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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

Caritas Lenten Challenge - "Move It"
Tues 5 April

Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 6 April, after school

End of Term 1
Thurs 14 April



Kia Ora Koutou.

I've just walked in from our school field this morning. There are 50 or more children ranging from Year 3 - Year 6 playing a modified game of bullrush on the field. All of our new bikes are racing around our bike track, some children are sitting in the sun enjoying the warmth and other children are playing happily on the school playground. It makes my day to see unity and inclusion being modelled and lived across the senior and middle school. I see Jesus in many people and in many situations.

Thank you: Thank you to our Community Group who have just purchased a range of bikes and bike helmets to have on site for children to use during school break times. The junior school had a chance to give them a test yesterday on our bike track and the feedback from kids was that the bikes are great... I am personally rapt that children will have access to these bikes and encourage them to be active.



Covid update: We have once again averaged around 35 children absent over this week. Some with unrelated Covid illness and others as household contacts or confirmed cases. We have 9 confirmed cases of Covid within school and 10 students isolating as household contacts. These numbers have been pretty consistent over the past 4 weeks. Our families continue to be proactive in informing us or keeping children home if they are displaying symptoms. The staff and I are incredibly grateful that this is the case. With 85-90% of children being present at school we have been able to keep our main focus as a school on teaching and learning. As the leader of the school I am so thankful that this

From the Principals Desk...

is and has been the case. In the overall scheme we are fortunate that disruption has been minimal.

We will continue to keep focused on preventing spread. At the same time we are on tender hooks as our turn will come. I continue to be so proud of our senior children who are wearing masks daily. It is not easy, yet they do so without any fuss.

There have been some changes to guidelines for schools. The key changes are as follows:

COVID-19 Protection Framework, My Vaccine Pass and vaccination mandates

- The removal of vaccination mandates for education workers will take effect from 11.59pm Monday 4 April.
- On the same date, removal of the My Vaccine Pass from the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system). We will no longer require to monitor volunteer vaccine passes.
- There is no longer a requirement to display QR code posters; we will maintain other regular processes, and encourage visitors to sign in at our school office. This QR code system may need to return if case numbers rise.

Red Traffic Light

- There is no change to masks in education settings from the existing Red setting. Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13.
- For all New Zealanders, including school settings, masks will not be required outdoors. We are encouraging our families to continue to do so. We believe that this has been a key measure to keep our staff safe and our school open.
- Capacity limits will be removed for outdoor events and activities allowing families to attend any outdoor event.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increase to 200 people, or a maximum capacity based on

the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was one metre apart (whichever is lower). When and if we return to assemblies it will be highly likely that parents will still not be able to attend.

We will continue to maintain our split morning tea and lunch breaks through till the end of term 1. We will return to our normal whole school break times in term 2.

In the meantime we ask that you continue to:

- Wear masks on site
- Keep children home if they are unwell
- Maintain good hand hygiene practices
- Ventilate when and where you can.

Ambrose Golf Day: Although it was windy, our Ambrose Golf Day was a great success. We had 26 teams take part in the day. I want to pass on my thanks to...

- Our major sponsor Taranaki Steelformers.
- Our day sponsors shared in last week's newsletter.
- Our families who sourced spot prizes and offered donations.
- Our Community group who worked really hard on the day to provide food, refreshments and ensure things ran smoothly.
- Ben Siffleet and Brendon Back who were our key contacts and liaisons between players, sponsors and helpers.

It is no official but it is looking like we have raised between \$13,000.00 - \$14,000.00. An outstanding effort and outcome that will be invested back into our children.

Second Hand Uniform Sale: We are having another second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 6th April - After school in the Junior Break out Space.

*St John Bosco Pray for us...
Jesus in our hearts
forever...Ngā Mihi,
Dee Luckin*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION APRIL 2022 Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

CARITAS LENTEN CHALLENGE

Next week (Tuesday 5th April) St John Bosco will be completing the CARITAS Lenten Challenge. We will be "spending 1 day to make a difference for a lifetime" for the people that CARITAS support. We will be doing a "MOVE IT" challenge and will aim to be active in a range of activities inside and outside the classroom during the day. We are asking children to find some sponsors to help raise money for CARITAS. For every dollar we raise, it will be matched with \$3 by the NZ Aid Programme. So your \$1 becomes \$4.

[Use this link if you want to find out more](#) about the challenge on the Caritas website.



SJB Caritas MOVE-A-THON

We are raising money for Caritas which this year is supporting countries in need in the Pacific and Asian regions. On Tuesday the 5th of April (Week 10), as a school, we are going to do a MOVE-A-THON where each class will do some form of movement throughout the day to raise money. We are encouraging students to raise some money for this appeal through sponsorship.



"All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan."

Pope Francis, Prædilecti, #79



Name:	Amount:

The Caritas Challenge is an annual event for schools and youth groups around New Zealand.



4th Week of Lent

Check out the simple actions outlined in the Action Plan for this week. Take the challenge to complete some of these.

PRAY ĪNOI <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for those around the world, particularly refugees, who are making a fresh start.	GIVE HOATU <input type="checkbox"/> Donate an item of food to a local food bank to help families in your community.	LIVE NOHOIA I TE AO <input type="checkbox"/> Write down a list of all the things you are thankful for in your life.	DO ME PĒNEI <input type="checkbox"/> Learn how to say thanks in three new languages.	CREATE WAIHANGATIA <input type="checkbox"/> Design a presentation for others at your school to see to raise awareness for refugees.
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Here are some Week 4 activities you could do at home. If you would like more ideas, click on this link and explore the Caritas website. [Caritas: Lent 2022](#)

IMPORTANT: First Reconciliation / Holy Communion 2022:

If you are planning for your child to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation / First Communion this year, please read the message from our Young Families Minister below. As there has been a change of personnel in our Parish Office, we suggest you re-register your child, even if you thought you did this last year, to ensure that she has your child's registration on file.

Reconciliation and First Communion Programme 2022 Registration Form

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is now taking registrations for these Sacramental programmes. While we have not set firm dates due to the disruption that Covid is causing in our school communities, we are hoping to deliver the Reconciliation programme in term two. If you have children who are seven years or older who you wish to register for these programmes can you please fill in the online form that is attached in the link below. Please have these registrations in **by 14th April** – which is the last day of term one. We also require a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. This can be scanned and emailed to youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz or dropped into the parish office. Please email me if you have any further questions before completing the form. I am looking forward to guiding your child on the next step in their faith journey. God Bless you and your families always. Karen Maclean – Young Families Minister <https://forms.gle/qAFvp6gb4WxiS8a87>



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.

Class Mass

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](#).

Week 10	Wednesday 6th April	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri
Week 11	Wednesday 13th April	Totara / Kauri

Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation





Service



April School Holiday Programme

Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from Cherie at After School Care.

Lots of fun to be had!

Week One April Holiday Programme 19th- 29th April 2022				
Easter Monday	Tuesday 19th April	Wednesday 20th April	Thursday 21st April	Friday 22nd April
Morning				
<i>Colouring Competition and Free Time from 8-10am</i>				
	Chocolate Making	Ice cream down the waterfront	Monster Day	Making our own fishing gear
Have a Holiday				
Afternoon				
	More Easter stuff	Tapa cloths	Cookies	
Other Extra Activities: Beads, Board Games, Outdoor Game Rotations, Key Rings, Cards				

Note: All activities are subject to change depending on the weather, booking numbers and COVID 19

NB Due to working under COVID level 2 restrictions, we are unable to do any cooking or trips to the movies, Megabounce etc.

Week Two Oct Holiday Programme 19th- 29th April 2022				
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 26th April	Wednesday 27th April	Thursday 28th April	Friday 29th April
Morning				
<i>Colouring Competition and Free Time from 8-10am</i>				
	Design your own comic	Lets find some new playgrounds	Australia Day	Outdoor games, storm the heights, dodgeball etc
Have another Holiday				
Afternoon				
	Finishing off	Yo yo competition	Struth mate, still going	
Other Extra Activities: Beads, Board Games, Outdoor Game Rotations, Key Rings, Cards				

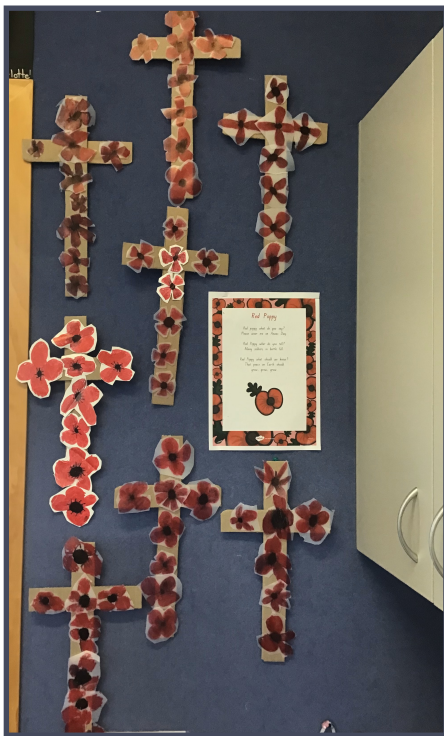
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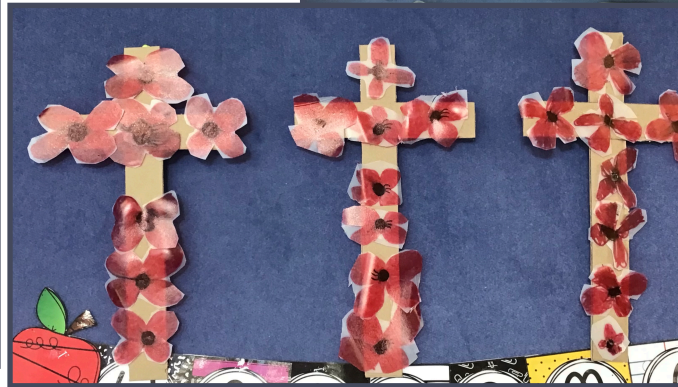
Mission Statement

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.





Ruma Nikau and Horoeke made ANZAC poppies out of milk bottles with Ms Lynskey and Mrs Ormond



COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDRAISER

Do you need firewood for next year? 8m2 WET pine firewood, delivered in 4-5 weeks time.

SJB receives a 25% rebate on all orders.

New Plymouth, Waitara, Bell Block, Stratford - \$250

In-between Inglewood and New Plymouth - \$190

Inglewood - \$150

Oakura - \$300

Omata - \$275

If you would like to order, please come into the school office and fill out the order form.

Orders need to be in by the end of the term.



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UNDER 7'S GIVE IT A GO DAY
THIS SUNDAY, 3RD APRIL
2PM START AT SANDERS PARK
 FOR CURRENT PLAYERS AND NEW PLAYERS
 WILL BE FUN BASED SESSION
 FOLLOWED BY A VISIT FROM THE CAST IRON CHICKEN AND LOLLY SCRAMBLE
 AGE'S 4,5,6,7 WELCOME
 CONTACT BEN SIFFLEET TUKAPA RDO FOR MORE INFO
 027 319 5944

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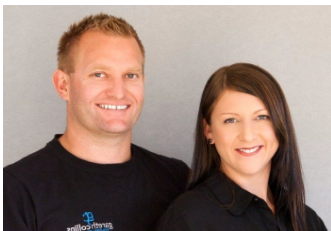
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