

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...

Kia Ora Koutou. Our Year 6 children headed out to the Vertical Horizons camp yesterday morning. They spend three days taking part in a wide range of education outside the classroom activities. It looks like the weather might be good this week meaning they'll utilise every moment they can outside. A special thanks to Crystal Smith and Josh Stirling for organising this camp and providing our children with an extremely rich experience. I know they'll all have an amazing time out there.

The bike track has this week moved into an all wheels track. Our goal is to integrate bikes, scooters and skates onto the track everyday of the week. It was also great to see today one of our classes using it as a running track.

Our School Mass, Year 6 retreat and our end of Year community picnic have been cancelled for this year. However our amazing Community Group has very kindly offered to provide all the children with a sausage and ice block at our upcoming school athletics day (The deal is that I have to cook the sausages). With the Community Group in mind I'd like to thank this group of parent volunteers, who have once again provided a great service to our community and also raised another significant sum of money to enrich what we can provide to our children. Thank you!

On Monday we released our reading progress report to families via HERO. We are now working on our end of year report comments and sharing writing progress. We'll let you know when these are released.

Lastly, I'm loving seeing so many SJB children taking part in organised sports this term. Thanks to our parents who are coaching these teams. Nga Mihi, Dee

Vaccination Mandate: Based on the information we have received to date from the Ministry of Education, this is what it will look like at St John Bosco School...

We will not request or seek evidence of vaccination where:

- Parents/caregivers are dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school.
- Parents or caregivers are attending meetings or events on site (for example, parent-teacher interviews)
- The general public are using school facilities after hours (for example, playground, school pool)

We will need you to provide evidence (to the school Principal) that you have received your first vaccination dose prior to the 15th November and will be fully vaccinated by 1st January 2022.

- If you are volunteering during a school event.
- If you are coaching a school team.
- If you are volunteering and providing parent help at school.
- If you are volunteering as parent help on camp.
- If you are providing transport to a school event.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have over the end of last week and this week provided a copy of your vaccination status.

In the meantime we also ask our parents to continue following our Level 2 guidelines which include...

- **Wearing a face mask while on school grounds**
- **Signing in through our covid tracer app**
- **Staying at home if you are unwell**
- **Social distancing while waiting to collect children**

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

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 2m 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.

Welcome: We would like to welcome Isla Naus to room Harakeke, Isla joins her big brother Harry at school.

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.

Sunday 21st November Feast of Christ the King of the Universe

The last Sunday in Ordinary Time each year is the Feast of Christ the King. This feast reminds us that in time Christ will be the King of his kingdom of justice, peace and love on earth and we have helped to build this by living as he lived, by being of service to others as part of our ordinary lives.

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical Quas Primas. At the time of Quas Primas, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Thus we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.

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

In this synodal process three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are:

Communion - diverse people gathered together in one faith. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit.

Participation - All of us belong to the People of God; laity, consecrated and ordained, all are qualified and called to participate together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue and discern on making pastoral decisions that serve God's will.

Mission - We are called to evangelise, never be centered on ourselves. We are called to bear witness to the love of God for the whole human family.

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

**Message from Father Simon Story**

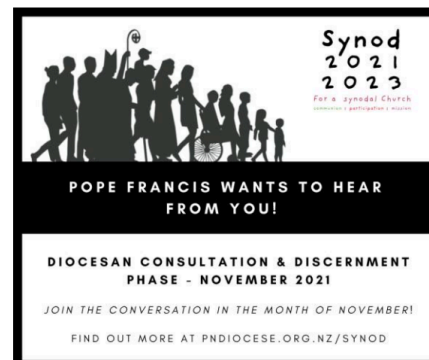
The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is planning to hold two public consultations for the Synod...

Sunday 21st November - 4pm

Sunday 28th November - 4pm

Where: St Joseph's Hall, Devon Street West.

- Participants are all invited to read the Preparatory Document before the event. View this online.
- The Ignatian discernment process will be explained.
- Everyone will be invited to join a labelled table according to the themed questions that they are interested in.
- A facilitator at each table will lead the group through the discernment process to explore the discerned response to the questions provided.
- Everyone is welcome to attend.



You may already belong to a group that will hold a discerned response to the synod questions?

Individuals can also respond online through the link in the Palmerston North diocesan synodal website. However, a group discernment is the preferred response method.

Father Simon Story – Parish Priest

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 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

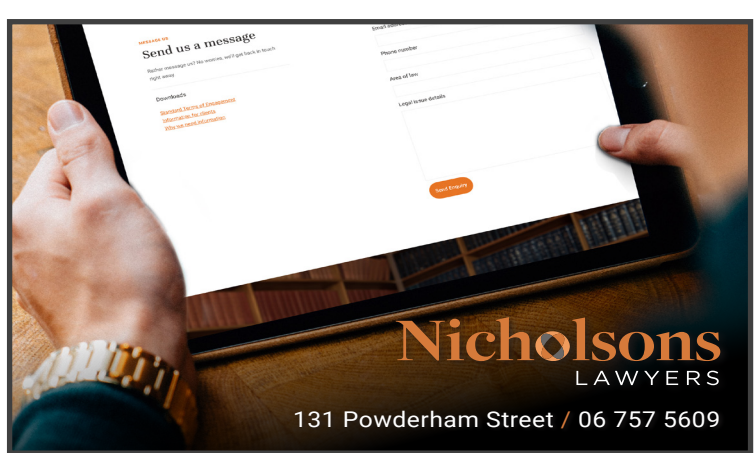


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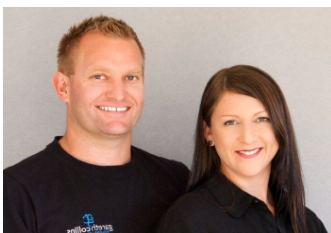
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