

St John Bosco School

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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

Tue 7 Dec

End of Year Graduation

Wed 15 Dec, 6pm & 6.45pm

End of Term 4

Thu 16 Dec, 12 Noon finish



From the Principals Desk...

Yesterday was a tough day in the education circles of New Plymouth with the loss of 3 colleagues from Devon Intermediate. Our thoughts, prayers and heart goes out to the entire Devon Community as it works through this tragedy.

The heat of the day has become intense over the past week. As a result we are now implementing our no hat, no outdoor play approach. We will also begin to monitor our summer uniform which mainly focuses on the wearing of sandals. There is currently a large collection of lost property at school, especially footwear. So please take a look if you are missing anything.

We will also be releasing our Reading progress reports on Monday. Following on from this will be our end of year reporting for writing, maths, Religious Education and an end of year learner comment.

Classes have begun attending week day class Mass again. I have joined the classes for the past two weeks. It is so nice being back in our church, listening to the word of God and praying for our community. One special observation made has been just how easily and smoothly the children have transitioned back into the routines, expectations and happenings during mass. Also what a great way to start the day...

The 2021 year is quickly passing us by. I continue to be so grateful and thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community.

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.**

End of Year Graduation: We have considered our end of year graduation for 2021. It would

appear that we will remain at alert level 2 through till the end of the year. With this in mind we are currently planning the following. Year 6 children and whanau will only be permitted to attend.

- Year 6 children will be split into two groups of 20 alphabetically. Each family will be allowed to have two adults present at the graduation.
- Adults attending will be seated according to a plan and will need to follow Level 2 guidelines by wearing face masks, and distancing 2 m between families.
- The graduation will be significantly modified to allow children to receive their leaving certificates and crosses. Families leaving SJB will receive their leaving rose.
- We will either live stream or record the graduation and parts of it will be pre recorded.
- The date has been set as Wednesday 15th December and times of 6:00pm and 6:45pm.

More details will be shared with our Year 6 whanau as we confirm the revised format.

St John Bosco Pool Keys: We will be offering school pool keys to the community once again. The cost will be \$65 **which will need to be paid before the collection of a key** (a \$15 bond will be returned on return of the key at the end of the season). All key holders will sign the schools user agreement and rules prior to keys being given.

We will let you know via the newsletter and our school app when we are set to distribute keys.

Those using the pool will be asked to follow our Level 2 protocols.

This year the Community Group will place the names of all 2020 Key holders into a hat and draw the names of two families, who will in return be given a key free of charge.

We are also looking for people who would be interested in helping maintain the pool over the holiday period. If you could help please let me know.

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. 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.

Vaccination Mandate: A letter was sent to all parents today also with details about how the vaccine mandate will be worked through at St John Bosco School from the 15th of November. If you need to talk this through, or have any questions I am happy to meet with you.

Welcome: We would like to welcome Charlotte Mundie to room Harakeke and her parents Anna and Steve to our SJB school community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: *People Who Suffer from Depression*
 We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS
TE KOTAHITANGA O TE HUNGA TAPU



This term our Religious Education learning programme focuses on the Communion of Saints Strand. We are integrating our learning with Inquiry learning and Parihaka Day. Our overarching statement is:



By our Baptism we are called to be **Saints**. The **Communion of Saints** is a great family of all those who have responded to Christ's grace. We join with them in making choices to be **Holy**.



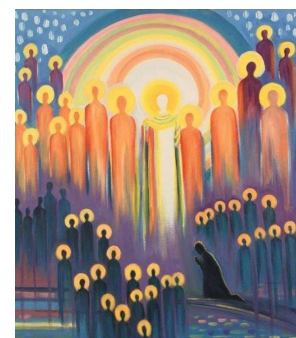



IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS LAST WEEK

1st November: All Saints Day This feast day grew out of the love and devotion of God's people. The Church chose this feast to honour God in the saints. The communion of saints is made up of all children of God. We thank God as the creator of all holiness and for the graces God has showered upon them.

2nd November: All Souls' Day This feast day is one of the most loving celebrations in the Church's year. It is the day that we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next. We stop to remember all who have died, especially our relatives and friends. We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us. We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth. We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth. We pray for all souls to hasten their journey to God.

**Synod 2021-2023**

Synod 2021-2023 - For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

"Synodality" is a word we are going to hear a lot more of in the Catholic Church over the next few years. It means **"walking together."** The "walking together" Francis plans is a new process of renewal of the Catholic Church. Find out how you can have your voice heard!

Visit our [Palmerston North Diocesan page](#) to find out more.

**Parish 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.

School and Class Mass

Father Simon invited us to start coming back to class mass on Wednesday Mornings, which we have been doing for the last couple of weeks. Children and school staff are not required to wear a mask to attend. You are welcome to come along to mass, however please remember that the 100 person limit will still apply, so you would need to be early and ensure that you sign in and follow social distancing and hand sanitising practises as outlined in the church foyer and [NP Catholic Parish Website](#).

Week 5	Wednesday 17th November	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri, Harakeke
Week 6	Wednesday 24th November	Horoeka & Nikau
Week 7	Wednesday 1st December	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 8	Wednesday 8th December	Rimu & Karaka

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service

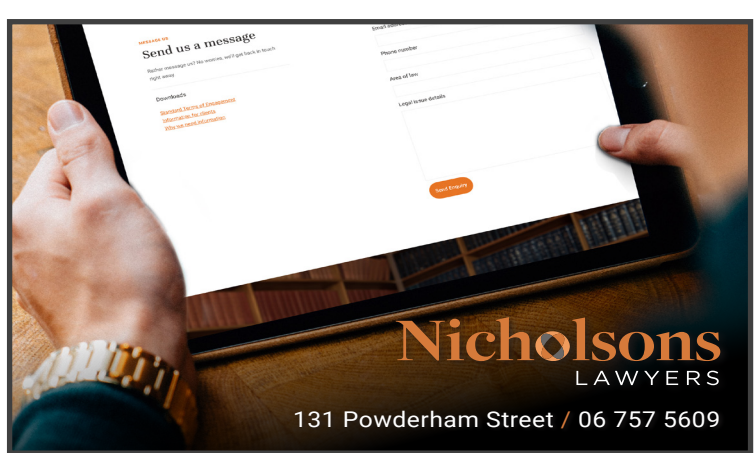


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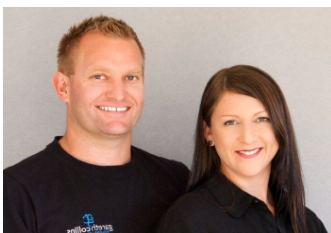
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