



# St John Bosco School

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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin

## TERM DATES

**Term 3**  
Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep

**Term 4**  
Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

## EVENTS

**School closing at 12.30pm for interviews**  
Wed 29 July, 12.30pm

**Mid Year Interviews**  
29 & 30 July

**ICAS Closing Date**  
6 August

**Photo Day**  
17 August



## From the Principals Desk...

**Welcome back:** We've had a great week one back at school. Like always it has been so nice reconnecting with the children and also families. I do feel fortunate to see settled, rested and happy kids in classes each day.

This term sees us within reason returning to most of our pre covid routines and expectations. We will be maintaining hygiene practices at school in relation to sanitising work spaces daily and hand cleaning in some parts of the day. The hygiene lessons learnt in the past few months I am hoping will lead to reduced illnesses and spread of bugs.

Last term disruptions have meant that we haven't in some cases been able, due to restrictions, follow some of our normal routines. Examples of this are reporting in some areas, learning conferences and school assemblies. There will be many questions and wonderings about what impact shorter periods of face to face learning contact has had on schools and children.

What I need you to do is trust me... We have a plan to get us back on track in relation to reporting, sharing information, celebrating special occasions and also ensuring educational needs are being met. We will work hard to ensure that our Year 6 children have the skills, confidence and knowledge to move onto high school. We will work hard to ensure that our children who have just started school get the foundation skills in reading, writing and maths as well as feeling safe and happy to come to school. We will ensure that all children and teachers have the conditions to ensure they continue to progress towards meeting agreed milestones.

I want to also at this point again make it well known that my door is always open. I am here for you and your children at any stage. As your Principal I serve you and your children. I am confident that you are all aware that I truly value open communication.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to a settled term. Some long periods of sunshine would be great too!

**Welcome:** It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following children to room Puriri and families to St John Bosco School: Jericho Rios and his parents Carol Lyn and Gerald, Daniel Kotze and his parents Tamsyn and Devin, Max Hamilton and his parents Lauren and Rob, Liam Dhanjee, Liam joins his sister Amelia at school, Darci Dumbell, Darci joins her sister Georgia and brother Leon at school.

**Winter Sports:** We are heading into winter sports and many of our kids will be involved in Netball, football, hockey or rugby. Thank you for supporting your children to do this. Being a part of a team has many responsibilities for children and parents. Please be respectful and thankful to coaches, volunteers and referees. Children please look after, include and support all members in your team. We are a Fairplay school and we ask that everyone is respectful towards opposition.

**Cross Country:** Term three will again see our annual school cross country take place. We have scheduled week 7 Tuesday 1st September. Our PE lessons will work towards preparing all children for this event. After what we believe to have been a successful event happening at school last year, we will again this year follow suit and hold our school cross country here onsite. We'll make it a good one for the kids to run...

**Miss Allen's Return to SJB:** It was nice to welcome Miss Allen back to school this week. It is always great to open up our Puriri classroom in Term 3 to cater for our Year 0 children. To support Cat back into her role at SJB and thinking of a very young Otis at home Cat will work reduced time for term 3 & 4 this year. She will be onsite Monday - Wednesday and Thursday and Friday Miss Moesbauer will continue Cat's programme.

**Mrs Haveswood Maternity Leave:** You will be aware that Bethany will be taking maternity leave later this term. We have been very lucky to negotiate with Mrs Katie Smith and Mrs Helen Baldwin a job share role in Kawakawa for the remainder of the year. This will allow our planned and deliberate junior school teaching routines to continue with ease for Kawakawa. It

was also great this week to have both Katie and Helen onsite connecting with families and children in order to ensure relationships and routines are created and maintained.

**Mid Year Learning Conferences:** Bookings are now open for parent/student/teacher learning conferences scheduled for Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th July. As you are aware these conferences were delayed due to Covid disruptions last term. We will be following the exact same processes we have in previous years. **School will finish for all students at 12:30pm on Wednesday 29th July** allowing conferences with families to begin at 1:00pm through till 7:00pm. Thursday 30th July will be a normal school day for students and conferences will begin from 3:20pm through till 6:00pm. We have allocated 10 minute time slots for each conference. If these interview dates do not suit, we ask that you email your child's teacher and establish another opportunity to connect and share at a later date. **Please note that if your child is in Kawakawa - Mrs Haveswood's or Koromiko - Miss Mosten's you will have received a personal email requesting you to book an interview time if needed, as some have already prior to the holiday break received their settling into school report and conference. Children in Puriri and Miss Allen's class will be contacted by Cat soon re their settling into school report.**

If you copy and paste the following link into your browser it will take you to our interview booking site. <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=6sj62> Or you can visit the following site [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code 6sj62. You will need to select your child's teacher(s) and select a suitable time to meet.

**Illness:** Last term we really appreciated our families support in keeping children who were unwell at home. We are asking that this is the case again. If your child is showing symptoms of cold, flu or generally unwell please keep them home. This is best practice, it is fair on all members of our school community and it really does limit the spread of the bug.

Congratulations Nandu and Shanmuk Kosuru, who represented Taranaki Rink Hockey under 13's team at the New Plymouth Rink Hockey Tournament played last weekend. Their team came 1st place. Congratulations and well done!



### 27th July Caring Sunday

Catholics around the country this weekend will be focussing on the 'caring' ministries within the Church which care for people in a wide variety of ways.

The reason to celebrate Caring Sunday is threefold – acknowledging these caring ministries, showing support through special donations and in prayer. Together they raise awareness of how people can contribute and put care into action in the future.

It allows for a special focus to be made for the many caring ministries and the people involved that often operate behind the scenes.

We are beginning our new learning Strand in Religious Education, the Holy Spirit.

### Overarching Statement

**The Holy Spirit is God working in and through us to help us to live and be like Jesus.**



### **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.



**2020 International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):** are at SJB again this year. ICAS competitions are optional for all students from years 4-6. This competition provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievements in an external testing situation. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem solving skills. ICAS assessments are online, this allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. 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 a special award ceremony. If you have any questions or interest in past papers for practice please see Inthira at school between 2.30pm - 3pm Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

**If you wish your child to enter any of the competitions please complete the entry slip below and return to the office with your payment or bank transfer to our school account 15-3944-0101291-80 using your child name and ICAS as a reference.**

Subject	Official sitting dates
ICAS Science	Monday 17 Aug to Friday 21 Aug
ICAS English	Monday 24 Aug to Friday 28 Aug
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 Aug to Friday 4 Sept

### ICASS Assessment 2020 Entry Slip

**Please return this form to the school office no later than THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2020**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2020 ICAS assessments listed below: *(Please tick the subjects your child will be sitting in 2020)*

Subject	Tick	Participation Price	Fee Enclosed
Science		\$18.00	
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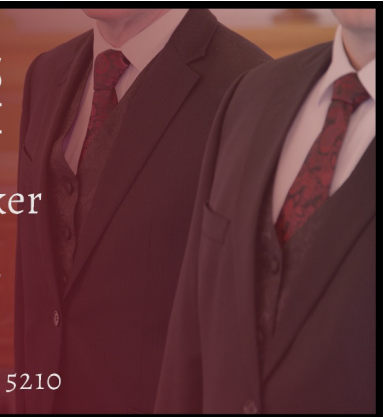
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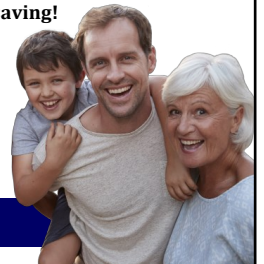
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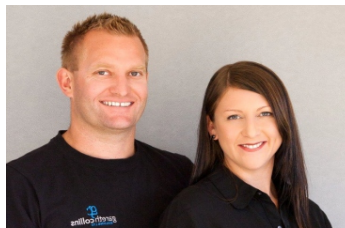
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