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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 - Fri 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

Last Day of Term 4

Fri 11 Dec, 12 noon



From the Principals Desk...

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 will be the Wednesday 3rd of 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 this coming Tuesday 27th October. School will be closed for the day to allow all staff to take part in professional development onsite.

School Triathlon: We're not far away from our end of year school triathlon. We will be asking that all sponsorship forms are back prior to the 30th October so we can start collating prizes etc. The focus of the day is for everyone to have fun. There is no race as children in age groups are started in small groups

to avoid large groups in the pool and on the track at once. Parents have asked "What do we do if our child can't ride a bike yet"? My answer is don't worry. They can ride a scooter, bring a bike with trainer wheels, ride a balance bike or simply move onto the run. Remember our focus is fun, enjoyment and giving it a go. There is no reason to worry. Once we have sponsorship forms back we will then begin to share organisation of how the day will work. We have a well oiled plan and the highlight of the day will be running over the finish line.

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. Any questions please see Mr Moorby or myself.

Class Organisation for 2021: We have been fortunate to receive extra staffing for 2021. This is going to allow us to move from 11 classes to 12 classes in 2021. This has always been my vision. My vision is not to get bigger. It's been to get the dynamics of our classes perfect. 12 classes will allow us to look at

reducing the size of our senior classes from 30-31 down to 27-28. It may not sound like much of a change but 2-3 children is significant. So Harakeke will transition into a classroom at the start of Term 3 2021. Adding an extra class will obviously change the dynamics of the school and will make potential traditional moves through the school different. But as I have said for the past 3-4 years each year the make-up of classes will be different due to growth and also in a medium sized school like us large year cohorts can throw class movement out as well.

This is what we are currently working on for 2021...

Kauri Totara Year 5 / 6
Year 5 / 6

Rimu Karaka Year 5
Year 4

Pohutukawa Kowhai Year 3 / 4
Year 3 / 4

Horoeke Nikau Year 2 / 3
Year 2

Kawakawa Koromiko Year 1 / 2
Year 1

Puriri Harakeke Year 1
Year 0

Year 6 Camp Photos



Year 6 Camp Stories

Year 6 Camp day 1 - By Ruby Stenning

It was Wednesday the 14th of October and all the year 6's were in their cars ready to go to camp. At about 9:15 we headed out to Vertical Horizons. Once we got out of our cars we all went to have a look at our cabins and set up our stuff. After that we had a cabin inspection and the winner was my cabin, cabin 12. We won a fruit burst each.

Next we had morning tea and then went to our first activity. My one was the flying kiwi while the other group went off to various activities such as the Catwalk, Archery, Grass karts, High ropes and more. It was great to do the flying kiwi first because it was the scariest but the most fun and after we did the flying kiwi we were full of confidence and ready for all the other activities. Our instructor was Cody. He was really funny, he told some great jokes and had some awesome 1970s dance moves.

We all sat together to eat lunch and then headed off to our afternoon activities. My group had the catwalk which was awesome but the best bit was being right next to group three while they did the flying kiwi and watching them squeal as they flew through the air, especially the boys. My last activity for the day was raft building. It was fun and challenging but if I'm ever shipwrecked on an island I might need more than two barrels 4 bits of bamboo and 4 bits of string.

Just before dinner we all got together and did the swim test we all had to swim the length of the lake. It was very cold and most of the boys squealed louder than on the flying kiwi. After the swim test we had a free swim and went on the water slide. After the freezing cold swim it was nice to have a nice hot burger and chips followed by apple crumble and vanilla ice cream.

After dinner we put on some warm clothes and grabbed our torches and headed through the bush to the glow worm cave only to find out we were early and had to wait another half an hour for the sun to go down. Luckily all our laughing and playing didn't scare the glow worms and as it got dark they slowly began to shine.

We all got to walk through the cave a couple of times each and see the glow worms sparkling from the rocks before heading back to camp we stopped half way back to play 2 games of spot light in the fields as it began to softly rain. After that we had a hot milo and a biscuit before bed. That was the end of an awesome first day at camp.



Year 6 Camp Day 2 - By Carter Herlihy and Billy Vincent

On the second day we started off early after a freezing night, got dressed and made our way to breakfast. The main food I ate was toast. Credits to Jasper for entertaining us at meals. After breakfast we made our way to our first activity The Catwalk.

The catwalk was a log about 10 meters off the ground and about 10 meters long it was also only a bit over twenty centimetres wide the most challenging part was getting on to the log after that it was fine if you wanted you could do press ups as some people did. Now Billy will talk about the jellyfish.

After morning tea we made our way to the jellyfish. The jellyfish was about 3 meters off the ground. What you had to do was climb a ladder and climb onto barrels attached to a rope attached to a wooden pole. There were about 7 of these. There were four strings coming off each barrel that your group had to hold onto. What the group did was to pull the barrels across to you using the rope. You then carried this on for another 6 times. Back to Carter to speak.

The third activity we did was kayaking we did this with Cody. The main goal we had was to swap boats without falling and my group managed to accomplish this. We were also able to stand up without falling out of our kayaks. Sadly the same couldn't be said about Ella. Billy will talk now about Orienteering.

Orienteering was an activity where you go around with a map and a piece of paper with a box for each number, there were 10 boxes and there was an option for the hard side or the easy side we did the hard side. What you were looking for was a red small object that clipped holes into your paper. On the map was an x where the red clipper was for your paper. You had to search around the area where the x was to find the red clipper. The x did not mark exactly where it was that was just roughly where it was. Once you have found all 10 you make your way back to the camp to get the paper marked. What we learned was that it's a good idea to take the map with you when you're trying to find things and that when you turn the map around things like lakes and buildings stay where they are in real life.

And that was day 2.

Day 3 of Camp - By Caitlyn Hobin

Day 3 started with the smell of must, the sight of white and the feeling of anticipation. Of course everyone was excited for all the last activities so when it was finally time for breakfast everyone ran to sit down first and were all chattering excitedly, breakfast went by like a blur and all of a sudden it was time for activities.

All of the groups went their separate ways and the first thing group four (the group I was in) was orienteering. Orienteering is good for those who want to understand the world and explore but not very good for those who have a very short attention span or no sense of direction.

For the second activity everyone went straight there and started, group four went to the zip lines and got ready. When it was your turn someone would give you the zip line and you would walk the rest of the way up, when you got up you would get told to sit on the seat after you get clipped in and to lean forward, as you are going down you would go up and down several bumps and would have to duck as you reach the tires. It is definitely worth doing it if you want to do something out of your comfort zone. Please note though, as Hailey will attest to, if it hasn't been raining the day before and the tyres at the end are full of water, let someone else go first!

The mud run, the best part (if you like to get dirty). You expect it to be all squelchy but it's nothing like that it's wet, slimy and gooey and of course smelly, it smelt so bad, kinda like cow poo. When I look back maybe it was. You had to do it twice and if you hadn't gotten too dirty on the first lap you had to go on your stomach for some of it. Of course it was cold, muddy, also painful mainly because there are things in it, things you would never imagine that go in mud. It was thrilling and fun and a day to remember.

Last but not least was the raft race where we would put the rafts each group built into the water without any tests at all. If you ever do build a survival raft, I suggest testing it first. For the raft race we had to pick a runner that would race across a strip of grass and then everyone else would put their raft into the water and everyone would race across the lake on their raft, take their raft back around to the beginning and take it apart. Taking it apart wasn't the problem. Keeping it together was. Picture this: 8 drums, 16 bamboo sticks and 20 odd children all going in opposite directions. Some sinking, some screaming and most doing a better job of being a raft than the rafts themselves. If only we were allowed to test run.

My group didn't win and I'm not going to give group 3 the kudos for winning. Whoops, I just did.

Camp ended with everyone having lunch and leaving. Camp was absolutely awesome and I think everyone would love it.

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.



Class Mass Timetable

Week 3	Wednesday 28th October	Horoeka, Nikau
Week 4	Wednesday 4th November	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




SJB Triathlon Fundraiser

**Reminder all sponsorship
money to be paid by
Friday 30th October**

**Please deposit the money via online banking.
Refer to the brochure for more information.**

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the prizes or view them via
the school app.



**Date of the Triathlon is
Friday 4th December**



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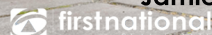
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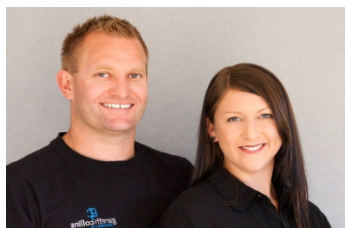
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