

# St John Bosco School

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## TERM DATES

### Term 2

Mon 2 May - Fri 8 Jul

### Term 3

Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

### Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

## EVENTS

### Teacher Only Day

Fri 17 June

### School Mass

Sun 19 June, 10.30am



## From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou.

This shorter week has flown by. The next two weeks will also be shorter weeks for us as we have our Teacher only Day on Friday 17th June and then Matariki holiday on Friday 24th June.

It's been a big week of illness within the staff. Up to 6 staff have been away this week with illness, including myself. It is a timely reminder that in the current climate staffing may look a little different each day, and our mornings may see staff involved and tied up in more meetings to ensure we have our days covered.

### Special Character Review:

During week 9 (June 28th-30th) we will undergo our Special Character Review. A team of reviewers from our Catholic Diocese in Palmerston North will spend time reviewing the many special character aspects of our school curriculum, policy, teaching programmes, enrolment and the many ways we uphold and maintain the special Catholic character of our school. This is a chance for us to celebrate the hard work and affirm that the special character of our school is in great spirit.

The review team has asked me to share the following details and link to a survey in relation to the review they will complete:

Tēnā koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Atu, Bula Vinaka St

John Bosco community, From the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June, St John Bosco School is scheduled for an external evaluation of Catholic special character. The purpose of this evaluation is for the Palmerston North Catholic Education Office to develop a focussed picture of how St John Bosco School is; safeguarding and strengthening Catholic special character, and the impact of this on the faith journey of tamariki and their families.

Your voice is important to us, so we extend an invitation for you to share your reflections on the questions found here <https://forms.gle/iN3RRMPckDGGyWDW9>.

Many thanks. Mā te Atua koe e tiaki, e manaaki. Pauline Balm and Jane Dravitzki

### 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 facemasks as a precaution. Obviously I would love you all to attend but at the same time I am wavering on a cautious approach.

**Teacher Only Day:** Our next teacher only day has been booked for next week, Friday 17th June. School will be closed on this day for children.

**Kingdom Kidz Children's Liturgy is back up and running every Sunday (except on School mass) at OLHC 10.30am Sunday mass**



Kids go out to Children's liturgy after initial welcoming song and prayer at mass. The Children's liturgy is run in the SJB staffroom. We do a kids liturgy followed by fun craft activity. Everyone is so welcome. From all the Children's Liturgy Teachers - Roland and Sarah Devine, Kim Sigley, Natasha Hingis, Jacqueline Welham, Kelly Soffe, Abi Gough and Kate Buchboeck.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION JUNE 2022 **FAMILIES**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

#### Liturgical Year - Ordinary Time

Pentecost Sunday is considered to be the Birthday of the Church, as it was after Pentecost that the work of the church (the people who were believers) really began.

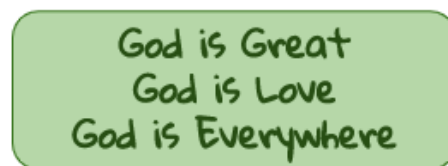
Now we move into Ordinary time in our Liturgical Calendar. The colour is now Green. The Liturgical Year is the way the Church retells and celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through prayer and liturgy.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time. For Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Amazing God,  
you call us today,  
just as you called the disciples  
on the Day of Pentecost.  
You challenge and support us,  
revealing the brokenness of our communities;  
giving us the peace that our world needs.  
You point us to the pain of the cross,  
and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection.  
Transform us, O God,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Help us breathe deeply  
of the Breath of Life.  
Blow through our worship  
and change our lives forever. Amen.

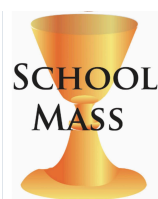
#### Learning about God

We are now moving into the God strand and we are learning about God in our RE programmes. Our overarching statement for the school is **"God is Great, God is Love, God is Everywhere"**



#### First Reconciliation Preparation

We have 25 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them and their families over the next few weeks as they prepare to take this next step in their Faith journey. The special liturgy where the children will experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time is being held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church.**



#### 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.

<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 15th June	Nikau / Horoeka
<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

#### Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT...

# GOD Te Atua Io Matua Kore

**GOD IS DESCRIBED IN MANY WAYS THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

**1 JOHN 1:5**  
REMINDS US THAT GOD IS LIKE A LIGHT THAT CAN SHOW US THE WAY THROUGH DARKNESS

**PSALM 23:2**  
REMINDS US THAT GOD IS LIKE A SHEPHERD THAT TAKES CARE OF US BY LEADING AND GUIDING.

**DEUTERONOMY 32:11**  
DESCRIBES GOD LIKE A MOTHER EAGLE THAT SPREAD HER WINGS TO PROTECT HER YOUNG

**PSALM 18 AND 78:55**  
DESCRIBES GOD LIKE A STRONG ROCK AND A PLACE OF REFUGE

**LUKE 15:11-32**  
EXPLAINS THAT GOD IS LIKE A LOVING FATHER WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR CHILD WITH OPEN ARMS.

**ISAIAH 49:15**  
DESCRIBES GOD LIKE A LOVING MOTHER THAT WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

God, the creator, is holy and the source of all life, grace and holiness. People are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in God, to adore God and share in God's wonderful creation!

Jesus wanted to help describe to his disciples what God (the source of life) was like so used the imagery of a Father. He also taught them a special prayer which we still use today called the Lord's prayer or the Our Father.

However, God, that higher power and presence, is not actually man up in the clouds looking down watching! God is neither male or female and there are lots of different ways God is described in the bible.

**U COULD ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- Why do you think we believe 'God is love'?
- What do you think are some of God's best creations? (You could even go on a nature walk!)
- How are you being a guardian or caretaker of God's creation?

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR RE BY:**

- Telling your child how you are being a caretaker of God's creation.
- Watching Pope Francis' encyclical message about caring for our common home: "Laudato Si' animation" on Youtube.
- Being grateful and talking about the gifts God has given you and how you use your gifts
- Sharing the creation story from the Bible and creation stories from other cultures.

**Note:** Catholic theology doesn't necessarily view the Genesis account as literal truth. The "7 days" may stretch out over millions of years but the story still gives important messages, religious truth and wisdom that God had an order and a plan. He created everything and it was GOOD. He created people and it was VERY GOOD. It emphasises human dignity and that we need to care for the planet too.



**Let's be caretakers of God's creation, our common home!**

**Did you know that Catholics believe in a trinitarian God. (One God revealed in three ways.)**

**GOD THE FATHER** - Jesus used this imagery to describe the source of all life  
**GOD THE SON** - Which is Jesus and we believe he was fully human and fully Divine  
**GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT** - Which is the Spirit of God that is with us always!



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 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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