

# St John Bosco School

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## TERM DATES

**Term 1**  
Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

**Term 2**  
Mon 2 May - Fri 8 Jul

**Term 3**  
Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

## EVENTS

**Mufti Day**  
Thu 17 March

**Teacher Only Day**  
Fri 18 March

**Ambrose Golf Day**  
Sun 27 March



## From the Principals Desk...

**TEACHER ONLY DAY** - NEXT Friday 18 March school will be closed for instruction to enable staff to receive Professional Development. Please accept our apologies for the short notice and for any inconvenience caused.

Kia Ora Koutou. I'm breaking trends this week with two newsletters. Hopefully this won't be a new norm... This will be a brief newsletter also.

We are loving the sunshine currently which is allowing us to be outside and continue our mid morning and afternoon swims. The children continue to be amazing.

Our continued focus this week has still been teaching and learning as normal. This week has seen an increase in whanau isolating at home. We have had on average this week 40 children absent. This equates to 15% of our current school population. We currently have 10 confirmed cases of Covid within our school.

We have been really impressed with and grateful for the prompt communication from whanau. There is an incredible sense of keeping everyone safe and following expectations. **The staff and I appreciate your efforts, thank you.**

**I am sure you will all be aware of the new isolation guidelines that come into affect 11:59 Friday 11th March. Isolation periods will be reduced from 10 days to 7. I am still awaiting guidelines around testing times for those isolating and will share these with you once we have them. I will connect with families who have children currently isolating to ensure the process is clear.**

I am also expecting that we will follow suit of many other schools and have greater numbers of teachers self isolating. Obviously our first intention is to utilise relief staff to cover those staff isolating. However, I do need you all to be prepared, understand and

support us, as the dynamics of school and classes may change if we are unable to staff classes. We have plans in place for such an event, we really do hope that we will not need to initiate these.

We continue to ask for your support through following our current basic Covid guidelines of...

- Staying away if you are unwell.
- Washing / sanitising hands when and where required
- Adults on site wearing face masks and social distancing
- Children in Years 4-6 wearing face masks inside.
- Leaving the school premises as soon as you can after school.

**Community Group Ambrose Golf Day Update:** We have 22 Teams registered for the golf day and 25 sponsors. This is a great result for our Golf Day. We have the day planned and just about ready to go and we only need a few extras for the day.

- We still are in need of spot prizes please
- If you are able to help out on the day for an hour or two please contact Ben Siffleet 0273195944
- We will hold a mufti day Thursday 17th March, and ask for a gold coin donation to help with some expenses from golf day.
- We have a Silent Auction for 8 cube pine firewood, and a \$2000 mediaworks voucher, the silent auction forms will be in the school office with Andrea

Thanks SJB Community Group.

**Mufti Day Thursday 17th March:** We will be supporting our Community Group by holding a Mufti Day. Gold coin donation. This will help with purchasing bits and pieces

needed for the Ambrose Golf Day.

**Teacher Only Day:** Once again apologies for the late notification of our next Teachers only day. I have decided to go ahead with the professional development day with Dr Christine Braid from Massey University despite the current covid situation. **This means that school will be closed for students on Friday 18th March.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MARCH 2022 A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

#### Lent has begun

Lent is getting ready for Easter a bit like Advent is getting ready for Christmas. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer helps us become closer to God. Fasting is giving up something (good or bad) for the Glory of God. Almsgiving is the giving actions that help us to see God in others. It can be donating money, food, or other items to the poor or needy. Almsgiving helps us experience giving freely.

#### Liturgical Math: Counting Forty Days

Mathematically speaking, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So how did we get forty?  
It was developed not by means of math but by theology. Every Sunday is Easter, even during the Lenten season, for every Sunday is a memorial of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When we subtract the six Sundays of Lent from the total we end up with forty.



**Caritas** Caritas helps us focus on Lent and on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The theme this year is "Called to be Peacemakers: Building Dreams Together". Later this term we will be completing a Caritas Lenten Challenge. More information about this will come out soon. If you would like some ideas of activities that you could do as a family this Lent, click on this link and explore the Caritas website.

[Caritas: Lent 2022](#)

#### Class Mass

Father Simon has invited us to start going to class mass on Wednesdays again. The Parish are really excited to have us back and have missed us each week. Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible. However, the 100 person limit, vaccine passes, masks, hand sanitising and social distancing practises apply as outlined in the church foyer and [NP Catholic Parish Website](#).

<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 16th March	Horoeka & Nikau
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 23rd March	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
<b>Week 9</b>	Wednesday 30th March	Rimu & Karaka
<b>Week 10</b>	Wednesday 6th April	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri
<b>Week 11</b>	Wednesday 13th April	Totara / Kauri

#### 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](mailto: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.*



Gabby Devine left us a beautiful legacy of Random Acts of Kindness (She started Starlit Hope, a charity that does Acts of Kindness to kids and their families in hospital). Since she gained her angel wings in 2015, we have started our own SJB tradition of celebrating/ remembering her on her birthday (March 9th) with a week of Random Acts of Kindness. This year our RAK week will take place from the 15th - 18th March. This ties in beautifully with our LENT traditions too.

We would love to know what you are doing in your class or at home to celebrate our SJB RAK week in memory of Gabby. Take photos and share them with your teacher! You might like to write a nice thank you card for someone, save your pocket money to donate to Caritas or Gabby's Starlit Hope, do some baking for someone, help your parents with emptying the dishwasher etc... the opportunities are endless! No matter how big or small - it all counts!

Thank you God for blessing us with beautiful Gabby. "Small things with great love"



#### **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.

### Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service





## Self Portrait Mask Artwork

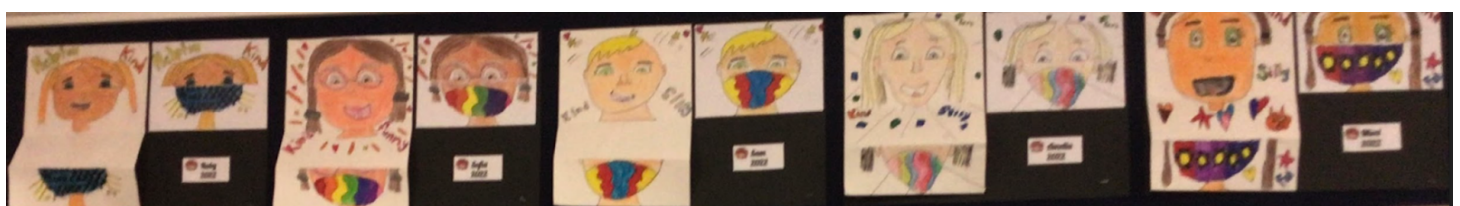
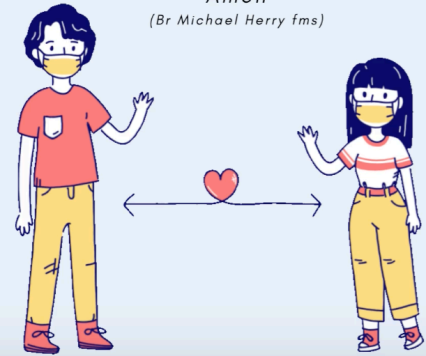
Rūma Pōhutukawa have made these beautiful self portraits of themselves wearing their masks. They followed instructions to fold, draw and colour their portraits. What a great way to remember the year of wearing masks at school!



God of all life...  
 May your love and light shine in and through  
 me today  
 In a way that no mask can hide.  
 May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy  
 Replacing my hidden smile.  
 May my actions of care and concern  
 Speak louder than my muffled voice ever  
 could.  
 And may the generosity of my heart  
 Radiate out through who I am  
 And how I respond to the world around me  
 So that others may not see my mask  
 But your image shining out  
 Moving in and through me today.

Amen

(Br Michael Herry fms)



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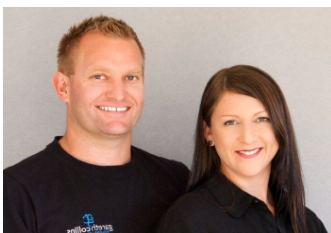
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