St John Bosco School

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From the Principals Desk...

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TERM DATES

Term 1

Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Term 2

Mon 3 May - Fru 9 Jul

Term 3

Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct - Thu 16 Dec

EVENTS

Ambrose Golf Day Sun 14 Mar

Second Hand Uniform

Wed 17 Mar, 2.30pm

School Mass

Sun 21 Mar, 10.30am

Welcome: We would like to welcome Moss James to room Puriri and his parents Ashlee and Matthew to our SJB school community.

SJB Ambrose Golf Day: We are only days away from our Ambrose Golf Day. We have had a great response from our community in regards to sponsorship and teams being entered. We have 28 sponsors for the day and 106 players registered. This is an awesome response, thank you for supporting us. A huge thank you to our Golf Team and Community group have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the day is once again successful.

We are now seeking any support we can muster in the following areas...We now require volunteers to help out on the day with cooking the BBQ, setting up gazebos, selling drinks, selling food, setting up afternoon tea for the players and packing up the equipment at the end of the day. We would be incredibly grateful if you could offer support for one or two of the time frames following 8:30-10:00, 10-12:00, 12:00-2:00, 2:00-3:30. If you can help out could you please email me principal@sjb.school.nz and I'll slot you into our roster.

Thank you if you have offered we will be in touch soon. But I do still need a few more hands especially later in the day. Please let me know if you are able to help out...

 Spot prizes - we are now on the hunt for any spot prizes to be handed out on the day to the players. You might like to provide a voucher from Mitre 10, a local coffee shop or Rebel Sport. You may have some work merchandise that we could use etc etc... These can be dropped to Andrea in the office.

 We are after donations of small bottles of water and cans of fizzy drink. These can also be dropped to Andrea in the office.

Swimming Sports: I have to say that I really enjoyed our school swimming sports this week. The atmosphere was relaxed and it was just great to see children taking part in all events on offer. Well done children! It was also really nice to see whanau at the event encouraging children. Thank you for joining us. We will try and continue our swimming programme for as long as we can this term. Fingers crossed that the water temperature stays warm. However with the nature of Covid and school asking children to stay away if unwell we will also seriously consider the wellbeing of children and those swimming runny nose situations... Regardless the children will still be active as we alongside swimming in term 1 are running our much loved PE sessions for each class

School Mass / Meet the Teachers / Whanau Mass: We have scheduled Sunday 21st March 10:30am as our first school Mass. We would love you all to come along and celebrate mass with us. Our expectation is that all families and children will attend. This first mass will be an opportunity for families to meet the teachers, our Board of trustees and community group members. Following on at the conclusion of

mass our community group will be providing free sausages, the pool will be open and we are planning for some other treats as well. Please come along.

Weekday Mass Major Changes to our School environment: Next week, weekday Mass that normally occurs at St Joseph's Church will be moved to Our Lady Help Of Christians due to renovations. This means that there will be Mass at our church at 8:05am and also 12:00pm during the week. Obviously there will be a considerable increase in traffic at school at 8:00 am and also at the conclusion of Mass at 9:00am. I need you all to be aware of this and consider your driving actions in and around the school in the morning.

Family Emergency Contacts:

Andrea is in the process of collecting our parent contact information forms. It is really important that you review all contacts and ensure they are correct and return these to school. We have occasions where contact numbers and emails have changed making it difficult to contact and keep in touch with families. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Sale: Our next uniform sale will be next Wednesday 17th March, in the junior breakout space from 2.30pm. You can still drop any donations off to the school office.

Food Scraps: Does anyone want our food scraps, you can pick them up either daily or weekly. See Brent if you would like the scraps for your animals





REMINDER

We do $\underline{\text{\bf Online Ordering only}}$ as this is now a very simple & safe process.

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!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

Pope's prayer intention for March: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



Reconciliation is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God. At the same time, we are reconciled with the Church because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the

Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We have 53 students preparing to receive First Reconciliation. Preparation sessions are being held during school time on Friday 12th, Friday 19th and Thursday 25th March.



There will also be a special blessing for children participating in the programme at every **Sunday morning Mass** during March.

The First Reconciliation Liturgies will be celebrated on **Thursday 25 March at St Joseph's church 7pm and Friday 26 March at OLHC church 6:30pm**.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the **150th anniversary of** the declaration **of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.** To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed this year the "Year of Saint Joseph"



Next **Friday 19th March is St Joseph's feast day.** Joseph, the husband of Mary and Step-Father of Jesus, was a compassionate caring man, who did

everything he could to keep his family safe. He is remembered for his willingness to follow God's commands and the way he put his family first.

To celebrate and honor St Joseph on his Feast Day, we will have a **mufti day** to raise money for the Caritas Lenten Challenge. More information will follow in next week's newsletter.

A New Way Forward He Ara Whakamua, he Ara Hou

Third Week of Lent

"Where is your treasure? That's my question. Where do you keep your treasure? On what treasure does your heart rest? Because your life will be where your treasure is kept... This is the question that I'm asking you but you'll need to reply to it yourselves, on your own, at home."

Pope Francis, Inside the Vatican interview, 1 April 2014

PRAYER: E te Atua, God, we thank you for the many treasures you have given to us. Remind us to be thankful for all that we have and to value what is important in your eyes. Open our eyes to see things like you. Āmene.

REFLECTION: Think of a time in your life when you had to do something uncomfortable. How did it feel? How did you respond? When we experience something like this, it often may challenge us to reflect on what we value and what is important to us. It is through this new understanding that we allow ourselves to be open to change. We often think of treasures as valuable items beyond the simple things we need each day. However, many people around the world, including in places close to our home (like the Pacific), most deeply treasure the food, water, shelter and sources of income that help them and their families live safe and healthy lives.

Our School Core Values



Love Resilience Co-operation Service

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School and Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible.

This term School Mass is on Sunday 21st March at 10:30am.

We encourage all families to make the commitment to attend school Mass.

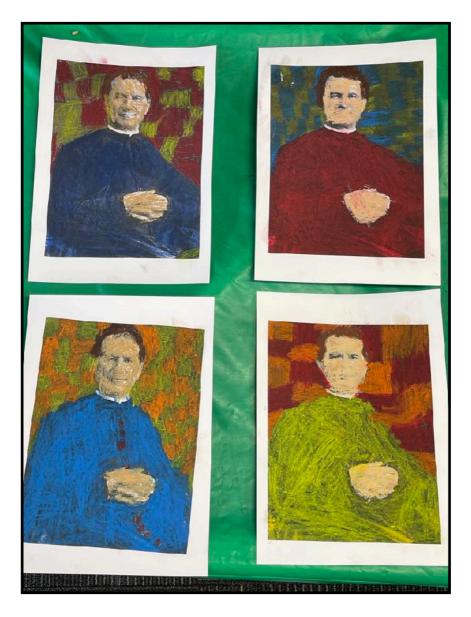
It is important that we gather as a community and support our children's faith development.

After Mass we will have a sausage sizzle, swim and fun activities provided by our

St John Bosco Community Group.

There will also be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, the Board of Trustees and members of our school Community Group after Mass.

Week 7	Wednesday 17th March	Horoeka / Nikau
Week 8	Sunday 21st March, 10.30am Wednesday 24th March	SCHOOL MASS Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 31st March	Totora / Kauri
Week 10	Wednesday 7th April	Karaka / Rimu
Week 11	Wednesday 14th April	Horoeka / Nikau



ST JOHN BOSCO ART

by Room Kawakawa



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By Room Koromiko

By Room Puriri





By Room Kawakawa

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.











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