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Principal: Mr Dee Luckin



TERM DATES

Term 1
Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

Term 2
Mon 2 May - Fri 8 Jul

Term 3
Mon 25 Jul - 30 Sep

EVENTS

Swimming Sports
Fri 4 March

Ambrose Golf Day
Sun 27 March



From the Principals Desk...

Last night we moved to Stage 3 of our Red Traffic Light System. I am currently working through what this means to us at school and how we can achieve the goals of stage 3. Once again my goal is to follow the guidelines and try to keep things as normalised, safe as we can at school. I will communicate again soon.

Welcome: I would like to welcome the following children and families to our school and school community:

Puriri: Sienna Dawick, Sienna joins her big brother Theo at school.

Nikau: Josephine Carr and her parents Catherine and Ryan.

Pohutukawa: Niamh Carr who joins Josephine at school.

Road and Street Safety: As a Let's Go school, we are committed to working together to keep all our students safe as they arrive to and from school. Please follow these safety tips, to help keep our school entrances safer before and after school. Also let's focus on keeping everyone's children safe.

Tips for whānau of children riding or walking to school

- Discuss with your children the best route to school.
- Cross at crossing points or at the mid-block of the street (not at intersections).
- Look twice when crossing roads.
- Be courteous by keeping left on paths.
- Ride slowly on shared paths and make room for people walking.
- Agree on a meeting point away from the school gates if you are collecting by car.
- Most of all, get some fresh air and enjoy the journey to school!

Tips for people driving around schools

- Slow down near schools. It's about driving to the conditions, not the posted speed.
- Slow down to 20km/h when passing a stopped school bus dropping off or picking up students.

- Park well away from the school gates. You'll avoid parking problems and congestion, and then can enjoy a short walk in to school with your child.
- Do not stop in bus parks or on cycle lanes, even with the engine running.
- Avoid distractions while driving and look twice. Children can be unpredictable!
- If you need to park close to the school, please park safely. Stopping on broken yellow lines can often block what children can see, and makes it difficult for children to cross roads. **Be extra careful coming out of our Church carpark as you cross a footpath that children are walking on.**

Swimming Sports: The following information relates to our school swimming sports for 2022. This has been scheduled for **Friday 4th March** at the Aquatic Centre.

Every child will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of swimming events throughout the day. Due to currently being at the red traffic light, we have adapted how we would normally run the swimming sports day to meet the expected restrictions. **Unfortunately no parents or spectators are permitted to attend. There is a limit of 100 people at the venue and this will be absorbed purely by the students.**

Each group of children will travel by bus to and from the Aquatic Centre at different times throughout the day. Each group will have approximately an hour or more at the complex. Year 4-6 children will be required to wear masks on the bus and as they enter the venue.

The year 5 and 6 children will be leaving school at 9:00am. The year 3 and 4 children will be leaving school at 10:30am. The year 1 and 2 children will leave school just at 11:30am.

Our senior children will take part in a variety of traditional races such as freestyle and backstroke in the big pool. They will also put into practice the water safety procedures that have been taught this term.

Our juniors will participate in a variety of events that include running races, noodle races, flutter board races, jumping races and freestyle races.

Children will need to bring warm clothing (named) for the day as well as their school sunhat and sunblock. They may also choose to wear a swim vest as well to keep the sun off.

The main focus of the day will be to have fun. No pressure to do anything they do not feel comfortable doing. We will seek permission for children to attend via seesaw next week.

TE ARA A MARIA Visiting Our Lady Help of Christians: In 2020, with the Covid-19 pandemic, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand received a number of requests from worshippers calling on Mary's protection during troubling times. The Bishops agreed to rededicate Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. The original dedication was made by New Zealand's first Bishop (Frenchman) Jean-Baptiste Pompallier in the Hokianga in 1838. More about this history can be found at <https://www.tearaamaria.nz/history>. The celebrations for the Rededication will continue until 15 August 2022. As part of the celebrations the artwork will travel to each of the six Catholic Diocese of New Zealand. The formal name of the tour is Te Hikoī Wairua mo Te Ara a Maria. Te Ara a Maria will be present at Our Lady Help of Christians next Thursday 3rd March. A small group of our senior children will represent St John Bosco and attend to learn and hear about this celebration.

SJB Ambrose Golf Day:

The first big focus for the Community Group is our SJB Ambrose Golf Day. This will be held Sunday 27th March at the Westown Golf Club. Details about registering teams and sponsoring the day were sent out via seesaw last week and are included in this newsletter as well. The Community Group is seeking support in the following areas...

- Team entries for the day...
- Sponsors for the day
- Spot prizes to hand out on the day

We will also be asking for volunteers to help out on the day.

**St John Bosco Pray for us.
Jesus in our Hearts forever.**

Second Hand Uniforms:

The Community Group are planning on having a second hand uniform sale at the end of the term, if you have any old uniforms at home that you would like to donate to the sale, please drop off to Andrea in the office.



St John Bosco School

Presents our 2022

Ambrose Golf Day

With the support of **Taranaki Steelformers** we are proud to present our major fundraiser for 2022: an AMBROSE Golf Tournament

WHEN Sunday 27th March

WHERE Westown Golf Club

TIME 11.00am Start



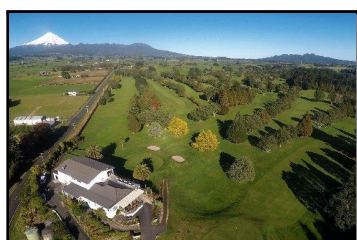
Here is how you can choose to help us:

<input type="radio"/>	Sponsor a Hole	Get your company's logo/ad displayed on a large digital billboard at Registration, at the Food Tent during the day for maximum foot traffic coverage, on a large screen in the clubrooms during prizegiving, and on the teams' scorecards. In addition sponsors will be promoted in the School's newsletter and on our Facebook page.	\$300 Per Hole
<input type="radio"/>	Sign up a Team	Teams of 4 - 6 Players Serious/Social/Non Golfers all welcome!	\$30 per Player
<input type="radio"/>	Make a donation	Donate a spot prize, a voucher (e.g. from a local café, Rebel Sport or similar) we shall use as a spot prize, or make a cash donation. All donations are greatly appreciated.	Your Choice
<input type="radio"/>	Help on the day	Support us with the setup, signing in players, the BBQ, selling food and drinks, serving afternoon tea, the prize giving or packing up. An hour or two is all that is needed.	Your time

Name _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Contact Number _____



Return this form to the school office 'Community Group' Box

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Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



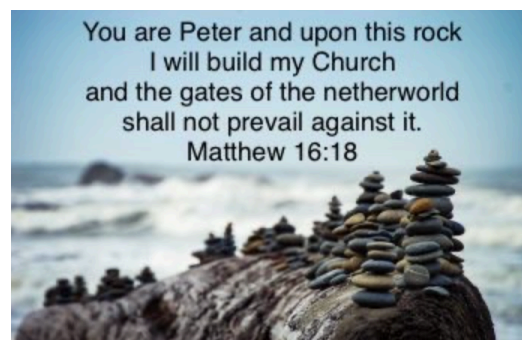
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Important Feast Day: Chair of Saint Peter 22nd February:

Every year on February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Confusing to many, this feast is not about an ancient piece of furniture. It is about the office of the pope and his role as a sign of unity and peace. To be seated is to be in a position of patience and listening, hospitality and charity. It celebrates that Christ our Lord made Peter our first Pope (and celebrates all the Popes since), to exercise forever in the Church the power which He exercised during His mortal life.



You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:18

Lent begins next week:

Lent is preparing ourselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **The Liturgical Colour is Purple.**

Lent begins with an invitation from God: "Come back to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). Our Lenten Journey is a response to God's invitation.

Interestingly, the word "Lent" comes from Old English through Middle English to modern English. Looking at its origin, "lent" is a shortening of the word "lengthen," used to describe the increasing amount of daylight each day: the harbinger of spring and new life, buds opening, green grass, daffodils, and tulips popping up. Jesus lived in the Northern Hemisphere and therefore the time of Lent and Easter, occurs during their season of Spring This is why we find things relating to Lent and Easter often referring to and making connections to Spring.

Spring for many is a time of cleaning, and Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We clean out the clutter that has accumulated in our lives to make more room for God and one another.

Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday

Ashes, made by burning palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday, symbolize the transience of our earthly status.

The body must fall temporarily into dust. This fact should serve as a challenge to spiritual accomplishments. Through grace we were "buried" in Christ that we may rise with him and "live unto God."

We explain ashes with the "seed" idea.

"They are not a sign of death, but a promise of life."



Liturgy for Burning the Blessed Palms

This year we have done our Liturgy for the Burning of the Blessed Palms a little differently. Our Year 5 and 6 students gathered together outside and joined in to watch the burning of the palms which were blessed last year on Palm Sunday. Our newly appointed Ambassadors and Special Character leaders read the liturgy and these were videoed, along with a video of the burning of the palms, and shared to the whole school. These ashes will now be blessed and used in classes on Ash Wednesday next week.

First Reconciliation / Holy Communion 2022:

At this stage the Sacramental programmes being organised by the New Plymouth Catholic Parish have been postponed because of the current Covid situation. Due to the delay there is still time if you are interested, to register your children for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Older Children's Baptism programmes for this year. To register your child or for any further information, please contact Karen on: youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

JESUS

His Only Son, Our Lord

HEHU KARAITI



*Jesus is my friend and role model.
We see him in creation, others and ourselves
and we try to be like him every day.
Jesus in our hearts forever.*

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.

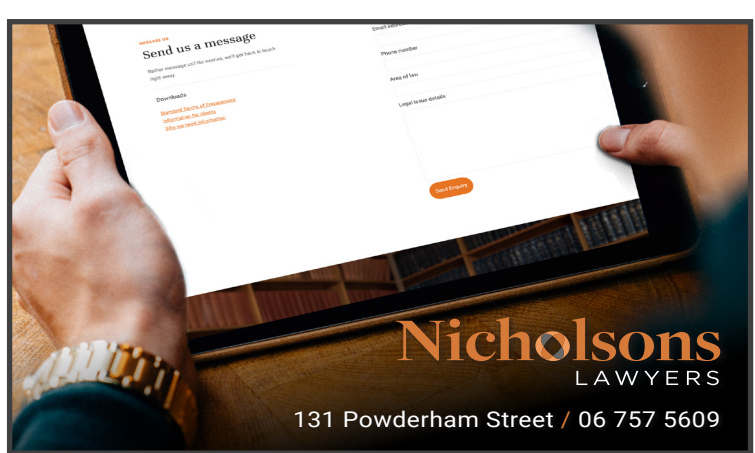


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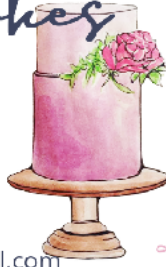
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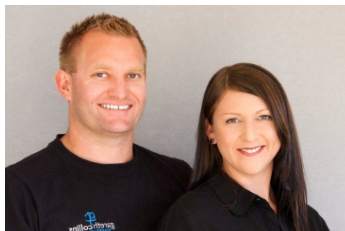
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