

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 4 - 2020

Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec, noon finish

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

School Triathlon
Fri 4 Dec

Graduation & Final Assembly
Thu 10 Dec, 6pm

Last Day of Term 4
Fri 11 Dec, 12 noon



From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou, We are getting close to the end of the school year, and what a year it has been. Most people I speak to are ready for their xmas break and seem to be running on a limited supply of energy. Our community has been under some quite unusual pressures this year, and I am proud to say that together, we have risen to the challenge.

I want to thank you once more, for all you have done to keep yourselves, your whānau and our community as safe as possible. Through reinforcing good hand hygiene, staying away if sick and seeking medical advice, we have kept operating safely, and our tamariki have, importantly, continued to learn.

Circumstances linked to learning have been stretched over the year. Our families had a really good insight into how our online systems work. Our families had a great taste at what teaching on a day to day basis looks and feels like. Our families had a great opportunity to celebrate children's successes first hand. Our teachers quickly realised that our systems and ways of distributing learning were robust. Our teachers at the same time realised that the day to day interaction between child and teacher are a fundamental aspect of learning. It was also reinforced to our teachers early on just how incredibly fortunate we are to have such engaged whanau support in our community. But I am confident in saying that as a community I personally think we can hold our heads high in relation to a successful "Home learning campaign" and in general a successful 2020 year, considering.

Each day I proudly walk our school and feel incredibly grateful of all the property development that has occurred recently. Each day I am constantly faced with and witness children that are engaged, who are considerate, that live alongside our school values and make me proud to be the Principal of St John Bosco School.

The last few weeks as I have been highly engaged in reviewing 2020 and planning for 2021. I am super proud of our continued levels of high achievement across our curriculum regardless of the quite different landscape this year has handed us. We have again come out in a strong position in all aspects of our localised curriculum. Our children have been fully engaged and excelled in a large variety of sporting, cultural and academic activities across the year. Our tamariki have all been fine ambassadors for our community.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on what has been a year of many successes for this cohort as a group. They like those before them have stepped up to be our leaders and done a fine job of this. I'm really proud to honestly say that every single one of them is ready for the next chapter of their educational journey. We ask them to be brave, be courageous and be not afraid of what lies ahead. We are so proud of you all and will miss you dearly.

Thank you also to all of our whanau that over the year have contributed and helped us in so many ways... Our coaches, parent helpers, transporters, event helpers, community group, Board of Trustees, the list could go on. Without your time, guidance, service many of the experiences and activities we offer would not have eventuated. Thank you! To those families who will be moving on from SJB. It's been a real privilege to share your child. Thank you for your ongoing support over the years. I really hope that you look back at your time with us, with great satisfaction.

I am also blessed to be supported and guided by an amazing management and teaching team. I admire each day your commitment to our children. Thank you all for supporting me.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to some non contact time soon. I'm super excited that I won't

need to chase and monitor any deadlines linked to building or shift resources as spaces are being finished. I really hope and pray that everyone linked to our community also has some non work related time, keeps safe, is restful and has a blessed Christmas. I look forward to seeing you again in the new year. God Bless. Ngā mihi

End of Year Senior Graduation and final assembly: The year of Covid has forced many changes. We have also considered our end of year graduation for our Year 6 students and our final school assembly for the year. This year we will move back to our Church Our Lady Help of Christians. With the modernisation and addition of a hospitality space we can now host more people. This will be next Thursday 10th December. During this graduation / assembly we will farewell our year 6 students and leaving families. Our Senior Prize-giving will take place with our end of year cups being awarded to Year 6 students. Each year we also present diligence awards to two students from each class. This will start at 6:00pm. This our final chance to thank our community for their support over the year and have really appreciated the efforts families have made to attend the final assembly / graduation. As it is a formal school event children are required to wear full school uniform.

School Pool Use: Our Board of Trustees have again decided that the school pool will be made available to school families over the holiday period. The cost is \$65 **which will need to be paid before the collection of a key** (a \$15 bond will be returned on return of the key at the end of the season). All key holders will sign the schools user agreement and rules prior to keys being given. **Keys can be collected from the school office from Monday, please make sure you have paid online before key collection..**Details on how to purchase a key are on page 2.

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HERO Student Reports: You may have noticed that some uploaded content related to your child's report such as writing samples or math evidence has been affected. HERO has had a software fail that resulted in some content being affected. We feel that this content is really important and where we can, we will reinstate the missing evidence in the coming weeks. We apologise for this but it really has been out of our hands.

We will be releasing students reports next week. This will include information about your child's writing, maths, religious education, te reo and a final general comment for the year.

Class Swap for 2021: Each year we allow students the opportunity to spend some time with their allocated teacher for the following year and begin to build relationships. This will take place next Tuesday 8th December. Many hours are devoted to class placement. Our classes in no way are based on academic ability. Rather our professional knowledge of what is best for your child. Parents will be informed via an email following on from this and will be given information regarding class placement and stationery for 2021.

Class Organisation for 2021:

Room Totara - Year 5 / 6

Mr Ryan Fleming

Room Kauri - Year 5 / 6

Mrs Crystal Smith

Room Rimu - Year 5

Mrs Cushla Young

Room Karaka - Year 4

Mrs Lisa Haenga

Room Pohutukawa - Year 4

Mrs Jodie Mehana

Room Kowhai - Year 3

Mrs Trisha Welsh

Room Horoeke - Year 2 / 3

Mr Matthew Moorby

Room Nikau - Year 2

Mrs Katie Smith

Room Kawakawa - Year 1 / 2

Miss Natalie Jones

Room Koromiko - Year 1

Miss Tara Moston

Room Puriri - Year 1

Ms Catherine Allen

Room Harakeke - Year 0

To be appointed

Class Stationery 2021: We have again worked hard to source the best possible pricing for our families. The school does not receive any product or reward from our provider as it is our mission to get the best possible price for you. We also try to make the process easy and stress free for you.

We will again be working with Office Products Depot. They will have pre made packs ready for you to collect at their shop. Some classes will have an optional extras list. The reasoning behind an optional extras list is to allow families to reuse items such as coloured pencils, headphones etc. These items are required and essential for the class. All you need to do is know which class your child is in, pop in and pick up the pack and any extra optional extras you may require.

School Triathlon: We are looking forward to our school triathlon tomorrow. Hopefully it'll be a nice day. Please remember this event's focus is about having a go. If any

aspect of the event is worrying children - Please reassure them that there is no need to worry. If they can only bike 1 lap of the course, that's perfectly fine. If they can only bike on concrete, that's perfectly fine. If the waters cold and they can only do 1 length or width, that's fine. If they need to be pushed on the field while biking, that's fine. There will be no issues made if any aspect of the course has to be modified for any child. Our combined community goal is - Every child runs over the finish line with a great big smile on their face and says thank you when they get their free iceblock.



Parking on Clinton Street: I have had a neighbour of the school make contact with me expressing their anger in relation to school families parking on yellow lines in the cul-de-sac. This is preventing the flow of traffic and making the street a dangerous environment for children leaving school. I am again asking our families to follow the law. Please do not park, pick up or drop off children in the cul-de-sac on Clinton Street.

News from the Community Group

School Pool keys for the summer:

We are pleased to announce that with the support of the BOT we will be opening the school pool up once again. The cost for a school pool key will be \$65 (this includes a \$15 bond)

Each family will also be asked to sign a pool use contract on pick up of their key with Andrea at the school office.

Please pay online with your name in the reference so we can tick off who has paid

The SJB Community account number is:

Bank: TSB Account name: SJB Community Group

Account number: 15-3944-0007510-00

Reference: your child's first and last name (so that payments can be checked before the pool keys are handed out)

Pool keys will be available for pick up from the office from Monday next week.

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.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For a Life of Prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Advent Prayers for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

**Week 1, Hope (purple)**

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace (purple)

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3, Joy (pink)

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love (purple)

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

MUSIC Lessons
for 2021

Mike Gordon is now taking registrations for those interested to learn an instrument in 2021 during school hours.

Singing
Guitar

Piano
Ukulele

Please contact Mike for more details:
mikegordon457@yahoo.co.nz or
 phone: 027 932 1947

2021 Attendance Dues Information

- The compulsory **Attendance Dues charges for 2021** have been confirmed and are as follows:
 - **Primary** charge (Year 0 – 8) per child: **\$455.00**
 - **Secondary** charge (Year 9 – 13) per child: **\$910.00**
- A **voluntary donation of \$30.00 per child** will also be included on the annual invoice sent in March 2021. A donation receipt will be sent in April each year for any donations made to 31 March so that a tax rebate may be claimed for any donation amount of \$5.00 or more.
- If you would like to make regular payments to spread payment of the total charge over the whole calendar year the amounts **per child** made from the **start of the year** are as follows:

| Weekly - attendance dues only | | Weekly - attendance dues & donation | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Primary | \$8.75 | Primary | \$9.33 |
| Secondary | \$17.50 | Secondary | \$18.08 |

| Fortnightly - attendance dues only | | Fortnightly - attendance dues & donation | |
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| Primary | \$17.50 | Primary | \$18.66 |
| Secondary | \$35.00 | Secondary | \$36.16 |

| Monthly - attendance dues only | | Monthly - attendance dues & donation | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Primary | \$37.92 | Primary | \$40.42 |
| Secondary | \$75.84 | Secondary | \$78.37 |

- For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact the Attendance Dues team.
- We can be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz.

Our School Core Values

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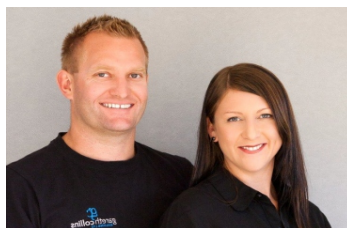
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