

St John Bosco School

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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

Parihaka Day

Wed 4 & Thu 5 Nov

Fri 4 Dec

Second Hand

Uniform Sale

Tue 10 Nov

School Triathlon

Fri 4 Dec

Last Day of Term 4

Fri 11 Dec, 12 noon



From the Principals Desk...

Welcome: It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new students to Room Puriri and their families to our St John Bosco School Community: Sebastian Lupton who joins his big brother Wilbur at school and McKinley Evans and her parents Wendy and Lawrence.

Parihaka Day 2020: Many of you will know that St John Bosco School has been chosen to pilot a curriculum resource to support the learning about Parihaka and their teachings. The Curriculum Pilot name is derived from a statement by Tohu and Te Whiti to their whanau, "Hoki atu ki ō koutou kāinga, Parihaka mai ai" (Go back to your homes and enact Parihaka's principled practice there). Enacting Parihaka-based principled practice is a shift in curriculum focus from an historico-centric study to a socio-cultural practice and a community development-based approach. We are embarking on a journey to learn about Parihaka and the legacy of Tohu and Te Whiti and to align these with our school values and catholic social teachings beautifully.

Next week on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November we will have a focus on three important teachings of Parihaka:

1. **Tou Kai** Gardening is an obvious setting for peaceful practice. This module centres on students:

- growing food;
- engaging with the need to nurture the earth and the regeneration of a healthy substrate;
- understanding the nutritional needs of their community;
- awareness of foods that are culturally aligned with their community;
- working together, problem-solving and establishing plans and practices;
- participating in Māori language and culture with reo, karakia, waiata, etc.;
- sharing these concepts of food production with others in their community.

2. **Harakeke** Harakeke is symbolic for the principle of sustainability espoused by Tohu and Te Whiti;

that is, the use of materials available to the community from the natural environment. This module centres on students:

- knowing the characteristics and importance of harakeke as a natural resource;
- learning which natural resources are available, and how to utilize and care for them;
- utilisation of harakeke in a shared activity e.g. rope, poi and whai;
- include harakeke in food-based practice, especially making kono;
- consider resources such as water, eels, seafood, rongoā, etc.

3. **Karanga-a-Rongo** Karanga-o-Rongo is the call to people to come and share a meal. This module centres on students:

- planning their cultivations to coincide with this shared meal event;
- discussing the context of the Pahua and decide which elements they would like to enact, e.g. sitting on the ground, eating without cutlery, cooking food whole or using harakeke kono;
- thinking about who should be invited e.g. people in need, community relationships, etc.;
- consideration of waste minimisation e.g. composting, chickens, garden, etc.;
- being involved, after the meal, in activities that can be aligned with Parihaka, e.g. skipping ropes, waiata, student presentations of their insights, discuss plans for next year, etc.;

The story of Parihaka is **about peaceful resistance and is more relevant to us as New Zealanders than the story of Guy Fawkes (5 November)**. With Guy Fawkes widely celebrated it is an ideal time to raise the profile of the peaceful resistance to invasion that occurred at Parihaka on 5 November 1881.

On Wednesday 4th November our tamariki/ students will be involved with whanau grouping activities where they will learn about the story of Parihaka and in school houses unpack on one the above three approaches. We aim to make a large display explaining the significance of each approach.

On Thursday 5th November we will be holding a Parihaka Day Liturgy, finishing aspects of our work from Wednesday and preparing for our house singing competition being held Thursday afternoon. On Thursday we will be providing each child with a hamburger for lunch as a part of our Karanga-a-Rongo.

School Disco: Apologies. I have mentioned a date historically in our newsletter of 30th October for our school disco. This will not be going ahead tonight. We've had to rethink our school disco due to aspects at our normal venue changing and our DJ not being available. We are working to find a new date prior to the end of year.

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.

School Triathlon: We're not far away from our end of year school triathlon. All sponsorship forms are now due back. If you haven't returned your form if you could do so early next week that would be amazing. This will allow us to 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.

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We have a well oiled plan and the highlight of the day will be running over the finish line. 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	Year 5 / 6
Totara	Year 5 / 6
Rimu	Year 5
Karaka	Year 4
Pohutukawa	Year 4
Kowhai	Year 3
Horoeka	Year 2 / 3
Nikau	Year 2
Kawakawa	Year 1 / 2
Koromiko	Year 1
Puriri	Year 1
Harakeke	Year 0

We place a large amount of time into the placement of our children into classes. We work really hard to ensure each class is balanced. Social and emotional wellbeing is our main focus when looking at placements. There will be cases where some children will remain within the same class due to the size of year group cohorts and as we have added an extra class in 2021.

All Saints Day Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1st. It is a religious holiday celebrated by the Catholic Church and some other Christian denominations. It is a celebration to honor all the saints that have graced our world, and to honor loved ones who have passed away. It began in Rome in the 600s, but is celebrated in countries all over the world today. Some people celebrate the holiday by decorating graves with flowers, by lighting candles, and by attending religious ceremonies.



Interesting All Saints Day Facts:

- All Saints' Day is also known as All Hallows, Solemnity of All Saints, Hallowmas, and Feast of Saints.
- The liturgical color of All Saints' Day is white.
- The first All Saints' Day was celebrated in Rome in May of 609, under Pope Boniface IV.
- Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day a holiday in 837.
- Mexico celebrates All Saints' Day with a week-long celebration. This celebration includes festivals, parades, and dances.
- The football team called the New Orleans Saints was given its name because of New Orleans' large Catholic Church population.
- Some All Saints' Day feasts include Irish bread with fruit, soul cakes, and cabbage served with boiled potatoes.
- Symbols that are commonly associated with All Saints' Day include images of specific saints, the crown, the hand of God, and a sheaf of wheat.
- In some countries such as the Philippines and in France, people visit the graves of their loved ones on All Saints' Day to make repairs or clean the graves.
- All Saints' Day is a **public holiday** in Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Croatia, France, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and in some parts of Switzerland and Germany.

From the Parish.....

FIRST RECONCILIATION OLHC FITZROY: This has been rescheduled for Term 1 2021. Dates will be confirmed later this term. Please contact Michelle with queries regarding the sacramental programmes: youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

Do you receive the Parish Newsletter? You are able to access this weekly communication on the New Plymouth Parish website <https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/>. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you then contact Irene at office@catholicparishnp.nz

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 4	Wednesday 4th November	No Class Mass Today
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

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Our next uniform sale will be Tuesday 10th November.
If you have any donations for the sale please leave at the school office. Thank You!

Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities

[SPELD NZ](http://www.speld.org.nz), Level 1, 155 Devon Street East,
New Plymouth, Taranaki

Saturday 7 November 2020 9:00am and
Sunday 8 November 2020 9:00am

Are you struggling to support a child or adult with dyslexia?

Are you a parent concerned about your child's learning journey?

Are you a teacher/teacher aide who wants to reach more children in your classroom?

Are you a Learning Support Coordinator taking on a new role?

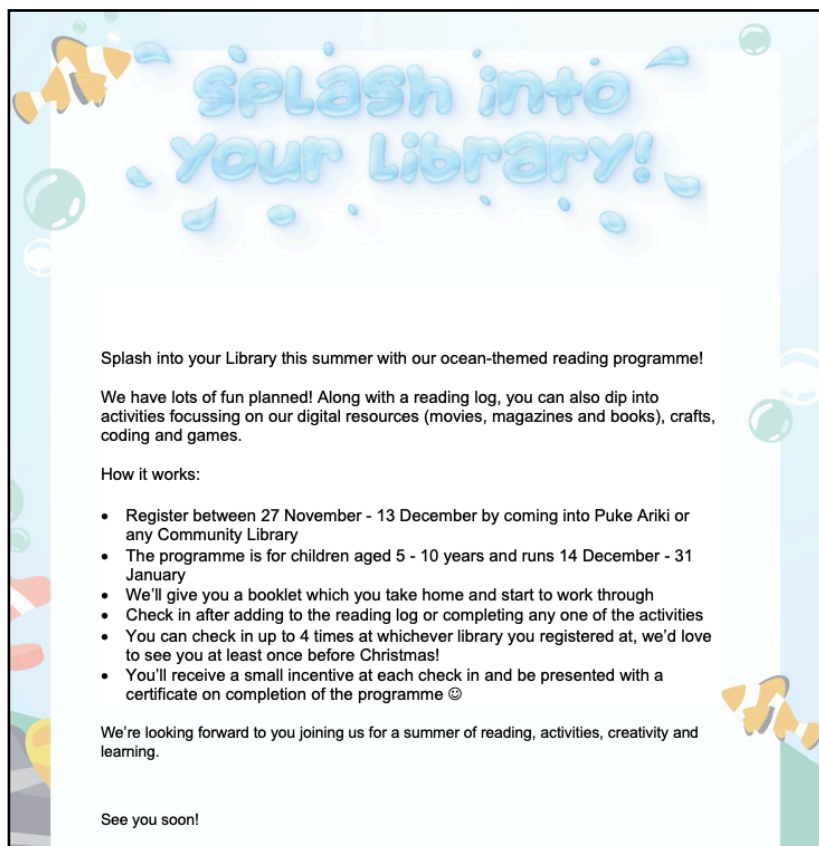
Are you aware of children who are disruptive, withdrawn, bright but not achieving?

Are you working with a child who is not progressing as you would expect?

SPELD NZ'S two-day introductory course is for you!

To register complete the form here: <https://www.speld.org.nz/our-services/training/introduction-specific-learning-disabilities/>

To contact us email: northern@speld.org.nz or phone: 0800 773 536, option 1, option 1.



Splash into your Library!

Splash into your Library this summer with our ocean-themed reading programme!

We have lots of fun planned! Along with a reading log, you can also dip into activities focussing on our digital resources (movies, magazines and books), crafts, coding and games.

How it works:

- Register between 27 November - 13 December by coming into Puke Ariki or any Community Library
- The programme is for children aged 5 - 10 years and runs 14 December - 31 January
- We'll give you a booklet which you take home and start to work through
- Check in after adding to the reading log or completing any one of the activities
- You can check in up to 4 times at whichever library you registered at, we'd love to see you at least once before Christmas!
- You'll receive a small incentive at each check in and be presented with a certificate on completion of the programme ☺

We're looking forward to you joining us for a summer of reading, activities, creativity and learning.

See you soon!

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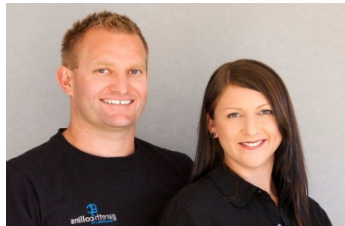
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