

# St John Bosco School

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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin



## 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

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

Ash Wednesday  
Wed 26 Feb, 9.10am

School Mass  
Sun 1 March, 10.30am

Swimming Sports - Aquatic Centre  
Wed 4 Mar, 9.30am - 1pm

Ambrose Golf Day  
Sun 22 Mar



## From the Principals Desk...

**Welcome:** It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new children and families to the St John Bosco Community and room Koromiko: Emelie Aston and her parents Amy and Samuel and Patrick Purcell and his parents Kerryn and Brendon.

You may have noticed that we are trying to communicate to our families via a paperless newsletter. We feel that our community is connected with us in a variety of ways but especially through our School App, Facebook, and email. If you would still prefer a paper copy if you let either Andrea or myself know and we will work out a plan to get one to you.

**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 5:30pm. 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.

**School Swimming Sports:** We have booked our school swimming sports day at the Aquatic Centre for Wednesday March 4th. You will receive a note soon from your child's teacher in relation to timings, the events and our organisation for the day. This will be shared through the School App and also class SeeSaw accounts. This is always a fun day with our major focus being

participation and simply giving things a go. We want to see children getting out of the pool with a huge smile of personal accomplishment.

**Ash Wednesday:** The whole school will be attending the Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday at 9:10am on 26th February. We would really love families to join us.

Ash Wednesday begins the holy season for the Catholic Church. It marks the start of the 40 days leading up to Easter (not including Sundays). This 40-day period is known as **Lent**, and it usually includes a focus on **fasting** and prayer. **Fasting** is an act of giving up something for a certain period of time. You are probably wondering why people mark their foreheads with ashes on this day every year. What exactly do the ashes represent, and where do they come from? The ashes symbolise several important things: the dust that God created humans from; the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert, according to the Bible; sadness over the sins and mistakes people have made; and a visible sign of **penance**. **Penance** is an act that a person takes to earn forgiveness. The source of the ashes is also symbolic. Burning the palms used at the previous year's Palm Sunday service (held the Sunday before Easter) makes the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Most Christians receive the ashes during a church service. They are given by a priest or another trained person and are placed in the shape of a cross.

**School Mass:** Our Termly School Mass has been scheduled for Sunday 1st March. Mass times have changed this year at Our Lady Help of Christians. They are now scheduled for **10:30am** on Sundays. It is an expectation that families attend School Mass. This is the one weekend in the school term we come together to celebrate being a Catholic School and Community.

**Term 1 Key Competency - Managing Self.** Each term we focus our teachings specifically on one of the New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies. A competency is a lifelong skill that we want to develop within our learners and across our school. This term our focus is

Managing Self. We want our children to grow into well rounded independent students who will take care of themselves, their belongings and their learning. Below are our agreed key focuses across our school.

Unpack bag in morning / organise personal equipment and return books, homework on time / bring required materials to school at the correct time / take notices and other communications home when required / return permission slips back to school promptly.

Take care of personal belongings / gather, use and return class equipment appropriately / care for and put class equipment away correctly.

Set learning goals with support / evaluate learning goals with assistance / evaluate progress towards meeting set goals / justify own learning - why do I need to learn this? With support identify next step / use next steps to plan learning path / plan for quality work.

Know who to go to for help / accept responsibility for actions / learn how to say sorry / state feelings with words / accept responsibilities for mistakes and put them right / articulate right and wrong choices / take steps to control emotions, mood, temper and feelings / use self control / actively exhibit school values / meet challenges and conflict appropriately.

Follow instructions / focus on learning without interrupting others / work independently without prompting / carry out assigned duties and responsibilities / work in groups independently / solve problems independently / use initiative when finished set tasks - what could I do next?

Be willing to give new things a go / have a 'can do' attitude / confidently take sensible risks and be willing to try new ideas and activities / learn from mistakes / take pride in achievements / accept constructive criticism / accept and value themselves / work towards excellence.

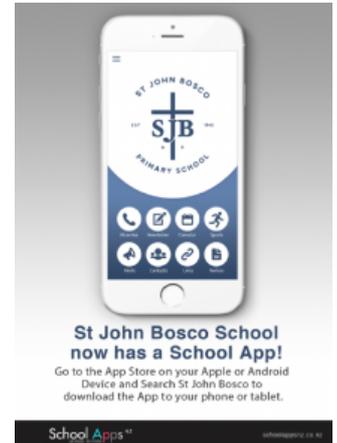
We have a school App that helps us keep all families in touch with the latest newsletters, notes, events, cancellations, Alerts or letting us know of a child's absence.

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.



### ART LESSONS



These lessons will give students a chance to learn many varying art techniques such as drawing styles, soft pastel, oil pastel, painting and using their imagination to create a beautiful piece of art every week. Classes are suitable for all ages and all levels of ability.

My students' art works can be seen on Facebook. Just search for "VC Art Studio"

All queries and enrolments to Veronica Chan:  
[jimchan72@gmail.com](mailto:jimchan72@gmail.com)

Time: Wed, 3-4 (SJB Senior Break Out Space)

Fee: \$10 per lesson



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# GALA DAY

## 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 11AM - 2PM

## 120 BROOKLANDS RD

BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, FOOD STALLS, CAKE STALL, DUNK THE SENIORS, ARTS & CRAFTS STALL, FUN GAMES, RAFFLES, MYSTERY BOTTLE, WHITE ELEPHANT, ACTIVITIES, LASER TAG, BEAUTY CORNER, BIG DIG, CANDY FLOSS & MUCH MORE!

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# Rainbow Run

## Sunday 5 April

Tickets: [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



### 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.





# St John Bosco School

Presents our 2020

## Ambrose Golf Day

With the support of Taranaki Steelformers we are proud to present our Major Fundraiser for 2020. An AMBROSE Golf Tournament.

**WHEN:** Sunday 22nd March  
**WHERE:** Westown Golf Club  
**TIME:** 11.00am Start



Here is how you can choose to help us:

<b>Sponsor a HOLE</b>	Display your company/business banner on the day, provide a flyer/business card or promotion item for every teams goodie bag, and get promoted in the Schools Newsletter & Facebook page.	<b>\$280</b> Per Hole	
<b>Sign up a TEAM</b>	Teams of 4 – 6 Players, serious/social/non golfers all welcome!!!	<b>\$30 Per Player</b>	
<b>DONATE a PRIZE</b>	Any donated prizes will be appreciated. (We need items for Spot Prizes)	<b>Your Choice</b>	

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the school office 'Community Group' Box, or contact Mike Fleming**

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Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and we look forward to your support & seeing you on the day!



If you require any further information please contact:

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 or  
 Principal@sjb@school.co.nz  
**Dee Luckin: 021582546**

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