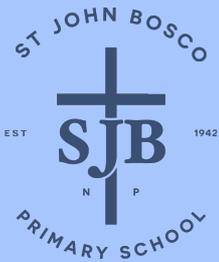


# St John Bosco School

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## TERM DATES

- 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



## From the Principals Desk...

**Welcome:** It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new students and families to St John Bosco School and our community.

**Kawakawa:** Ryan Coombe and his parents Jessica and Alexander, Theo Dawick and his parents Kate and Daniel, Fable-Bea Fox and her parents Katey and Earl, Luca Maw and his parents Melissa and Jeffrey, lyla Walsh and her parents Dakota and Kane and Mack Wood who joins his big brother at school.

**Koromiko:** Harper Heal, Harper joins her big sisters at school.

**Puriri:** Henry Stephens, Henry also joins his big brother at school.

We've had another great week back at school. Our children continue to be settled and settling back into school life incredibly well. The weather and ability to be out and about during breaks has been a big factor in this too. We are loving seeing the children being incredibly active during break times.

The morning and afternoon drop off routine is working really well. There is a calmer morning and afternoon traffic flow in and around school. Kids are walking happily into and out of school independently. The entire school environment is calm and as a part of this we are empowering the children to be in control.

We would like this routine to continue for a number of reasons. It is firstly abiding by our level 2 rules and secondly our teachers are experiencing and observing our children being more independently organised, calmer and actually really settled in their start to the day.

We have engaged the Let's Go scooter and bike programmes in the coming weeks (more details will follow soon) to further empower the children to walk, scooter or bike into school. The focus is on pavement and road safety close to school.

We will also very soon be releasing our scheduled Term 1 reports for students. This has been disrupted due to the early closure of school at the end of term 1. A notification will appear on your Hero App and we will also inform you when this has occurred. This term we will focus on reporting to you in relation to your child's writing and their learning habits. Our traditional mid year interviews will not be held this term, however we are planning for this to occur in early Term 3.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend.

Thanks for everything you do for our children.

### Talofa Lava

This week is Samoan Language Week.

Kowhai and Pohutukawa explored the language and customs of our Samoan community and friends in their learning. We created digital Siapo (tapa) patterns during maths and explored Dances in Samoa in reading.

Here is a taste of some wonderful work!  
 Fa'afetai Amelia Dhanjee.



**The Easter Season is coming to an end**

The story of Easter didn't end on Easter Sunday. Two other important parts of the story are told and celebrated several weeks later. Ascension Day is celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter (which was last Sunday). On that day people remember how Jesus returned to his father in heaven. A week later the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday (which is this Sunday 31st May).

**The Ascension of the Lord. Jesus goes to heaven**

The story of Jesus' return to his Father is told in the book of the Acts of the Apostles written by St Luke. St Luke says that as Jesus was lifted up, a cloud hid him from sight. Writers of the Bible sometimes used the idea of a cloud to show that God was present. In his story of the Ascension. St Luke wanted to show that Jesus was going from this world into the presence of God his Father.

So people celebrate the Ascension of Jesus as part of the good news of Easter - Jesus is alive, Jesus is with God and with us forever. The Ascension is a day of great joy!

**Jesus says Good-bye!**

**Adapted from Acts 1:1-10**

*Jesus said to his friends one day, "Very soon I must go away, Don't be sad because I will come back again!*

*Jesus told his friends:*

*"Tell my story everywhere." And then as his beloved friends were standing there Jesus went up, up, up into the sky!*

**Pentecost Sunday - The Birthday of the Church**

Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, the risen Jesus visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We read in Scripture that one morning, when the disciples were gathered together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women, they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others about Jesus, and that he died for us and rose to new life. On this day the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages.



We often call this the birthday of the Church because this was when the Holy Spirit was sent to reassure and encourage Jesus' people to not be afraid to carry on and share his good news!

The Holy Spirit continues to be with us always!



**Swimming Pool Key Returns** - You can now start returning your pool key to the office and receive your \$15 bond back. Please remember to maintain social distancing in the office.

**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.





**Attendance Dues Information – May 2020**

- ❖ 2020 attendance dues invoices/statements were emailed out to families last week (if we had an email address on file). Those invoices/statements we were unable to email out will be sent via NZ Post this week. If you have not received an invoice/statement, please contact us so we can reissue one to you.
- ❖ The due date for the May invoice/statements has been extended from 29<sup>th</sup> of May to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June to allow families additional time to make payment. Any questions, please get in touch. We are only a call away.
- ❖ One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues).
- ❖ If you had made **voluntary catholic character donation** payments from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 till 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020, you will be receiving a donation receipt. The donation receipts were emailed out over the first 2 weeks of May and those with no email address have been sent via mail this week. If you have not received your **voluntary catholic character donation** receipt for this period, please contact us and we can email or send it out to you.
- ❖ We know that the last 2 months due to Covid-19 have been very testing times. We also realise that families have been impacted financially. Please get in touch. We are happy to advise options that will help your family regarding Attendance Dues Fees. Anne-Marie, Marcy and Mark are here to discuss options with you. Our contact details are as follows:
  - 0800 200 208; or
  - [dues@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dues@pndiocese.org.nz)



**Lucky Book Club**



Just a quick reminder about the Scholastic Book Club and how to order:

We do **Online Ordering only** as this is now a very simple & safe process. The first time you order you will need to register. This simplifies the process for future ordering. Also, you can place one order for all your children through Scholastic's LOOP (Linked Online Ordering for Parents). Here's the link: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> or you can download the App on your phone.

Your order automatically connects to the School Page and all orders will be sent weekly up until the closing date. So, you may have to explain to your child that there is a waiting time! All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School

Due to recent disruptions to the school year, there will be just one issue of Book Club this term. Instead of Issue 3 or Issue 4, it is called **Term 2 Book Club** and it is a **Bumper** issue, so have fun perusing its pages and discovering all the goodies hidden inside! The brochures have been handed out to students this week. Orders are due **by Thursday 11 June**.

Happy Reading Everyone!



**2020 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions**



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam).

The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. This year the competition will provide parents with an Individual Pupil Report of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

NOTE: Our policy is **not** to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam)

Please return THIS section to your classroom teacher by 3<sup>rd</sup> June. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2020 KIWI competitions. Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$9.00	
Mathematics		\$9.00	
Science		\$9.00	
<b>Total</b>			\$

Name of Parent /Caregiver: ..... Signature : .....

Cash or bank transfer the amount due to our school bank account with your child's name and 'kiwi comp' as a reference.

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**Reporting of Results**

Results are provided to schools in Term 3. The reporting of results is done separately for each year level. Student results include a Participated, Achieved, Merit and Excellence score with which students and teachers are familiar. A Distinction grade is awarded to the top 1% of students. A certificate is provided for all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students in each subject.

**When will the competition be run?**

The online competitions will be run in the first three weeks of Term 3, at a time suitable to the school. Different classes or groups can participate in the competition at different times during this period to give schools flexibility in running the competition.

**Register Now!**

The cost per student for each competition is \$9.00 (inc GST). A form letter for parents and caregivers is available on our website. The letter invites students to participate and includes a tear off entry slip to be returned to the school. The entry fee is to be collected by schools.

Schools can register online by clicking the 'Register Now!' button on the CAM website <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/>

**Kiwi Competitions  
open to years 5  
and 6  
ENTRIES CLOSE  
3rd JUNE**

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