

St John Bosco School

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TERM DATES

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct - Thur 16 Dec (12.30pm finish)

Term 1 - 2022

Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

EVENTS

Athletics Day - TOMORROW
Fri 10 Dec

Class Swaps
Tue 14 Dec

End of Year Graduation
Wed 15 Dec, 6pm & 6.45pm

End of Term 4
Thu 16 Dec, 12 Noon finish

After School Care will be open on Thursday 16 December from 12.30pm as school closes early. If you would like to book your child in for this day please let Cherie know asap. The cost is \$5 per hour, per child. Thanks

Thank you for being so generous during our Christmas Food Bank collection. Weather meant that we were only able to deliver it yesterday. The team at the foodbank were blown away. They always look forward to the SJB collections we provide from our school mass, however, this collection was one that they really appreciated due to the quantity and also what was collected. It will make a huge difference within our community heading into Christmas. *"Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted."*

I'd also like to pass on another huge thank you to all of our sports coaches, classroom parent helpers, school trip transporters, educators outside the classroom helpers for your ongoing support over 2022. You have been such an amazing help. You have supported not only our teachers but many of our children and allowed them to have rich experiences and learnings that they would not have encountered without your support. Our school is a more vibrant community, due to your generosity, service and love shown to our children. *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* 2 Corinthians 9:11

Our class Diligence Awards for 2022 will be given out next week at a special Jump Jam assembly. These would normally be presented at our end of year graduation but due to restrictions we are unable to present them on this occasion this year.

We will be releasing our final reporting of children's progress for the year on Monday 13th December as well as sending families details about stationery and classes for 2022.

This year we once again farewell many long standing families who have their last child moving onto secondary school education. We have loved having you as a part of our community and are thankful

that you chose St John Bosco to be your child / ren's school. You have all contributed in many ways over the years and supported us in ensuring St John Bosco is a place of faith, compassion and hope. We will miss you all.

I'm unsure if we will have a newsletter next week at this stage. So with that in mind I'll take this opportunity to pass on my thanks for being an amazing support over 2021. I feel blessed to be a part of a community that walks alongside our vision and mission. I give thanks for the love, cooperation, service and resilience that has united us during 2021.

I wish you all a merry christmas and pray that you get time to refresh, reflect and reset for 2022. God Bless you all.

Covid Traffic Light System update and what it means for SJB: On Monday 29 November, Cabinet met to determine which colour of the traffic light system different parts of the country would move into.

We now know that we will move into the orange traffic light as a region and that the Government will not yet be placing any region into the Green setting. **However it will be different for us at school until January 1st 2022. The Ministers have agreed that all schools will retain their existing COVID-19 settings until the end of the 2021 calendar year. This means we will follow our Alert level two guidelines and remain with our current restrictions. There will be no changes to events meaning we are still unable to have parents gather onsite for school events such as assemblies, sports days etc...**

We continue to ask families to

- sign in via our covid QR code
- wear face masks when onsite
- stay away if sick and keep children home who are unwell
- class helpers and volunteers will need to share their vaccination status and have had at least one dose prior to November 15th

• **school events such as athletics days etc will continue to be in school events only with no parents.**

What will the traffic lights look like for us in 2022...

At all settings of the framework

- Schools will be open with students and staff onsite.
- The same public health measures you are very familiar with remain in place:
 - good hygiene and cleaning
 - contact tracing systems in place
 - vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid), and all eligible people encouraged to be vaccinated
 - if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
 - good ventilation.
- Contact tracing and case management will continue to be very important.
- There will **not** be a physical distancing requirement at any CPF setting, but at Red, keeping a one metre is recommended between different groups when inside and where practicable.
- Face coverings on school transport will align with requirements for public transport at every CPF

End Of Year Events Update:

Friday 10th December: School Athletics day and Community Group Sausage sizzle for children (No cost for sausages, each child will receive one for lunch).

Monday 13th December: Xmas at the Bosco. Christmas Carols for the whole school. Junior Nativity Dress up.

Tuesday 14th December: Class swaps with your 2022 teacher.

Wednesday 15th December: Year 6 graduation. Invite only, 6:00pm and then 6:45pm

Thursday 16th December: Last day of school. Children will be released at 12:30pm

Each class will also be having fun days or some extra activities. These will be communicated directly with you from class teachers.

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School Athletics Day TOMORROW

This will be held TOMORROW Friday 10th December. The day will be split into two with Juniors Years 1-3 starting at 9:10am - 11:50am. Our seniors will start at 12:20pm and go through until 2:50pm. Children will take part in traditional athletics events such as sprints, high jump, long jump etc..

It would be great if...

- Children came to school with sunblock already applied
- Everyone came to school in PE gear - house colour t-shirts, clothes to do running and jumping in.
- All children will need their school hat
- All children will need to bring a drink bottle

The Community group will be providing each child with a sausage and bread for lunch as their way of saying Merry Christmas and thanks for an awesome year.

Classes 2022:

Each Year based on cohort numbers the dynamics of our school change slightly. We currently have a large group of Year 4 (Year 5 2022) children moving through our school. So our senior school will look slightly different for 2022.

Totara Year 5 / 6
Kauri Year 5 / 6
Rimu Year 5
Karaka Year 4 / 5
Pohutukawa Year 3 / 4
Kowhai Year 3
Horoea Year 2
Nikau Year 2
Kawakawa Year 1
Koromiko Year 1
Puriri Year 1
Harakeke Year 0 (Will open Term 3)

Surf lessons for kids and teens!

My name is Karine Bödeker and I offer surf lessons for kids and teenagers at Fitzroy beach. I am a certified level 1 ISA surf coach and owner of New Plymouth Surf School.

Surfing is a great way for kids to learn about the ocean and gain new skills. Children and teenagers can learn how to surf in a safe and fun way. For the kids surf groups, there is one instructor per 4 or 5 children, depending on the conditions. Therefore I am able to provide personal coaching for every surfer. The kids surf lessons are always held in the white water waves, close to the beach. My goal is to make your kids happy and introduce them to surfing in a safe way. The lesson is approx. 1 hour water time and it takes almost 1,5 hours in total. Wetsuit and surfboard are included. Cost: \$45 per person per lesson. Location: Fitzroy beach.

To book a lesson, please get in touch with Karine Bödeker
0273075842, newplymouthsurfschool@gmail.com

Junior Art - Advent Candles



Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



Advent Bible Reading

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7, (NIV)

Older Childrens Baptism

Congratulations and welcome to the 36 children in our parish who have been baptised and received into the Church over the last few weekends. Congratulations in particular to the following children from our SJB whanau: Carter, Mia and Grayson Herlihy, Maisie and Harper Luke, Nolan, Elodie, Alfie and Goldie McFayden. Ruby Richardson has also completed the preparation programme and will be baptised on Boxing Day. Congratulations and God bless you all.

Parish Mass

Under the Orange Light system, we have returned to our normal Mass timetable to allow larger congregations to gather, however you will need to show a Vaccine Pass to attend the Sunday services. Please refer to the [NP Catholic Parish Website](#) for further details and information and for Mass times. Here is a link also to the [Bishops Pastoral Letter](#) regarding the Traffic Light System and Mass procedures for New Zealand.

A Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at 5.30pm on a Sunday night is for those parishioners who choose not to show their Vaccination status. THIS MASS WILL BE LIMITED TO 50!

New Plymouth Parish App

Did you know we have a NP PARISH APP?

This is the best way to stay up-to-date with any changes to the timetable or if we need to let you know something important is happening during the week. It's super easy to download

Step 1: Text CPNPAPP to 818 to download!

Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow' ie. Alpha Step

3: Set up your profile Contact the Parish office if you need assistance to download.

Year of Saint Joseph Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a Father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and
Courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen

Tickets to the Concert will be on sale in the foyer after Mass on Sunday at OLHC 10.30am and St Joseph's 9am and 5.30pm.

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.

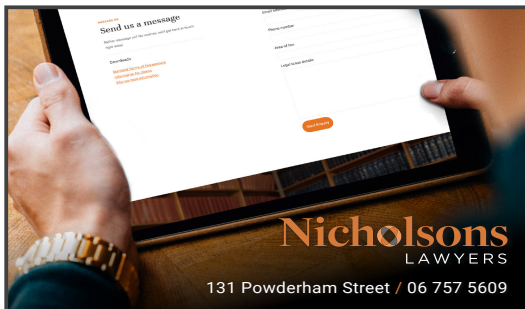


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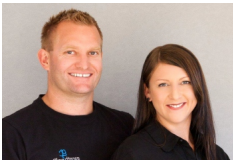
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