Term 4 Week 1



TERM DATES

Term 4 - 2020 Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

Term 1 - 2021 Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Term 2 - 2021 Mon 3 May - Fru 9 Jul

Term 3 - 2021 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4 - 2021 Mon 18 Oct - TBC

EVENTS

Teacher Only Day Tue 27 Oct

School Triathlon Fri 4 Dec



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From the Principals Desk...

Welcome back to Term 4. Term 4 is always a term that seems to fly past incredibly quickly. The first day back was not what we expected with kids inside all day! We pray that this term will be a term where the weather warms up and children can be outside during breaks enjoying open space and fresh air.

At the end of last term Mrs Haveswood welcomed into the world a beautiful little girl named Skye. Beth and Rob are doing well and enjoying some space as they adjust to a new way of life.

You may have noticed that the Parish Carpark has been completely resealed with new parking spaces and a slightly different layout. With that completed it signals an end to our major modernisation projects.

We are now eagerly awaiting the Minister of Education's decision to also include State Integrated schools in the school property maintenance payment scheme announced late last year. This would see a forward payment allowing schools to focus on a major maintenance project in their school. We have a few ideas up our sleeve...

Remember my door is always open and I am here to help in any way that I can.

Welcome: It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new students to room Puriri and families to St John Bosco School: Bree Parker-Bishop, Bree joins her sister Quinn and brother Hudson at school and Elliot Diachok and his parents Amanda and Tyler.

Last Day of School 2020: With the dynamics of Covid19 and school being closed and holidays brought forward I can now confirm that school will finish for St John Bosco School Students on Friday 11th December. This will be earlier than many other schools as we started back on 29th January, not the 3rd of February like many others did.

Start Date 2021: Our start date in 2021 is looking like it will be the

Wednesday 3rd of February. This is vet to be confirmed by the Board of Trustees, so it is just a chance to indicate to our community roughly our plans. You may ask why there is variation between starting dates and finishing dates each year? Simply the Minister and Ministry of Education determine how many half days a school will be open for instruction. This can range between 380 - 388 half days per year. We are also given a range of dates to begin our school vear. In 2020 it was between 27th January - 7th February. In 2021 it is between 1st February - 9th February.

Teacher Only Day: As mentioned earlier as a part of the recent Teachers Collective Agreement, Teachers have been allocated 8 Teacher only days to be used over the next three years. We have our second Teacher Only Day Scheduled for Tuesday 27th October. School will be closed for the day to allow all staff to take part in professional development onsite.

Year 6 Camp: This week Mr Fleming, Mrs Smith and all Year 6 students are out at Vertical Horizons taking part in our Education outside the classroom camp. The children will be busy kayaking, doing high rope courses, taking part in archery, orienteering and many other fun activities. I'm looking forward to joining them on Thursday and sharing in some of the fun.

Summer Sports: It's great to see so many of our children involved in organised sport this term. Thank you for supporting your children to take part and have an opportunity to be involved in a team. Also thanks so much to our parents who have volunteered to coach these teams.

Please support and help our coaches where you can, little bits of support or help mean a lot to a coach. Please reinforce with your children that the games the children are involved in are a team sport. This means they need to look after all members of the team, make sure everyone is included and has a fair chance to learn and be involved. It's

also a great opportunity for parents to model to children the importance of teams improving, having fun and how good sportsmanship leads to enjoyment and people maintaining their dignity.

Summer Uniform: Term 4 is our Summer Uniform term. We do generally allow a little bit of time for children to transition from shoes to sandals especially while it can still be a little chilly. However sunhats will need to be out and worn starting this week. We will begin to enforce our no hat no play rules very soon as this week some of us were caught out by the sun... Our summer uniform stated on our website is:

Girls Summer Uniform

Choice of:

- Tunics (Suitable for Junior School)
- Culottes (Suitable for Older Girls)
- Blue Short Sleeved Polo Shirt
- Blue School Fleece
- Black Sandals
- School Sunhat

Boys Summer Uniform

- · Grey Shorts
- Blue Short Sleeved Polo Shirt
- Blue School Fleece
- Black Sandals
- School Sunhat

Playground Blessing: At the end of last term Father Simon very kindly blessed our new senior playground and all our children. Asking that the playground was a place of safety, fun and enjoyment for our children. This fitted in so well with the playground planning groups idea of adding three of our school values to the playground structure. Love, Cooperation and Resilience. They also mentioned that they would like to see the children displaying these three values whilst playing on the structure. This was followed with the organising group cooking every child at school a sausage. I'd also like to say that I was blown away by the number of children who came up to me afterwards and said "Thank you". Makes the effort and hours so worthwhile.



Our new senior playground

Pope Francis prayer intention for October - For women in our church

We pray for the promotion of greater integration of the lay faithful, especially women, in areas of responsibility and leadership roles in the Church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2020: 'Here I am, send me!

This Sunday 18th October, is World Mission Sunday – the one time in the whole year when the global Catholic Church comes together in celebration and support of the Pope's chosen mission. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. There will be a special collection at Mass on Sunday for the Pope's Mission, or you may donate on the <u>Mission website</u>.

This is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message for World Mission Sunday 2020. His full letter is also available here on the <u>Mission website</u>.

"In this year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the Church continues to be illuminated by the response of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me' (6:8).

This invitation challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us called to row together, that only together can we do this.

Through pain and death, we experience our human frailty, but at the same time these things remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. The call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour, presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us away from fear and introspection, to a renewed realisation that we find our true selves when we give ourselves to others."

May the Most Blessed Vírgín Mary contínue to intercede for us and sustain us.

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| | Week 2 | Wednesday 21st August | Pohutukawa, Kowhai |
| | Week 3 | Wednesday 28th August | Horoeka, Nikau |
| | Week 4 | Wednesday 4th August | Koromiko, Kawakawa, Puriri |
| | Week 5 | Wednesday 11th November | Totara, Kauri |
| | Week 6 | Wednesday 18th November | Karaka, Rimu |
| | | SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER | SCHOOL MASS |
| | Week 7 | Wednesday 25th November | Pohutukawa, Kowhai |
| | Week 8 | Wednesday 2nd December | Horoeka, Nikau |

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.

SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Our school is organising this event in order to raise funds for a new bike track and rope swings. Students will choose to compete in a short course, medium course or long course, swim - bike - run triathlon. The swim will be held in the SJB school pool, the bike will be around part of the school field, through the church carpark and across the school courts, and the run will be on the school field and down the walkway. The 3 distances, to cater for all ages and abilities, will be on the same course but with a different number of laps allocated. We will be encouraging all students to participate and have fun. They will be encouraged to participate individually, but for certain reasons, participating as a team of 2 or 3 will be an option. All races will have a staggered start, so there will be no placings.

Keep trying to source sponsorship. Once you've given it your best shot it would be great if you could follow the instructions on the form in relation to payments and bringing your form back to school.



Our School Core Values

Co-operation

Service

Resilience

Love



