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TERM DATES

Term 3
Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

Term 4
Mon 17 Oct - Thu 15 Dec

EVENTS

School Photos
Mon 15 Aug

ICAS English Exam
Mon 15 Aug - Fri 19 Aug

Teacher Only Day
Fri 19 Aug

ICAS Science Exam
Mon 22 Aug - Fri 26 Aug

ICAS Maths Exam
Mon 29 Aug - Fri 2 Sep

BOT Election
Voting Closes
Wed 7 September, 4pm



Although the temperatures have been on the lower side this week, it has been great to have a week of sunshine. The energy around school certainly changes when children can run off some of their energy.

This week we have had Massey University's Dr Christine Braid observing the St John Bosco teachers teaching Structured Literacy Writing Lessons. This is a large part of our schools Professional Learning Plan for 2022 and also a major aspect of our educational improvement plan currently being monitored by the Board of Trustees. Dr Braid was incredibly impressed with our teacher practice, research undertaken, the work and growth in providing focused writing lessons. Regardless of the major disruptions we faced in Term 2 we have worked hard to put ourselves in a very strong position to achieve our goals. I spend lots of time in classes, working alongside teachers and children. I know and see the impact our teacher learning is having, however it is even more reassuring having an external provider affirm my observations.

Our children are currently building their personal stamina to run our school cross country this term. Miss Lynskey is preparing all classes alongside teachers and will slowly increase distance expectations in the coming weeks. Our school cross country has been set for Friday 9th September. It will be held at school and I am so happy to say that we will be able to have parents onsite this year! More details about times will follow.

Enjoy your weekend everyone.
God Bless you all.

Welcome: We would like to welcome Macy Coward to room Harakeke and her parents Sara and Lance to our SJB School Community.

Teachers Only Day: We have our next Teachers only day scheduled for NEXT Friday 19th August. This will be a special day for Catholic Schools in Taranaki. All Catholic primary school staff and Catholic Year

From the Principals Desk...

7&8 staff will join together as one in New Plymouth for a Catholic Schools retreat day. We very rarely gather as an entire Catholic Education forum so this will be a great opportunity to connect and reflect on what is special about our special character schools.

School Photos: This coming Monday 15th August we will be having our school photos. There are two parts to ordering school photos.

1. Every child will have a class photo and individual photo taken on the day. There is no pre ordering for class photos or individual photos. They will be available to be ordered online after the photos have been taken. Each family will receive a unique code allowing access to photos taken of your child on the Photolife Website.
2. Family portrait photos are available. You must complete an order form shared with you all last week on HERO. If you would like a family portrait photo taken, order forms will need to be handed to the school office prior to 9:00am Monday morning.

We also require all children to be in the correct school uniform for these photos. This includes black shoes and navy socks. Hair ties and ribbons must also be navy blue.

Board Elections: All families should have received Board of Trustees voting papers in the mail this week. Our voting ballot box is located in the school office. I encourage all families to read our candidates bio and have your say, in who will be your parent representatives on our Board for the next term. Our Board plays a crucial role in ensuring the governance of our school is strong and founded on great practice. They also support me and our teachers in bringing the vision and strategic plan of the school to fruition, ensuring our children have the best possible conditions to learn in.

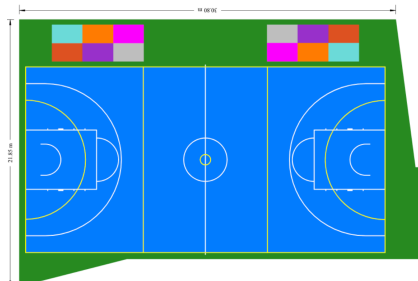
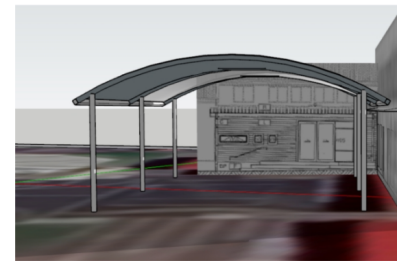
Community Group Raffle: Our Community Group would like to thank all those who sold and bought tickets for our recent raffle. Also a huge thank you to the following businesses for donating cool prizes for the raffle.

King and Queen, Monicas Eatery, Snug lounge, Event cinemas, Bowlarama, Megabounce, Juno Gin Distiller, Shining Peak, Vin Bar, TICKETEK, Nicci Goodin, Skin on 45, Cleaver and Co.

The lucky winners were:

1. Tarneeka Gupwell - Stay and Dine with West End Precincts Ultimate luxury package.
2. Cath Croot - Kids for the Win.
3. Nicole White - Juno Gin Distillery Experience with a friend.
4. Sam Herlihy - Fitzroy Feast and Show.
5. Liz Vercoe - The Ultimate Pamper Package

EPMP Project: Our Essential Property Maintenance Package grant proposal has been accepted by the Ministry of Education. This means that early in 2023 our main netball / basketball court will be fully turfed to provide an all weather playing surface for our children. We will also be adding a large COLA canopy over our decking and small handball court outside Rooms Horoeka and Nikau. Two amazing additions to our school and for our community.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION AUGUST 2022: **FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses, that in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Important Feast days this month



Sunday 6th August - Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus

On Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, go to a mountain. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him, and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by God the Father. The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel story of the life of Jesus, the others being his Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Monday 8th August - Mary MacKillop (Mary of the Cross)

St Mary of the Cross is Australia's first saint. St Mary of the Cross also known as Saint Mary MacKillop made several visits, by ship, to New Zealand from 1894- 1902. In 1897 she stayed for some time with the sisters in Arrowtown while travelling in Otago and Southland. A woman of faith, courage and vision. Mary McKillop had an impact in New Zealand with her Sister's founding and working throughout New Zealand.



Monday 14th August - Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This day celebrates the mystery that the Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. In other words, she is the Patron saint of New Zealand. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is a Holy day of Obligation in New Zealand.

Monday 22nd August - The Feast of the Queenship of Mary

The feast of the Queenship of Mary was started in 1954 by Pope Pius XII, but the tradition of celebrating Mary as queen of heaven goes back much earlier. The Church leaders often referred to Mary as "lady" and "queen" as early as the fourth century. The basic concept is that if Jesus is "king," then it is fitting that Mary, his mother, would share in his reign as queen. Many older Catholics will know the beautiful hymn "Hail Queen of Heaven". Worth a wee listen.

Visit from Rain Forrest 'NP Parish Youth Minister'.

Last week we were fortunate to have the Youth Minister of our New Plymouth Parish, Rain, come and spend time with each class room. She conducted the Parish survey with our tamariki and gathered their ideas, dreams and hopes for the future of our parish. The children gave her plenty of ideas to take back and discuss with Father Simon and the parish priests.

School Mass



We are excited to be able to have a school lead Mass on **Sunday 25th September at 10:30am at OLHC.** 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.

PRAYER FOR THE Church Leaders

Lord Jesus Christ,
watch over those
who are leaders in your Church.
Keep them faithful to their vocation
and to the proclamation of your message.
Teach them to recognize
and interpret the signs of the times.
Strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit,
and help them to serve their subjects,
especially the poor and lowly.
Give them a vivid sense
of your presence in the world
and a knowledge of how
to show it to others.
Amen.



Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Church Strand

We are now learning in the Church Strand in Religious Education. Our overarching statement for this strand is "Be the Church, See the Church, Feel the Church."

We are learning that the church is not a building, it is the people. We are the church and as members of the church, it is our responsibility to carry on the mission of Jesus and BE Jesus to others. When we do this, others will SEE God and FEEL God.

CHURCH

Community of Disciples

Te WHANAU A TE KARAITI



*Be the Church, See the Church,
Feel the 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.

Week 4	Wednesday 17th August	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri
Week 5	Wednesday 24th August	Karaka/Rimu
Week 6	Wednesday 31st August	Totara / Kauri
Week 7	Wednesday 7th Sept	Nikau / Horoeke
Week 8	Wednesday 14th Sept	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 21st Sept	Karaka / Rimu
	Sunday 25th Sept	School Mass 10:30 am OLHC
Week 10	Wednesday 28th Sept	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri

Board of Trustees - Voting Closes Wednesday 7 September at 4pm



You will receive a hardcopy St John Bosco School Board of Trustees voting form in the mail this week. This includes the candidate statements of six nominees and an envelope to return your voting paper in.

You can drop your voting paper enclosed in the voting envelope at the school office and post it in the 'Bot Elections' mailbox. If delivering your vote to school, it must be delivered by 4pm Wednesday 7 September 2022.

If posted, your vote **MUST** be received by the returning officer no later than 5 days after the date of the election (Monday 12th September 2022).

Voting closes on Wednesday 7 September at 4pm

Andrea Pretty, Returning Officer



Mission Statement

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THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT...

THE CHURCH



Te Whānau te Karaiti

WE ARE THE CHURCH - THE DISCIPLES AND WHĀNAU OF CHRIST!

The Church is a community of disciples (followers) called together by the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus.

The word Church is often thought as the building...

However, St Peter was the leader of the first Christians, he described the Church as being built of 'living stones'.



IN 1 CORINTHIANS THE CHURCH IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE BODY OF CHRIST AND IT TELLS US THAT EACH ONE OF US ARE A PART OF IT!

YOU COULD ASK YOUR CHILD:

- How can we live like Jesus in our home? How do we show *manaaki* (care for) and *aroha* (love) for each other?
- Do you know any roles and responsibilities in the church?
(Help children notice the different jobs that people do - cleaning the church/reading at Mass/altar serving/ support music/arrange flowers/visiting the sick & elderly/taking care of the gardens etc)
- Do you know the name of the parish that we belong to or the name of our priest?

YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY:

- Discussing special groups they belong to.
- Talking about how the people in the church today can carry on the ways Jesus lived, eg caring for the sick, helping others in need, spending time with people. (We can also keep people in our thoughts and prayers.)
- Collecting clothing, toys, etc which could be passed on to the St Vincent de Paul Society to give to those in need.
- Taking your child to Mass to be among others in the church.
- Inviting a neighbour, extended family member or a new school family over for afternoon tea or a meal.



Saint Teresa of Avila reminds us that...

"Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.
Yours are the only hands with which he can do his work.
Yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world.
Yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world.
Christ has no body on Earth but yours."

So let's be Christ's face, hands and feet to all those we meet!

DID YOU KNOW... St Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Jesus. The current Pope of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, lives in Rome and continues to help us follow Jesus. The first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand was French.

His name was Bishop Pompallier. There are 6 Dioceses in New Zealand: Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Our school and parish is part of the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North.

WE ARE THE CHURCH - SO LET'S REACH OUT TO ALL

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RDA Horse Cookie Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who recently supported our RDA Horse Cookie Fundraiser. We currently have 3 students attending this wonderful facility and our cookie sales managed to raise over \$422.



Thank you

A huge thanks to everyone that turned up for our first Catholic Parish Social Family Event. Over 200 people attended and over 300 soft serves and 200 sausage sizzles were eaten !!!!!!!

Thanks to our amazing helpers - Kelly Soffe, Abi Gough and Karissa Tooman. Special thanks to Cat Allen for her support in organising and helping on the day. We can't wait till the next event next term.

Catholic Parish Social Family Group Team



FREE FAMILY

Swim Day

RSVP by 17th Aug

SAUSAGE FREE SIZZLE FROM 4.30pm

Sunday 21st August 3.30 - 5.30pm
Methanex Bell Block Aquatic Centre

- Bookings essential
- Limited space
- Inflatables
- Bring your friends

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Little Angels Music and Play Preschool Group Monday mornings at OLHC Parish Foyer

Huge thanks for the amazing response to this group. It is now full but once spaces become available we will put a notice in the newsletter - so keep an eye out.

Many thanks
Young Family Ministry - NP Catholic Parish



Children's Monster Book Sale

Do you have any books at home you can donate to the Taranaki Toy Library's next Monster Book Sale? You can drop off books into the box in the school office.

The Book Sale will be Fri & Sat 16th & 17th September at the Taranaki Toy Library, 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy.

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