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TERM DATES

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

Kiwi Competition
Entries Close
Wed 12 May

SHGC Vist for Yr 6 girls
Wed 12 May

Community Group Meeting
Wed 12 May, 7.30pm

Learning Conferences
Wed 19 May (1-6pm)
SCHOOL WILL CLOSE
AT 12.30pm on
Wednesday
Thu 20 May 3.20-5.30pm

Scholastic Book Fair
19 May - 26 May

School Mass
Sun 30 May, 10.30am

Teacher Only Day
Fri 25 June



From the Principals Desk...

Kia Ora Koutou. I trust everyone enjoyed and made the most of our term break. Like always it's great to be back and have our tamariki back on site. The sunshine this week has certainly made the transition back to school easier for tamariki who have loved being outside during breaktime. Visitors to school this week have mentioned specifically how calm and focused our school feels as they walk through it. Term Two is always a busy Term especially for our senior students with interschool rugby, netball and soccer competitions taking place.

Welcome: It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new students to room Koromiko and their parents to our school community:

Indie Bloor and her parents Nikki and Shane and Lily Rush who joins her big brother Cruse and big sister Bella at school.

Community Group Meeting: Our next Community Group meeting is being held Wednesday 12th May. Our Community Group meetings are held in the school staffroom from 7:30p.m onwards. We always welcome new members and would love to see more people at these meetings. This meeting will focus on organising our next school disco, a Cinema fundraiser for mums, include an update on our bike track and extra playground additions and consider another pie fundraiser for 2021. It would be great to see you.

Winter Sports: Winter sports have kicked off and once again it is wonderful to see large numbers of SJB children taking part. I'd like to thank the many parents who have volunteered to coach schools teams this winter. Without their support, energy and assistance obviously these teams wouldn't exist. Please support our coaches and managers. As a coach a little bit of assistance, a thank you or handshake during or after the game go a long way. Let's keep the SJB sidelines positive and praise our children and opposing teams for their efforts and skills.

Interschool Sports: Term two means our traditional senior school interschool netball, soccer and rugby exchanges will take place. These

are mid week games and will this year see us playing against:

St Pius School - 14th May (away)
Puketapu School - 25th May (home)
Mangorei School - 11th June (home)
Waitara East - 15th June (away)
Inglewood School - 22nd June (home)

Once again we would love to have whanau at these games to support our children and with home games will be hosting an afternoon tea for players. More specific details about each exchange will be shared soon.

School Sports Field: During the term break Brent and Michael Normanton have realigned our sports field to correct primary school measurements. Our goal posts have been moved mainly to centre them and in doing this we have created more valuable space for our bike, scooter and blade track. The field is looking sharp and I can't wait to get those rugby pads, soccer nets and field markers up.

Student Learning Conferences: During Term 2 we hold our student learning conferences. These have been set for Wednesday 19th May (1:00p.m - 6:00p.m) and Thursday 20th May (3:20p.m - 5:30p.m). **As we will start conferences at 1:00pm on Wednesday 19th May we are asking that all children are collected from school at 12:30pm.**

We always aim for 100% attendance at these conferences. If for any reason these dates do not work we ask that you email your child's class teacher and establish an alternative date and time.

As they are 3 way conferences we also ask that students attend the learning conference with parents.

Rooms Puriri and Koromiko conferences will run a little differently. If your child hasn't had a settling in report this year you will need to book an interview time. If your child has had a settling in interview and report this year they will not be required to attend. However **Cat and Tara will however be holding a workshop for these families to further explain how our reporting system**

HERO works and also discuss changes to our reading programmes but more specifically how Structured Literacy is being introduced. They have created two opportunities for parents to opt into - Wednesday 19th May 1:00p.m and Wednesday 19th May at 5:00 p.m. Parents can register on the attached Google Form [here](#). If you are unsure of what you need to attend please make contact with Cat or Tara.

Interviews are booked online through "School Interviews". The following link will take you to this site to register an interview time for your child. [School Interviews](#)

Like always if you have any questions or please feel free to contact me. Nga Mihi, Dee Luckin.

Scholastic Book Fair: We have been able to once again organise a Scholastic Book Fair for St John Bosco. We've tried really hard to make it connect with our learning conferences. The fair will arrive Wednesday 19th May and we are going to work hard to have it open for families to utilise prior to or after your child's interview. However the book fair will run from 19th May through to 26th May. Children will bring home a book fair flyer soon. The books are incredibly well priced and we love our children reading.

Teacher Only Day: Similar to last year as a part of the Teachers Collective Agreement we have been allocated 8 Teacher only days to use over a 2 year period. We have to date used 2 of the 8 days. We have scheduled to use 4 this year and our next Teacher only day will be **Friday June 25th**. School will be closed on this day.

Sacred Heart Girls College Visit: Sacred Heart Girls College will be visiting all SJB Year 6 girls on Wednesday 12th May. This is the first of many information sharing sessions the college provides as a part of their enrolment process. The girls will bring home information packs with more details for their families about future information sessions and open days for parents.

Kiwi Competitions open to years 5 and 6 ENTRIES CLOSE 12th May

Reporting of Results

Results are provided to schools in Term 3.

Results are reported separately for each competition. Individual student reports are provided for Parents/Caregivers. Student reports outline student's performance overall and for each section including their level of completion and accuracy. For an example of the student report please visit <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/kiwi-competitions/administration-and-printable-resources/>

Results include a Participated, Achieved, Merit, Excellence and Distinction score with which students and teachers are familiar

The school report file (school use only) includes an overall percentage, percentage scores for different strands of the various curricula, stanine, descriptive grade for each student, the average and 50th percentile for the national group for each competition. A summary of the national statistics for all competitions.

A certificate is provided for all participating students and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition.

When will the competition be run?

The on-line competitions will be run in the last three weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3, at a time suitable to the school. Different classes or groups can participate in the competition at different times during this period to give school flexibility in running the competition.

Register Now!

The cost per student for each competition is \$9.50 (inc GST).

A form letter for parents and caregivers is available on our website. The letter invites students to participate and includes tear off entry slip to be returned to the school. The entry fee is to be collected by schools.

Schools can register on-line by clicking the 'Register Now!' button on the CAM website <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/>



2021 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition will provide parents/caregivers with an Individual Pupil Report of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition.

NOTE: Our policy is **not** to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam



Please return THIS section to your classroom teacher by 12th May. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child: _____ DOB _____ Class: _____ to participate in the 2021 KIWI competitions. Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$9.50	
Mathematics		\$9.50	
Science		\$9.50	
Total			\$

Name of Parent /Caregiver:

Signature :

Cash or bank transfer the amount due to our school bank account with your child's name and 'kiwi comp' as a reference

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Our juniors are learning about Firewise, see the attached link for some fun games and activities for the kids, and for parents some information about talking to your children about fire safety, and what to do if they're starting fires.

<https://www.fireandemergency.nz/kids-and-parents>

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.



Term 2, 2021

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

L O V E

My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

Our school value that we will focus on during term 2, is **aroha** demonstrating **Love**. Love for our God, Love for others and Love for ourselves.

Religious Education Learning

We begin this term learning about God. Our God is 3 in 1. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**Overarching statement:**

God is aroha, mysterious creator of all, seen and unseen. All people are created in the image of God's love, service and faithfulness.

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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May: For the World of Finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

May - The Month of Mary

May is the month our Church has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady – Mary. Catholics in every part of the world recognise and celebrate the Queen of Heaven with tributes of faith and love. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Some ideas of how you can celebrate and remember Mary in your families are by talking about her, praying to her, learning the 'Hail Mary' Prayer, having a picture of her on your family Prayer table.

**Mothers Day 9th May - A prayer for Mothers:**

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle .

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.



We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



School and Class Mass

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

This term School Mass is on **Sunday 30th May 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 2	Wednesday 12th May	Totorā / Kauri
Week 3	Wednesday 19th May	Karaka / Rimu
Week 4	Monday 24th May Wednesday 26th May	OLHC Feast Day - Whole School Horoeka / Nikau
Week 5	Sunday 30th May Wednesday 2nd June	SCHOOL MASS Kawakawa / Koromiko / Puriri
Week 6	Wednesday 9th June	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 7	Wednesday 16th June	Totorā / Kauri
Week 8	Wednesday 23rd June	Karaka / Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 30th June	Horoeka / Nikau
Week 10	Wednesday 7th July	Kawakawa / Koromiko / Puriri

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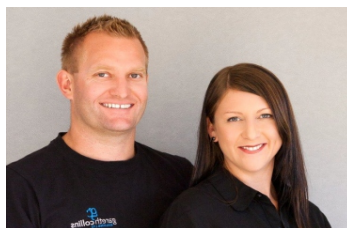
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