

# St John Bosco School

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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin



## TERM DATES

### Term 4

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

### Term 1 - 2022

Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

## EVENTS

### Year 6 Camp

Wed 17 Nov - Fri 19 Nov

### Teachers Only Day

Fri 26 Nov

### School Athletics Day

Tues 7 Dec



## From the Principals Desk...

### Reminder: Parihaka Day Tomorrow - Burgers will be given to all children for Lunch

Kia Ora Koutou. A week's sunshine is just what we ordered. It makes such a difference when our children can spend their breaks outside shooting hoops, cruising the cycle track or running around on the school field.

We have continued our annual focus in the first week of November sharing the Story of Parihaka. Unfortunately due to covid restrictions our community hangi won't be able to go ahead this year. I'm so disappointed about this as I have over the past 6-7 years loved watching our community come together for a meal and spend some time reflecting on this historical event.

The track has been a huge hit this week. I've just come back in from a full on lunch time on the track. It was fascinating that our normally busy basketball courts were empty and the field was jam packed with kids, scooters and roller skates. We will very soon acknowledge the funding and resource behind this cool addition to our school. We have kept it a small wheels track for the first few days but will in the coming days open it up to big wheels days (bikes).

**PARIHAKA Day 4th & 5th of November:** St John Bosco School continues to work on strengthening its knowledge to support the learning about Parihaka and their teachings in our school. The teachings or focus we take at St John Bosco is derived from a statement by Tohu and Te Whiti to their whanau, "Hoki atu ki ō koutou kāinga, Parihaka mai ai" (Go back to your homes and enact Parihaka's principled practice there). Enacting Parihaka-based principled practice is a shift in curriculum focus from an historico-centric study to a socio-cultural practice and a community development-based approach.

We are continuing on a journey to learn about Parihaka and the legacy of Tohu and Te Whiti and to align these with our school values and catholic social teachings. Currently in the covid world some of our traditional tikanga approaches cannot be continued due to current restrictions. For example our gathering of food for a hangi, inviting whanau to come to school for a shared kai. However we will in a revised and safe way continue to focus on the three key concepts that we are developing.

**1. Tou Kai** - Food cultivation, Rongo-mā-tāne, is the foundation of peace, linked with collective action, cooperation, asserting identity and occupation, and building capacity to provide hospitality. **2. Harakeke** - Harakeke represents the wider principle espoused by Tohu and Te Whiti to make use of materials available to you or are accessible within your natural environment. Live sustainably and within your means. **3. Karanga-a-Rongo** - Rongo is associated with cultivated food and the concept of peace. Karanga ā-Rongo is the call to people to come and share a meal. The way we eat in these settings is for food to be made available for people to eat what they need, to have their hunger eased and to find peace in the hospitality of their hosts. This is peace in practice.

At the same time we want to teach our children important aspects of our very own local history. The story of Parihaka is **about peaceful resistance and is more relevant to us as New Zealanders than the story of Guy Fawkes (5 November)**. With Guy Fawkes widely celebrated it is an ideal time to raise the profile of the peaceful resistance to invasion that occurred at Parihaka on 5 November 1881 and enact the values of two great leaders of the past within our community.

These values and actions also fit so beautifully with our very own catholic faith and pastoral care.

*So what will it look like this year?*

### Thursday 4th November:

Children will spend the day in their house groups, Waiwhakaiho, Barbier, Rewarewa and Darnell. They will work on

- Listening to and discussing the story of Parihaka.
- Work on a school wide 'passion project' for Parihaka Day - design a Kowhaiwhai / pattern to represent an image / idea for their house that will be made into a gateway to tell a story about our school houses...
- Take part in House singing / school pepeha where they will choose, learn and prepare a song and our school pepeha for the house singing competition on Friday.

**Friday 5th November:** Children will spend the day in their house groups, Waiwhakaiho, Barbier, Rewarewa and Darnell. They will work on...

- A prayer service allowing us to contemplate and pray for the people of Parihaka in their house group only.
- House Activities based on Parihaka
- Kapa Haka Practice for the big house singing competition.
- **A Lunch cooked by Mr Luckin for all children- A Hamburger for each child (Shared Kai) There will be vegetarian options as well.**
- Kapa Haka singing competition.

**School Athletics Day:** We have set our school athletics day as Tuesday 7th December. All classes are currently working towards this day through being prepared during our P.E lessons each Tuesday and Friday this term.

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All children will take part in a variety of Athletics events over the day. At this stage it is a school only event with no parents or visitors allowed onsite. We'll take lots of photos to share with you...

**Year 6 Graduation:** We are working through our alternative plan for our Year 6 Graduation currently. We hope to be able to share our plans with you all next week.

**Francis Douglas Memorial College Orientation Day:** Our Year 6 boys have been invited to the Francis Douglas Memorial College Orientation Day. This date for this is Friday 12th November. Families should have been sent an invite. If you need to know more please contact the FDMC Office.

**Teacher Only Day:** We have scheduled our final teacher only day for 2021 to take place on Friday 26th November. School will be closed on this day.

**Vaccine Mandate in Education:** The past few weeks we've been unpacking what this means for us as a school and a community. This week we have had more specific direction and instruction in relation to

parents helpers, camps, school events etc from the Ministry of Education. As we form our St John Bosco interpretation of this direction we will inform you all.

At this stage we will continue to follow our Level 2 guidelines up until the 15th November:

- We ask that children who are sick or showing symptoms please stay home.
- We ask that students are not onsite prior to 8:10am. 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.

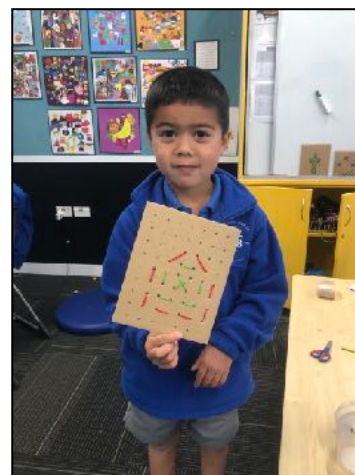
- Children at the end of the day can be collected from the courtyard or the walkway gate, front entrance on Clinton Street or through our courtyard gate.
- Parents must enforce social distancing of 2m while waiting to drop or collect children.
- We will continue our hand and sanitising protocols on arrival to school and throughout the day.
- All common area surfaces will be sanitised daily.

**Our drinking fountains will also be closed while we are at Level 2, so children will need to bring a named drink bottle 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](mailto:afterschoolcare@sjb.school.nz)**

**Welcome:** We would like to welcome Netanyahu Varghese to room Harakeke and her parents Chinju and Varghese to our SJB school community.

### *Photos from Parihaka Today*



### **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.





If anyone has any types of piping, funnels, tubing, garden hoses, or spouting at home, or can source from other places/people eg off cuts etc, Ruma Nikau and Horoeke would love to use this in their inquiry projects. Please bring into our classroom over the next two weeks. Thank you

## GIVE TENNIS A TRY



**\$30 for a four week taster**

Tennis Taster is available to children aged **5 – 13** years.  
Please phone Roneta Harrison (Membership) on 021 063 3466

**Tennis racquets are available to use**

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## HERO UPDATE

Our goal is to move all our communication and school detail to HERO. With this intention we have now added HERO Finance to our SMS System.

### Finance

Online viewing of financial statements

See whole family statement in one

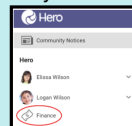
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


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Weekly automatic payments are still OK

Receipts will be sent on request

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Learner	ID	Date	Name	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	Pay Online
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 Eliza Wilson				Payment in Advance		65.00	-65.00	
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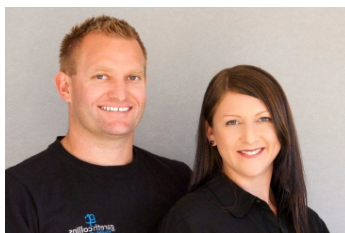
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