Term 4 Week 1

ST JOHN BOS

TERM DATES

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct - Thur 16 Dec (12 noon finish)

Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

EVENTS

Year 6 Camp Wed 17 Nov - Fri 19 Nov

Fri 26 Nov



Friday 22 October 2021 St John Bosco School

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From the Principals Desk...

Kia Ora Koutou.

It's great to be back after some refreshing non contact time. I feel blessed that we can be here onsite with all children, but I'm totally aware that this is due to the combined efforts of us all.

While we remain at Alert Level 2 it is important that we continue to focus on the following SJB expectations in and around school...

Expectations in Alert Level 2:

- · We ask that children who are sick or showing symptoms please stav home.
- · We ask that students are not onsite prior to 8:10a.m. To allow sanitising of classrooms to be completed.
- We are asking families to only visit classes if essential or only if children require support to transition to school. Parents who come on site must log in via the school app or through the Covid19 QR code at all our main entrances. Adults must wear a mask. It is not mandatory for children under the age of 12 to wear a mask. It is also not mandatory for school staff to wear masks whilst on site.
- · We are encouraging families to drop children at one of our three main entrances in the morning, walkway gates, front entrance on Clinton Street or through our courtyard gate.
- Children at the end of the day can be collected from the courtyard or the walkway gate, front entrance on Clinton Street or through our courtyard gate.
- Parents must enforce social distancing of 2m while waiting to drop or collect children.
- · We will continue our hand sanitising protocols on arrival to school and throughout the dav.
- All common area surfaces will be sanitised daily.

Our drinking fountains will also be closed while we are at week day Mass: At this stage Level 2, so children will need these will not recommence due

each day. We ask that families leave school grounds soon after school finishes for the day. Our After School Care programme will remain open and follow our Alert Level 2 guidelines. If you require After School Care can you please email Cherie afterschoolcare@sjb.school.nz

Term 4 School Uniform: We will be transitioning into our summer uniform over the next few weeks of the term. We are beginning to see the days getting warmer and the sun's heat becoming more The major change to intense. uniform this term is largely children transitioning into wearing black sandals and getting back into the routine of wearing our school sun hats. Over the next few weeks we will be moving into our no hat no outdoor play rule. I believe that Campus Clothing has a great supply of bucket hats.

School Events: School events including parents continue to be an area that remains restricted to the 100 person capacity, in particular when there are people onsite who are not directly there for educational purposes. With this in mind we are working towards the following for our Term 4 Events.

Parihaka Day: Our in school learning about Parihaka, our school house rotations and singing competitions will continue as per normal for children. However our Community Hangi will not take place this year.

Athletics Day: We will continue to work towards our school Athletics day at the end of this term. Our decision in regards to parents being onsite and watching is yet to be confirmed based on what Alert Level we will be in.

School Assemblies / Class

to bring a named drink bottle to restrictions on gatherings. As the weather improves we will consider holding outdoor assemblies while we remain at alert level 2. Our School Mass is on hold at this stage.

> End of Year Graduation: We are holding off on making any final decisions related to our end of year graduation and end of year nativity events at this stage. The staff and I, would once again like to thank you, for your support and understanding linked to restrictions while on the school site and the changes we are making in relation to events. We'll keep you posted as final decisions are made.

> Welcome: We would like to welcome the following new children and their families to SJB School and our school community:

> Room Harakeke: Sebastian Chang and his parents Kavitha and William, Liam Fyfe and his parents Jessica and Glenn, Angus Gilmour, Angus joins is big sister Amelia at school, Jeremy Johnson and his parents Karen and Karl, James Martin and his parents Hailey and Simon, Huron Pottier and his parents Rousane and Tyrone and Kalolaine Sisifa, Kalolaine joins her brother Silito and sister Soana at school.

> Room Kawakawa: Grace Smith and her parents Kirsten and Kevin.

> Room Kauri: Alvena John and her parents Jancy and John. Room Totora: Alisa John

> Bike track: Unfortunately weather conditions slowed the progress of our bike track over the break. However, they've made some great progress this week and I am really hopeful that we'll have access to the track and our field next week. The application of asphalt to the track should be completed on Friday.

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The final stage of the project is to add topsoil around the edges of the track to mould and integrate it into the lay of the land and school field. It has been a fascinating process to watch. The track will be an amazing asset to our community in the years to come. Our aim is to use the track as soon as we can and hold our opening / blessing of the track at a later date.

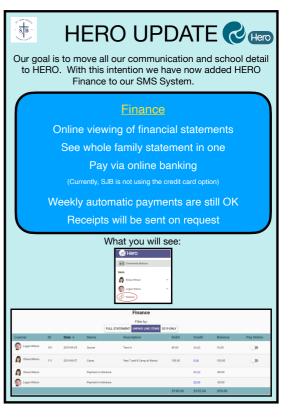


Camp: Our Year 6 children will be attending their end of Year camp at Vertical Horizons Camp in Week 5. Under Alert level 2 Camps are still permitted to go ahead. The children will be involved in 3 days of outdoor activities. It's fair to say that camp is one of the main highlights of the year for our senior children. We are grateful that this is still able to go ahead.

Summer sports update: Communication about sports this term should have been sent to families involved directly from staff in charge. If you have not received details please let us know. Again we are grateful that most sports activities are able to go ahead as normal. Unfortunately Touch Rugby for our juniors has been cancelled for the year. Fingers crossed that this will kick off again early next year.

Resignation: Mrs Bethany Haveswood has resigned from her teaching position at St John Bosco School. Bethany has been on maternity leave all of this year. We'd once again like to pass on our thanks and love to Bethany. She was an amazing teacher and was committed fully to the vision of our school. We fully support and understand her decision to focus on being a mum.

Classes 2022: We are currently organising classes for 2022. If you have any information you would like us to consider in relation to your child's placement, I would like to invite you to pop in for a chat or alternatively email me. Class placement and class dynamics are an important aspect of our school.



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.



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.

<u>More about October the Month of the Rosary....</u> In the Catholic calendar, October is the month of the Rosary. More specifically, October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The history of the Rosary mostly consists of legend and tradition. There is evidence that beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys in the Middle Ages. Fittingly, the word bead is derived from an Old English word for 'prayer'. Between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries, the structure of the Rosary included praying fifty Hail Marys together with the Psalms. The word Rosary derives its meaning from the word *rosarium*, or rose garden.

"The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses," that is to say that every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place a crown of...roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. Being heavenly flowers these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty." (Saint Louis de Montfort, from his book, The Secret of the Rosary)

This week we have been praying the *Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary* at school. The Joyful mysteries The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be happy for everything that we have. We thank God for all His blessings, for creating us and giving us life, for our families and friends. We should also remember to thank God for our parents bringing us to be baptised as Catholics and teaching us about Him.

There are five Joyful Mysteries. It begins with **The Annunciation**. The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary to tell her that she is going to be the Mother of Jesus.

The second Mystery is the **Visitation**. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and her baby leaps for joy in the presence of Jesus.

The third Mystery is the Nativity- The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

The fourth Mystery is the **Presentation of Jesus** in the temple. Joseph and Mary offer up Jesus to God.

The fifth Mystery is the **Finding of Jesus in the Temple**. When Jesus was a boy he got lost on a trip but His parents found Him.



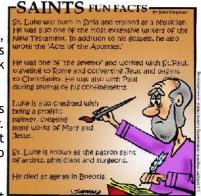
<u>Synod 2021-2023</u> Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has called a world wide synod titled "Synod 2021 - 2023: For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission".

He has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future. <u>Click here for more information from Vatican City</u>. More information will be coming out soon around how our parish and diocese will be taking part in this process.

A synod is a council of a church, usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration or application. The word synod comes from the Greek word meaning "assembly" or "meeting" and is analogous with the Latin word concilium meaning "council".

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist On Monday was the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist. Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelising Gentiles.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke's Luke around the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to Bt. Luke is known as the patron saim return to God's mercy.



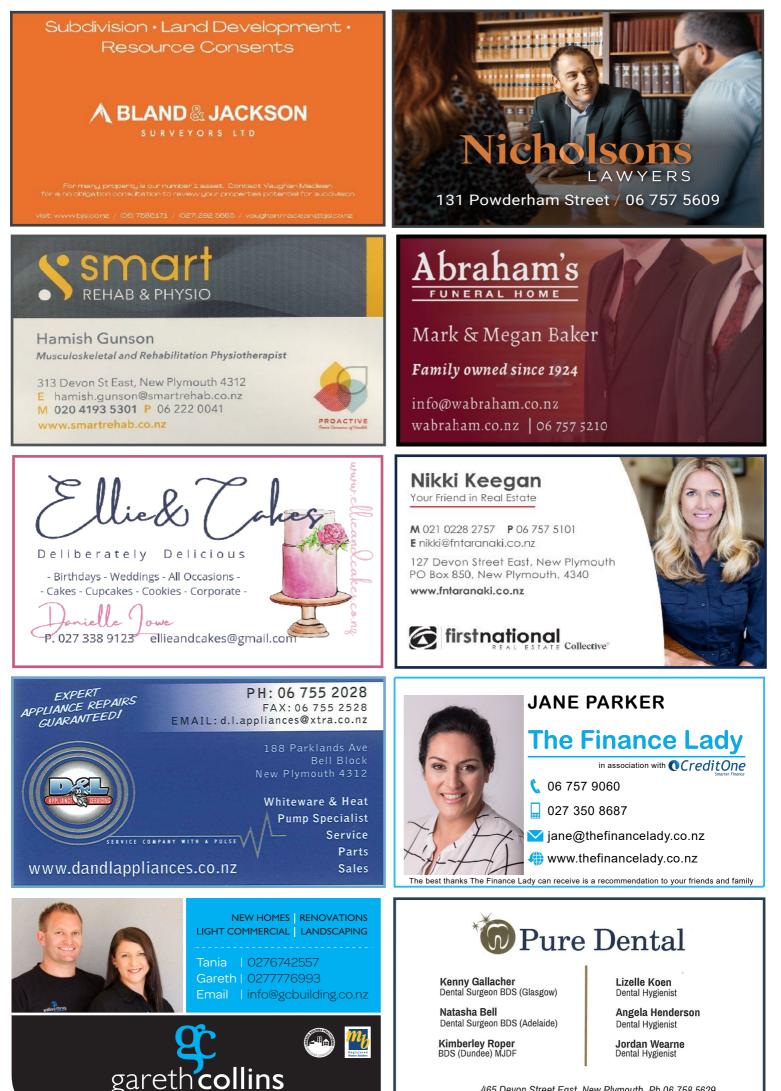
School and Class Mass Cardinal John Dew has announced that during Alert Level 2, now that

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 <u>NP Catholic Parish Website</u> for further details and information and for Mass times.





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