

# 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

### Interschool Sport

Mon 27 June



## From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou.

**Welcome:** I would like to welcome Quinn Purcell to room Puriri, Quinn joins in big brother Patrick at school.

**Puanga (Matariki):** This weekend will see the first national recognition, celebration and observance of Matariki. The rise of Puanga (Matariki) in the winter skies above Aotearoa is an important time in the Māori calendar, as it signifies the start of the Māori new year. While other iwi throughout Aotearoa tend to celebrate Matariki, Taranaki iwi see Puanga as the star to mark the new year. Historically, new year celebrations provided the opportunity for whānau to come together to remember those that are no longer with us and have passed on during the year, acknowledge the year gone by and to prepare, plan and set goals for the year ahead. Currently in the early morning due to the nature of the horizon and the timing of the sun rising Matariki is not visible in Taranaki. Instead the Star that we see shining brightly in the morning sky and acknowledge is Puanga. The term Puanga translates into abundance of food. During this time historically and by the beginning of winter, harvests had occurred and food stores were plentiful. People shared their harvests and began to prepare their gardens for a new year of planting and cultivating.

Historically as a school we have celebrated Puanga for many years. This has taken many forms including community hangi, making soup, arts and crafts, sharing breakfast and learning about Puanga. I've included a link here that you may like to look at. This is our community Puanga hangi in 2018 [Link](#). Below are the details related to our Puanga celebration in 2022.

I really do hope that your whānau spend some time remembering special people in your lives that have passed on, reflecting on the year that has been and also take the opportunity to discuss some plans, goals and aspirations for the new year ahead.

**Interschool Sports:** We have had two interschool exchanges in the past weeks. Our first saw us host Puketapu School and on Tuesday Waitara East hosted us. These exchanges have included our Year 5 / 6 Netball A & B teams and also our interschool football, rugby and chess teams. To date our football team, rugby team, chess team and Netball B team have won both exchanges. Our netball A team has been pipped at the post in both games by one goal. Next week we head to Mangorei School for our last scheduled interschool fixture for the term.

**Rippa Rugby:** Last week 4 St John Bosco teams took part in the Tukupa Rippa Rugby tournament. All teams had a great day and enjoyed playing 6 games across the day. Our St John Bosco A team was entered in the competitive grade and played incredibly well to make the finals. They ended up finishing second in the tournament and have qualified for the champion of champions tournament where the top two teams from each competition around Taranaki will play to find the champion Taranaki team.

**School Mass:** Thank you to our families who attended our school mass last week. It is hard to believe that this was our first school lead mass for nearly two years. I was incredibly pleased that the mass was not jam packed like our other school masses have been, but that it was really well supported to ensure that it was still a really rich celebration of our Catholic faith as a community. There is something really special about our children reading the word, praying for our community and our school choir leading hymns and responsorial psalms that really energises our faith community. I had a large smile on my face and spent the remainder of the day reflecting on how special it is that we have the opportunity to worship together.

## SJB Puanga/ Matariki Celebrations 2022

Dear Whānau,

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On Monday 27th June come to school **dressed in your Pyjamas**. We will be having a shared kai 'A Matariki/Puanga Breakfast' (porridge, toast and hot chocolate). We will be taking some time to celebrate and learn together. You do not need to bring anything, we will provide the kai for the celebration.

**We are learning to:**

- Understand that Puanga is an important festival for people in New Zealand
- Understand why it is important to join in with our community
- Name ways we can celebrate Puanga in our community

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If you are available to help prepare kai or with the cleanup at the end (between 8.30 am - 10.30 am) please email [cat@sjb.school.nz](mailto:cat@sjb.school.nz)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

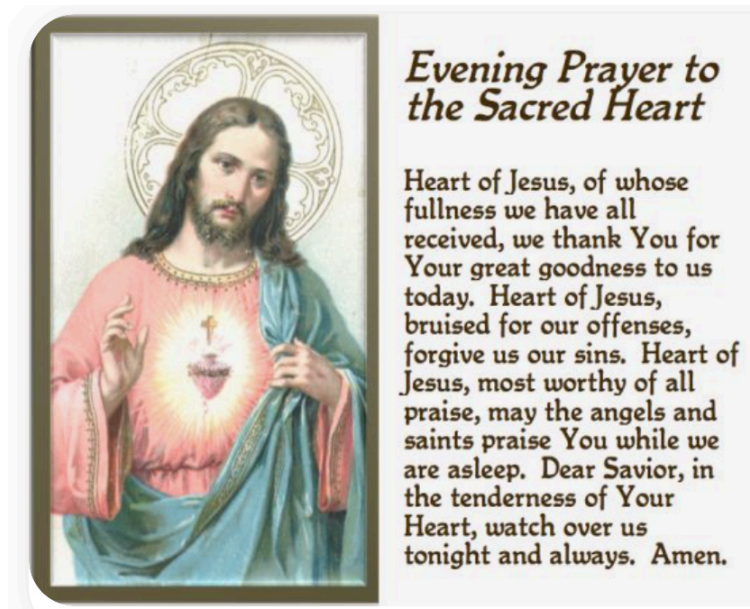
### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION JUNE 2022 **FAMILIES**

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

#### Friday 24th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day

The Sacred Heart, also known as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, is one of the most widely practised and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind".

The purpose of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to focus our hearts on receiving and returning His love with gratitude — with all of our heart, soul, and strength — that He may be glorified



#### **GOD**

The Father Almighty

TE ATUA - Io Matua Kore



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.**



#### **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 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





**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.



## ART LESSONS

These lessons will give students a chance to learn many varying art techniques such as drawing styles, soft pastel, oil pastel, painting and using their imagination to create a beautiful piece of art every week. Classes are suitable for all ages and all levels of ability.

My students' art works can be seen on Facebook. Just search for "VC Art Studio"

All queries and enrolments to Veronica Chan: [jimchan72@gmail.com](mailto:jimchan72@gmail.com)

Time: Wed, 3-4 (SJB room Harakeke)

Fee: \$10 per lesson



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MUSIC & PLAY  
GROUP

### ***Little Angels Music & Play Group for Preschoolers and Caregivers is starting in Term 3***

Every Monday during term time: 9am – 10.30am

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Foyer, Clinton St, Fitzroy.

Come join us for a time of fun, music, play and delicious morning tea.

Due to the size of Church foyer registrations are needed for this group. So if you are keen, please contact us we would love to hear from you.

Email: [littleangelsmusicandplay@gmail.com](mailto:littleangelsmusicandplay@gmail.com)

Or contact: Tess Bowling 027 583 7732 or call Amelia (Music Coordinator) 757 3682



**GAME DAY**  
**SATURDAY 25 JUNE**  
**5:30 PM**



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