

# 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

**School Interviews**  
Wed 11 & Thur 12 May

**School Closes at 12.30pm**  
Thur 12 May

**Teacher Only Day**  
Fri 17 June



## From the Principals Desk...

Kia Ora, Kumusta (Hello), I wonder if this might be the beginning of some more cold and wet days for us. Regardless, children still seem happy to kick off their shoes, sweatshirts and run around none the wiser.

Today we have a spike of children away unwell, fifty in total and for a mix of reasons. Covid is still a strong feature and our numbers this term still remain higher than last term. We currently have 20 students isolating as a result and two staff members. I would once again like to pass on our thanks to you for being really mindful in terms of keeping children at home who are unwell. Our staff truly appreciate your commitment to this.

**Welcome:** I would like to welcome the following new students to St John Bosco School and their families to our School Community:

**Thisj Roach** joins Koromiko this week and we also welcome his parents Tania and Phillippe.

### Learning Conferences:

Thank you to all the families who attended learning conferences last week. We have some families who have re-booked due to illness and we look forward to connecting with you soon. Mrs Katie Smith will be making herself available for her learning conferences over the next two weeks. We will send out a new link to booking interviews soon. We really do appreciate strong connections and relations between home and school. Our doors are always open for ongoing connection at any stage. We are here to help, support and clarify. Thank you also for collecting children earlier on Thursday afternoon. This really does make a huge difference to the timeframe we hold our interviews over.

### Interschool sports:

Our Year 5 / 6 children will be taking part in inter-school sports this term. This involves Netball, Soccer and Rugby games. We welcome whanau to come along and support these events and cheer the kids on. Mr Stirling has shared the dates with whanau, they are as follows...

- Puketapu School 30th May - at SJB
- Waitara East 21st June - away
- Mangorei 27th June - away
- St Pius to be rescheduled

### Winter uniform:

We are now asking that students are in their winter uniform. This includes wearing black shoes and navy socks. I do ask that the shoes are completely black and you avoid white soles. Students are able to wear any jacket to school. But once in class jackets are not to be worn.

### Year 6 Swimming Skills:

This week our Year 6 students have completed a water safety skills course at the Aquatic Centre. I'm really grateful that programmes such as this are offered to our schools and children. I would especially like to thank Todd Energy, Water Safety NZ and Coast Guard Boating NZ who funded this programme.

### Board of Trustees Proprietors Representative:

Mrs Colleen Tuuta has resigned from her role as Proprietor Representative on our Board of trustees. This is a position that is allocated by our Bishop and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North. Their role is to safeguard the special character of our school. Colleen has been an incredible support for me in her time on our Board of Trustees and I would like to personally thank Colleen for her commitment to our children, school and community. The Diocese of Palmerston North has appointed Kate Buchboeck as our new rep. Kate will attend

her first Board meeting next week. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and support Kate in her new role.

### Sunday School Lead Parish Mass:

With the movement to Orange level we are in a position to move back to holding our School lead Mass. This has been booked for 19th June 10:30 a.m. At this stage I fully support families' decisions on whether they will or will not attend. I will be asking that families who do attend wear face-masks as a precaution. Obviously I would love you all to attend but at the same time I am wavering on a cautious approach.

### Scholastic Bookfair:

You may have heard that our Scholastic book fair has been set up at school this week. Children have visited the fair and collected their wish list to bring home. The fair will open Monday 8:30a.m - 3:30p.m and will end on Friday 3:00p.m. There is a great range of books and they are really well priced. We love books, we love our children being read to and reading their own books. So this could be a nice little treat. Eftpos is available at the fair. We look forward to you visiting.

### ASB lifesaver course:

Mrs Lynskey has organised for every class to work through the ASB Lifesaver course. This will take place 9th-14th June. All classes have been allocated a space. I look forward to the children coming home and sharing their learnings with you.

**Teacher Only Day:** We have scheduled a Teachers only day for Friday 17th June. School will be closed on this day. This will be the 5th allocated Teachers Collective Agreement Teacher only day. We have 3 days remaining that will be used over term 3 & 4 this year.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MAY 2022 FAITH FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

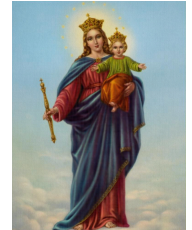
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

#### May - The Month of Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a beautiful, beloved, essential and pervasive figure in Christian life and in the Church's calendar. She has been since the early days of the Church. In the Catholic Church the month of May is Mary's month. It's the month we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. Historians aren't exactly sure why May was chosen to honor Mary, but many believe that May being the month when spring is in full bloom (in Europe) has a lot to do with it. May is the height of spring—gardens. They are alive with blooming flowers and trees are filling their branches with leaves. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Saviour.

#### Our Lady Help of Christians Feast: 24th May

Feast days dedicated to Mary are as varied as the cultures of the world, with each having special traditions, customs, and habits of piety. Tuesday 24th May is the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. We observe it here in Aotearoa as a memorial. It dates back to the sixteenth century. On Tuesday we will be attending morning mass at 9am with the Parish to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, whom our church is named after. [You may like to include our Lady in your family prayers this week and this month of May.](#)



### FAITH FACT

#### Saturday 14 May was the feast of St Matthias, the apostle.

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. Matthew (Matthias) was the person who was chosen.

#### First Reconciliation Preparation

The Preparation programme will begin in June. Karen, the Young Families Minister for our Parish will be teaching the programme during school time. Parents are required to attend the parent session to be held next week Wednesday 25th May at St Joseph's Church Hall at 7pm.



#### School Mass

We are excited to be able to have a school lead Mass on **Sunday 19th June at 10:30am at OLHC**. It has been some time since we have been able to do this and we hope you will be able to join us. Unfortunately, it is still not appropriate for us to have a shared morning tea after mass, so instead we can show manaakitanga to the local food bank with our donations. If you are unable to attend mass, you can still send your donations to the school office.

#### 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 wearing masks, hand sanitising and social distancing practises apply as outlined in the church foyer and [NP Catholic Parish Website](#).

<b>Week 4</b>	Wednesday 25th May	Kawakawa / Koromiko / Puriri
<b>Week 5</b>	Wednesday 1st June	Karaka / Rimu
<b>Week 6</b>	Wednesday 9th June	Totara / Kauri
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 15th June	Nikau / Horoeke
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 22nd June	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
<b>Week 9</b>	Wednesday 29th June	Karaka / Rimu
<b>Week 10</b>	Wednesday 6th July	Kawakawa / Koromiko / Puriri

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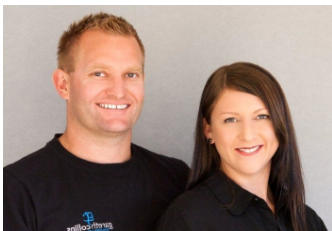
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