# ST JOHN BOSCO

# **TERM DATES**

Term 1

Wed 29 Jan - Thu 9 Apr

Tue 28 Apr - Fri 3 Jul

Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep

Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

**EVENTS** 

# St John Bosco School

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# From the Principals Desk...

COVID-19 Update: Firstly I However events such as our people are concerned for the wanted to pass on my thanks for all of your support over the past week. I am incredibly proud of our children. The listening to and following of instructions, guidance and advice in relation to COVID-19. I am like always immensely proud and impressed. I also would like to acknowledge the staff at St John Bosco. They are totally engaged in the safety and welfare of our children and are daily implementing guidance being passed onto them on top of maintaining focused learning environments.

The following information has arrived from the Ministry of Health via the Ministry of Education. No significant change for us at St John Bosco. I feel it is an important reminder that during this period of uncertainty that we must first and foremost care for the most vulnerable in our school and the wider community. Please keep a Christian Living heart in mind during all actions and interactions. Keep our school values of Love, Co-operation, Service and Resilience close to all vou do.

You may have seen that the Government has announced that indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled. This does not apply to schools, early learning services, tertiary providers, workplaces, supermarkets or public transport.

weekday and weekend masses wellbeing of our children. have been cancelled.

With so much information and misinformation swirling around about COVID-19. I wanted to share with you what we have been told will happen if we were to have a case in our school community.

When a case is confirmed in our immediate school community (eq. a student, staff member, or member of their household), the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform the school about this, and we will work together to get a quick and clear message out to you via the School App notification feature and via email.

If there was a case confirmed of someone in our school, we will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced. appropriate testing to be completed, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken.

If our school does need to close temporarily, we have been discussing plans to support some student learning at home. This will only come into action if we close. We know families are feeling uneasy and concerned about COVID-19 and of course

Please be assured that as a school we are following suggested protocols to keep our children safe. We are getting up to date advice and guidance from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health so that we can make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community. Please make sure that the information you are relying on is from the Ministry of Health.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness. Please do not send children to school who are feeling unwell. Our focus is on keeping the normality for our children in place where we can.



Golf Day: Our Golf Committee has decided that it would be in the best interests of all involved in our Ambrose Golf day to postpone this till later in the year. Mike Fleming will be making contact with all teams who have entered and also connecting with all hole sponsors. If you have volunteered to help we will touch base with you when the date has been rescheduled. Spot prizes will also be stored away for the time being and used when we run this event. I'd also like to pass on a huge you to thank οur community. Your generosity towards sponsorship, spot prizes and our mufti day has been amazing. We'll keep you in the loop.







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Below is the term 1 holiday programme. If you would like to book your child in, get an enrolment form from either Andrea or Cherie.

| Week One April Holiday Programme 13th -17 April 2020 |                            |                            |                          |                   |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Monday 13th April                                    | Tuesday 14th April         | Wednesday 15th April       | Thursday 16th April      | Friday 17th April |  |  |
| Morning  |                            |                            |                          |                   |  |  |
|  | Colouring                  | Competition and Free Tim   | e from 8-10am            |                   |  |  |
| Easter Monday.                                       | Chocolate making           | Movies.                    | SJB X-race.<br>Challenge | Cup decorating    |  |  |
|  |                            | EYENT                      |                          |                   |  |  |
| Afternoon  |                            |                            |                          |                   |  |  |
|  | Decorating the bags        | Blindfolded activities     |                          | Games             |  |  |
| Other Extra Activities: E                            | Beads, Board Games, Outdoo | r Game Rotations, Key Ring | gs, Cards                |                   |  |  |

Note: All activities are subject to change depending on the weather and booking numbers

| Week Two April Holiday Programme 20th-24th April 2020 |                           |                             |                     |                   |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Monday 20th April                                     | Tuesday 21st April        | Wednesday 22nd April        | Thursday 23rd April | Friday 24th April |  |  |
| Morning   |                           |                             |                     |                   |  |  |
|   | Colourin                  | g Competition and Free Tim  | e from 8-10am       |                   |  |  |
| Who are you?  | Mmmm cooking              | Mini Putt                   | Scootering on the   | Marbeling         |  |  |
|   | gg62898625 GoGraph.com    |                             |                     |                   |  |  |
| Afternoon   |                           |                             |                     |                   |  |  |
| Play at Fitzroy                                       |                           | Biscuit                     | Quiz brains         | Multi ball soccer |  |  |
| Other Extra Activities:                               | Beads, Board Games, Outdo | or Game Rotations, Key Ring | gs, Cards           |                   |  |  |

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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.



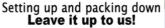
### **Attendance Dues Information – March 2020**

- 2020 attendance dues invoices/statements were emailed to families late last week (if we had an email address on file). If no email address is held, invoices/statements were sent via Post. If you haven't received an invoice/statement, please contact us so we can reissue one to you.
- If you make a payment on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 that includes a voluntary catholic character donation of \$5.00 or more, a donation receipt will be emailed/sent by post in April, for you to claim a tax rebate.
- If you wish to set up a regular payment plan, please contact the Attendance Dues team – Anne-Marie, Marcy and Mark – to discuss payment options. Our contact details are as follows:
  - 0800 200 208; or
  - dues@pndiocese.org.nz
- One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: <a href="https://www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues">www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues</a>.
- Attendance Dues charges for 2020 are:
  - \$447.00 for each Primary Student (Year 0 8).
  - \$894.00 for each Secondary Student (Year 9 13).



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