 5) Lettuce Tomato Red Onion Carrot Gherkins Jalapenos Pineapple
STEP 2: Sauces (Choose 1) Chipotle Lite Mayo BBQ Aioli NO SAUCE	Cheese NO FILLINGS Sorry no GF Option total (No change given)

We have a school App that helps us keep all families in touch with the latest newsletters, notes, events, cancellations, Alerts or letting us know of a child's absence.

The following is an overview of how to get the app and how to set it up.

- 1. Go to the **App store** on your android or Apple Device.
- 2. Search for **SchoolAppsNZ**
- 3. Download the App.
- 4. Once App has been downloaded, search for St John Bosco
- 4. When opening it will ask which **groups** you would like to belong to.

Once you have selected the groups you'd like to belong to any notes or alerts sent from each of these groups will appear on your App as an Alert.

This is a quick and easy way of finding out what is happening at school. We have also loaded events on the calendar and all contacts are there also.





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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.





Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service

