St John Bosco School

TERM DATES

Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct - Thur 16 Dec

EVENTS

End of Term 3 Friday 1 Oct

Mon 18 Oct



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From the Principals Desk...

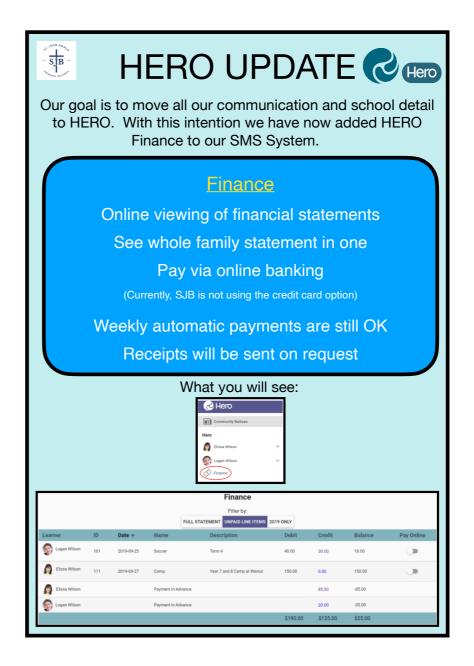
Thank you: Thanks for another Reports: As mentioned last Head lice: We have had a few great term. Although it has been an unusual one we can confidently say that regardless of events we have got the best we can from the term. The staff and I are looking forward to some non contact time over the break and will be set to go for what will be a whirlwind term 4. Keep safe over the break. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. God Bless.

week there will be no reports released this Term due to the effects Covid has had on testing. These will be released mid Term 4 and then again at the end of Term 4.

School Photos: All families should have received their online code to access school photos. If there are any issues it is best if you contact photolife directly.

cases of head lice recently. Term break would be a great time to check through children's hair and treat if required.

Mellow Puff Mufti day: Our Catholic Schools Day Mufti Day raised \$451.00 for the Mellow Puff Trust. Thank you so much for supporting this mufti day and raising funds for a great charity.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

More on the Beatitudes - Pope Francis said just as Christian saints have done so throughout the ages, Christ's followers today are called *"to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus."* New situations require new energy and a new commitment, he said, and then he offered an additional six beatitudes for modern Christians. Here they are:

"Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart."

"Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness."

"Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him."

"Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home."

"Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others."

"Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."

Feast of the Archangels

September 29 was the Feast of the Archangels. This is a special day on which we remember three angels who are powerful with God. What distinguishes an archangel from other angels. Their name means "above the angels." We know the names of three of the archangels—Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.



October is the Month of the Rosary

People have prayed the Rosary for hundreds of years (since about the 13th century). St Dominic was a great teacher and preacher and taught the people of his time how to pray the Rosary.

When we pray the Rosary we often use a circle of beads. We say a prayer as we touch each bead. It is a very reflective and gentle way of praying. The beads are used to help people count the Our Fathers and Hail Marys that they pray when they say the Rosary.



For each 10 Hail Marys that are prayed there is a mystery/story from the scripture to pray or reflect on. The rosary was a way of teaching people the Scriptures and stories of their faith. So the mysteries help us to think about significant times in the life of Jesus. Like the different seasons of life, the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries remind us that Jesus walks with us through it all - as he too experienced all of these in his life.

The complete rosary consists of twenty decades. There are four sets of mysteries and five stories in each set. The rosary beads are used to keep count of the prayers and mysteries.

It would take a long time to say the whole Rosary so people often do the Rosary in parts! For more information about the Rosary - <u>click this link - Ways to pray the Rosary</u>

Support Life Sunday

During the school holidays the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand will celebrate **Support Life Sunday**. Our Catholic bishops are calling for the faithful to show their love for life in deeds as well as words. Support Life Sunday this year is **Sunday 10 October**. **Its theme will be Honouring and Supporting Health Carers**

School and Class Mass

Cardinal John Dew has announced that during Alert Level 2, now that gatherings are limited to 100 - we will be using a 'first in first served' ticket system, for Mass. So if you are going you will need to arrive early to your preferred Mass time. There are new restrictions including that everyone will be required to wear a mask. Please refer to the NP Catholic Parish Website for further details and information and for Mass times.





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