

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 1
Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Term 2
Mon 3 May - Fri 9 Jul

Term 3
Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4
Mon 18 Oct - Thu 16 Dec

EVENTS

Community Group Meeting
Wed 17 Feb, 7.30pm

School Mass
Sun 14 Mar, 10.30am



From the Principals Desk...

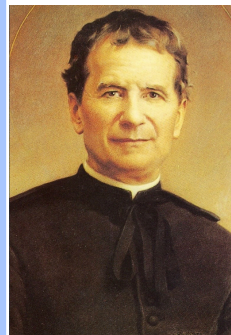
Kia Ora koutou. A very warm welcome to all of our St John Bosco families. The holiday break has been enjoyed by all staff, providing an opportunity to switch off for a while and spend time doing things that we may not normally do... We are really looking forward to a settled 2021 and are excited to be back doing what we love doing.

We've all really enjoyed our first few days with the children. Like always they have come back settled, rested and ready to learn. I would like to thank you all for ensuring that children had all they needed for the first day of school in terms of stationery and other bits and pieces. This alone allows us to establish routines and set up learning immediately. Having a couple of short weeks to start the year is a great way for everyone to re-establish routines and gently ease their way back into school.

A special welcome to all of our new families. We hope that you are settling in well with the SJB community. I would like to welcome Mrs Amber Ormond to the St John Bosco teaching team. Amber will be working with Ms Lynskey during classroom release time for teachers and also working with Miss Allen during her management release.

"Whangaia ka tupu ka puawai". That which is nurtured blossoms and grows.

We really are looking forward to working alongside you this year.



St John Bosco Feast Day: St John Bosco's Feast day was celebrated on the 31st of January. This year unfortunately we were still on term

break. Later in the year we will celebrate St John Bosco's birthday on the 16th August. As our Patron Saint I think it's timely to share a little

information relating to John Bosco in order to keep his mission close to our hearts...

Saint John Bosco was a man who devoted his life to young people. Born in Italy on the 16th August 1815. He is known as being the Patron Saint of Boys. At the age of 26 he became a Catholic priest and spent his life in homes and schools he built for his boys. He started a religious family, called the Salesians, to continue his work. In 1863 he built a church in Turin to honour "Our Lady Help of Christians" (The name of our church here at St John Bosco School). He is honored all over the world as a saint. We are proud to be the only St John Bosco School here in New Zealand but are proud to know that there are other schools around the world built to continue his mission and faith.

Ash Wednesday: Today we held our annual ash burning ceremony at school. The ceremony is the way in which we prepare the children for the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Mrs Mehana had carefully stored away any palms that staff or families received on Palm Sunday last year. These palms are then carefully burnt and prepared to be used as the ash we will receive on our foreheads during Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday symbolises a time that we begin to prepare for Lent. The burning of ashes symbolises a new beginning. The receiving of ashes are a symbol of our friendship and connection to and with Jesus. Lent is the time when we reflect on how we can become closer to God by thinking of others before ourselves.

The whole school will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians next week 17th February at 9:10am. We also extend an invitation to our school families to come along and join us.

Swimming: Our school pool is looking great and is quite warm! Children will be swimming everyday (weather permitting). Our Aquatics focus is largely on water safety and we strongly encourage all children to take part. As you are aware,

wherever you are, in Aotearoa water is normally close by. We strive to ensure that our SJB children are confident in the water. Please ensure children pack their togs everyday so we can take advantage of the warmer weather.

Sunhats: Term 1 is a sunhat term at St John Bosco. I am really pleased to say that we have had an awesome response to date. Every now and then we find a hat has been left at home which is fine and we can work around this. We also encourage families to apply sunblock at home in order to provide that little bit extra sun protection. We have this week begun our "No Hat, No Play" philosophy.

Community Group AGM: Our Community Group have their AGM on Wednesday 17th February 7:30pm in the school staffroom. We would like to encourage you all to come along and join in. The meetings are normally over by 8:30p.m. It's a great way to support the school and when you can, help with little events or fundraising opportunities. It's also a great way to connect with other parents. It is by no way a massive commitment, you are not required to attend every meeting and you can provide support to the group in many ways and at different times.

School Pool Committee: I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to our pool committee Julia Youngman, Caroline Dhanjee, Ben Siffleet, Hamish Gunson, Dion Maaka and Roland Devine who ensure our school pool is maintained and cared for over the holiday period. This is a massive undertaking, we really appreciate that our pool is cared for and made available to our community over the break. Thank you! I am also grateful that our pool key holders also keep an eye out and inform us if they notice anything occurring.

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Collection of children after school: We have moved back to our pre Covid after school collection of children plan. This means that all children will be released or brought to our main courtyard to be collected by parents. We ask parents to wait in the courtyard to collect children or alternatively arrange with your child to meet at the end of Darnell Street, Paynter's Ave or on Clinton Street. Staff will also continue to provide a walking school bus and walk children to the top of Paynter's Ave to be collected soon after 3:00pm. With the great weather we have had

we continue to encourage all families to park and walk into school.

Summer Sports Teams: A highlight for me last year was receiving feedback from parents in regards to how supported and included their children were in our school's sports teams. As we head into summer sports I again ask that our families continue to focus on the positives, provide encouraging feedback, ensure every member of the team is included and also provide support to the team coaches and managers. I feel proud to walk

away from an event where our SJB parents have not only praised and encouraged our children but also the children in opposing teams. I would also like to thank parents for encouraging and supporting their children to take part in school sports teams.

Welcome: We would like to welcome the following new students to SJB school and their parents to our SJB school community:

Room Puriri: Adeline Murdoch and her parents Amanda and Jono, Isabelle Harvey joins her

big brother Samuel at school, Lachlan Severinsen and his parents Rochelle and Gregory and Millar Ormond and her parents Amber and Jackson.

Room Koromiko: Eden Smith and her parents Katie and Dave, Enzo Moratti and his parents Melanie and Aaron, Sofia Cipriano and her parents Claristelle and Krenz and Tommy Mikloska joins his big sister Zara at school.

Room Horoeke: Jackson Gadsby and his parents Taryn and Andrew

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION 2021

This year a Parish wide First Reconciliation preparation is planned for Term 1. The programme begins with preparation for parents at the end of February, followed by children's preparation during classtime. Enrolment forms are available on the Parish app, website, Parish and school offices or contact Michelle, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

SCHOLASTIC

Lucky Book Club



Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder about ordering through the scholastic book club. We do **Online Ordering Only** as this is now a very simple & safe process.

Every child was given a brochure for the latest issue, last week. The first time you order you will need to register. This simplifies the process for future ordering. Also, you can place one order for all your children through Scholastic's LOOP (Linked Online Ordering for Parents). Here's the link: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> or you can download the App on your phone.

Your order automatically connects to the School Page and all orders will be sent weekly up until the closing date. So, you may have to explain to your child that there is a waiting time! All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School

Happy Reading Everyone!

MUSIC Lessons for 2021

It's not too late to register for music sessions with Mike Gordon for those interested to learn an instrument in 2021 during school hours.

Singing **Piano**
Guitar **Ukulele**

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



ART LESSONS

These lessons will give students a chance to learn many varying art techniques such as drawing styles, soft pastel, oil pastel, painting and using their imagination to create a beautiful piece of art every week. Classes are suitable for all ages and all levels of ability.



My students' art works can be seen on Facebook. Just search for "VC Art Studio"

All queries and enrolments to Veronica Chan: jimchan72@gmail.com

Time: Wed, 3-4 (SJB room)

Fee: \$10 per lesson

Pita Pit School Lunches - Pita Pit lunches start up again tomorrow - 12 February, menu remains the same and the cost of the pita remains \$6.00. Order forms are available in the school office. Orders need to be in by 9am each Friday.



Mission Statement



Term 1, 2021

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT Saint John Bosco School



RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Our school value that we will focus on during term 1, is **manawaroa** demonstrating **resilience**.

The key competency we are focusing on is **managing self**. Managing Self when in relationship with Jesus means learning to live according to the Gospels of Jesus.

Our Graduate Profile focus is **Independent Agents, Mana Tangata**. I know what I need to learn, to be more like Jesus

Religious Education Learning

We have begun our year establishing classroom prayer routines, and working collaboratively to develop our Class Treaty. For the rest of this term we will be learning about Jesus, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

A reminder that the Family Whanau book is available to view online www.faithalive.org.nz then click the Families tab; this book has lots of practical ideas on how parents can support their child's faith journey.

Your child's learning in RE will be shared from time to time on Seesaw, and their RE book will also come home from time to time. We encourage you to discuss what they are learning with them, and to please comment on their learning in their book and on Seesaw, in a positive way.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February 2021 Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Today we held a liturgy to burn the Blessed Palms from Palm Sunday last year, to prepare the ashes for **Ash Wednesday Mass** next week, **WEDNESDAY 17th February**. The whole school will be attending Mass at 9am and we would like to invite whanau and friends to join us.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST COMMUNION 2021

We are trialling a different format across the Parish, with children's preparation sessions being delivered during school time at their respective primary school.

Prior to the programme commencing, parents are required to attend preparation, there are two available dates for your convenience – Sunday 28 Feb 3-5pm (St Joseph's church hall) OR Thurs 4 March 7-9pm (OLHC foyer/church)

Also there will be a special blessing for children participating in the programme at **Sunday morning Masses** during March through until the reconciliation liturgies. We strongly encourage attendance at as many masses as possible during this time of preparation, this helps support the learning but is also essential to our Catholic identity/belonging to our faith community.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at an evening liturgy on Thursday 25 March at St Joseph's church and Friday 26 March at OLHC church, times to be confirmed.

**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.



Enrolment forms are available on the Parish app, website, Parish and school offices or contact Michelle, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

Baptism - If at any time you are considering having your child baptised, please contact Michelle youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz for more information.

School and Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. This year we will again be going to weekday Mass on Wednesdays. Each class will go to weekday Mass several times a term. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible.

This term ***School Mass is on Sunday 14th March at 10:30am.*** We encourage all families to make the commitment to attend school Mass. It is important that we gather as a community and support our children's faith development.

Week 3	Wednesday 17th Feb	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY Whole School Mass</i>
Week 4	Wednesday 24th Feb	Totorā / Kauri
Week 5	Wednesday 3rd March	Kawakawa / Koromiko / Puriri
Week 6	Wednesday 10th March	Karaka / Rimu
Week 7	<i>Sunday 14th March</i> Wednesday 17th March	<i>School Mass</i> Horoeka / Nikau
Week 8	Wednesday 24th March	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 31st March	Totorā / Kauri
Week 10	Wednesday 7th April	Karaka / Rimu
Week 11	Wednesday 14th April	Horoeka / Nikau

Other Important dates this term:

- Week 4 *Sunday 28th February* - *Blessing for First Reconciliation*
- Week 7 *Thursday 19th March* - *St Joseph (Spouse of Mary) Feast Day*
- Week 8 *Wednesday 25th March* - *Annunciation of the Lord*
- *FIRST RECONCILIATION*
Sunday 28th March - *Palm Sunday*
- Week 9 ***HOLY WEEK***
Sunday 4th April - ***Easter Sunday***

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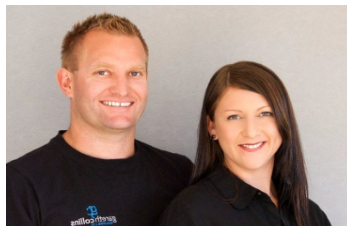
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