



# St John Bosco School

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## TERM DATES

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

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

## EVENTS

**ICAS Closing Date**  
Thursday 6 August

**Community Group Meeting**  
Wed 12 Aug, 7.30pm

**Photo Day**  
Monday 17 August

**School Cross Country**  
Tue 1 September

**Teacher Only Day**  
Fri 4 September

**NP Cross Country**  
Tue 8 September



## From the Principals Desk...

**Interschool Sports:** Our Annual interschool sports competition has started for the year. A term late but I'm over the moon we have been able to take part. This involves our Year 5/6 children and the exchanges normally involve Netball, Football and Rugby. Last week we hosted Waitara East. It was so rewarding to see the kids fully engaged and playing their hearts out. It was a pretty good day for us with a great win in football. A strong rugby performance also saw us take a big win also. The highlight of the day would have been the netball game. At the end of time we were all tied up. We then played two lots of extra time and still remained all tied up. This lead us to the golden point first team to score wins. Waitara East just snuck in to take the win. But the effort, determination, grit and energy right to the last whistle from both teams was the highlight of the day for me. Our next game is against Puketapu School on Wednesday 12th August 1:00pm.



**Interschool Football Team**

**Learning Conferences:** Thank you for your interest in our recent learning conferences. All staff have reported back to me just how great it was to connect with all families especially after the past few months of social distancing and restrictions. It certainly is affirming and rewarding for me as your Principal to see families valuing an opportunity to connect, share and reflect on our Tamariki and their learning to date. Our doors are always open and we welcome parents to make contact with us at any stage of the year, not just learning conference time. Thank you for working alongside us.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to the 42 Children who will this Sunday receive and celebrate their First Holy Communion. This is a particularly large group for our school. I am

incredibly proud of you all and on behalf of our wider St John Bosco community would like to offer our blessings and best wishes as you enter into the next phase of your spiritual journey. We would also like to invite SJB families to come along and celebrate Mass with these children this Sunday, 10:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. We ask God to bless and guide the following children: Jayden Baker, Connor Baker, Isabella Buchboeck, Kate Blackburn, William Blackburn, Mercedes Beman, Madison Beman, Max Brien, Rex Byelich, Daisy Byelich, Aimee Carradus, Natalie Carradus, Dylan Croot, John Duya, Lilly Gardner, Max Gardner, Keri Graham, Jaida Heal, Jade Hinga, Emily Hobin, Phoenix Lewis, Anyah Morales, Maxx O'Callaghan, Lachlan Pope, Eli Sako-Holmes, Izaro Williamson Sasia, Silito Sisifa, Ashton Smith, Zoe Smith, Jade Smiley, Mia Staddon, Billie Stenning, Emma Taylor, Kate Taylor, Hudson Taylor, Lincoln Taylor, Lennon Taylor, Arabella Thomson, Georgia Watson, Payton Wratt, Jasmine Lamb, Alexis Lamb.

**Community Group Meeting:** Our next Community Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th August in the school staffroom at 7:30pm. Please come along to support this amazing group. Our next focus is our school disco. Many hands make lite work...

**Safety at School Gate:** I am again starting to notice children being dropped off and collected from the cauldressack at our school entrance. This is a yellow line area which means cars are not to stop in this area. Please remember we are all role models to our children and children within our community. It is an offence to park or stop on yellow lines. Most children and families know this. It is also making our main entrance and exit a dangerous environment for other families.

I know that our street gets busy prior to and after school. Our staff are committed to being out after school to support and keep children safe. This allows parents to park and walk in or wait until a little after 3:00pm to collect students.

Let's all work hard to make our school safe.

**Teacher Only Day:** As a part of the teachers collective agreement the Government has allocated all schools in New Zealand 8 teacher only days to be scheduled over the next three years. The purpose of these days is to allow primary school teachers the opportunity to:

- refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards)
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching
- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

**We have a Teacher Only Day Scheduled for Friday 4th September.** School will be closed for the day to allow all staff to take part in professional development.

**Can you Help?** I am wondering if we have someone in our school community that may be able to help me design and make some mini steel football goals and rugby posts. With increased Physical Activity at school and multiple games of soccer & rugby occurring on our field, I'd really love to create smaller fields allowing a variety of games to occur.

If you think you may be able to help with the design or construction I'd love to chat. We can supply materials etc...

**Early Arrival at School:** We are noticing large numbers of children arriving at school incredibly early in the morning. Staff need space and time to prepare for the day and are not available to supervise children fully until 8:30am. We do have bus children that arrive at 8:15am but we have an arranged plan for these children.

### **Pope Francis prayer intention for August - The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

#### **Mariner's Prayer**

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Mother of God and our Mother, you know all the dangers of soul and body that threaten mariners.

Protect your sons and daughters who work and travel on the waters of the world, and protect also their families that await their return. Star of the Sea, Mother of the Church, give light and strength to those chaplains and lay ministers who bring the love of your Divine Son among mariners.

Fill their hearts with a supernatural and life-giving zeal for the apostolate.

Star of the Sea, light shining in the darkness, be a guide to those who sail amid the storms and dangers of life.

Enlighten the hearts of ardent disciples and bring us all to the safety of heaven's port.

Amen.



### **Class Mass Timetable**

It is really lovely that we are able to attend weekly class mass on Wednesdays again. All family members, whanau and friends are invited and encouraged to join us if you are able.

Week 4	Wednesday 12th August	Koromiko, Kawakawa, Puriri
Week 5	Wednesday 19th August	Totara, Kauri
Week 6	Wednesday 26th August	Karaka, Rimu
Week 7	Wednesday 2nd September	Pohutukawa, Kowhai
Week 8	Wednesday 9th September	Horoeka, Nikau
Week 9	Wednesday 16th September	Koromiko, Kawakawa, Puriri
Week 10	Wednesday 23rd September	Totara, Kauri

#### **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.



## SJB CROSS COUNTRY

### Tuesday 1st September – at St John Bosco

Dear Parents. Our Annual cross country is just around the corner. Ms Lynskey has had the children training hard with her great variety of activities during PE lessons. Like all other years, our main focus is 100% participation. Our focus is to see every child cross the line with a great big smile saying "I did the cross country in 2020!"

We received great feedback from parents about holding the cross country at school so we will do the same again. Children will run the course in the days prior to the event to ensure they know what to do on the day.

Below are the main details for the day. We can not give specific times as it is just too hard to determine how long each race will take. Most take about 10 minutes. But we do actively encourage you all to join us for the entire event.

11:45 Children gather on the court

12:00 Special Character Leaders to say an Opening Prayer.

**12.10pm**

#### **First Race (Age on the day)**

10 & 11 year old boys	2.2km (3 laps)
10 & 11 year old girls	2.2km (3 laps)
5 year boys	800m (1 lap)
5 year girls	800m (1 lap)
6 year boys	800m (1 lap)
6 year girls	800m (1 lap)
9 year old boys	2.2km (3 laps)
9 year old girls	2.2km (3 laps)
7 year boys	1.5km (2 laps)
7 year girls	1.5km (2 laps)
8 year boys	1.5km (2 laps)
8 year girls	1.5km (2 laps)

- At the end of each race, the top five runners will be given a number on their hand and are to go to gazebo to record their names.
- Teachers will, from the top five runners for the 9, 10 & 11 year races, decide who will then compete in the New Plymouth Cross Country on the 2nd September. We sometimes select our top 8 year old runners to run in the 9 year old race. (Top 12 runners from the NP cross country each event will compete in Hawera on 25th Sept)
- Finish Time approx 2pm

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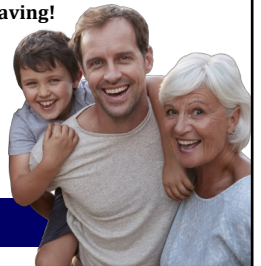
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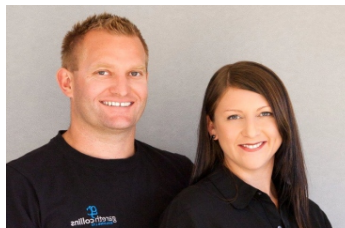
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