



TERM DATES

Term 3

Monday 22 July -
Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October -
Friday 13 December

Term 1 2025

Wednesday 29 January -
Friday 11 April

EVENTS

Last day to order Samosa
Monday 12 August

School Photos
Monday 19 August

BOT Meeting
Tuesday 20 August, 6pm

Samosa Collection
Thursday 22 August, after
school

"Our Kids Online" Evening
Thursday 29 August -
6.30pm



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Ngā mihi kia koutou.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

I would like to start by welcoming the following new tamariki and families who have joined our St John Bosco School Community recently:

Ruma Harakeke

Jude Downey joins his big brother Fletcher at school, Amelia Gamilin and her parents Brooke and Chris, Finn McDowall and his parents Julia and Daniel and Karly Seator and her parents Sally and Mark.

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Hato Hoani Paukau - St John Bosco School. May God bless you on your educational journey with us. We will nurture and grow your children and enable them to be the best version of themselves everyday on their journey to reaching their full potential.

We recently presented data to our school board on our mid year writing achievement. Our mid year writing data is generated by the goals children have achieved and these goals are drawn from the New Zealand curriculum. As of the 14th of July, we have 90% of our children achieving at or beyond the curriculum expectation. 92% of our girls are at or beyond the expected curriculum level while 88 % of our boys are. For our Maori students we 87% of students working at or beyond expectation. Our children work hard, our staff work very hard and I know our families are committed to homework and creating the foundations for academic success so we should be proud of the achievement level we have.

We absolutely loved Grandparents (& special friends) Day. What an amazing turnout. It was neat seeing so many 'old friends' catch up after too. 'Community building' is done on many levels and to have "Little Angels" pre school playgroup in the foyer on a Monday and Grandparents day mass on the Wednesday is a great example of this.

I want to draw your attention to the "Our Kids Online" information evening. Our community group is generously funding this so that tickets are free for St John Bosco families. Please return the favour by turning up. We currently have over 180 people indicate that they will attend. It takes a community to raise a child and it takes a community who aware and committed to the same ideals to keep our children safe online. The session is presented by Rob Cope. He is knowledgeable, very funny and will provide us all with a framework to ensure we all have a plan for social media and phones before our children reach intermediate when we won't win the battle!

**Ngā Mihi Aroha,
Ryan Fleming**

Awards

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our assembly on the 31st July:

Puriri	Bodhi Lamplough	
Koromoko	Huriah Pottier	
Kawakawa	Elsie Rapley	Jude Cribb
Nīkau	Adam Viju Mathew	Deacon Harrison
Horoeka	Archie Severinsen	Maia Cantlon
Kōwhai	Martha Michael Dass	Isla Naus
Pōhutukawa	Olive Smiley	Carter Brown
Karaka	Evie Tofts	Elliot Diachok
Rimu	Harper Heal	Luke King
Tōtara	Lucia Smith	Benjamin Haenga
Kauri	Bowen Smither	Olivia Soffe



Community Group Fundraiser - Samosa

The Community Group is doing a samosa fundraiser! (These are delicious)

To place an order, go to the website below and then click on the "place an order" button to order and pay.

<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/t/st-john-bosco-school>

The cut off to order is this Monday August 12 and the samosa will be delivered to school on August 22 for pickup after school.



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Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Special Character



CO-OPERATION



For we are partners working together for God.

1 Corinthians 3:9

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION August 2024 For political leaders:

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Sacramental Programmes



In week one this term we had 34 children from our school, 80 in total from our Parish, receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. They are all now preparing to receive First Communion either this Sunday or at the end of August. Congratulations to them all. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they make this next step in their Faith journey.



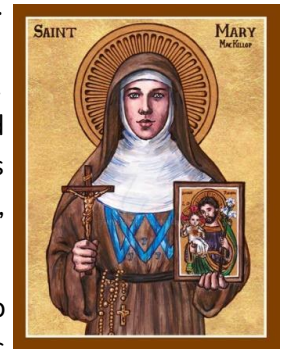
Important Feast Days

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is on Tuesday the 6th. Jesus was transfigured along with Moses and Elijah. The disciples Peter, James, and John witnessed this amazing event and recognized, *maybe for the first time*, who Jesus really was.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John up onto a mountain to pray. As these disciples watched in awe, Jesus transfigured (changed appearance). His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Even more incredible, Jesus was joined by the long-dead Moses and Elijah.

On 8th August we celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who founded the Josephite Sisters. Many of our Catholic primary schools were founded by the Josephite Sisters in New Zealand. The Sisters of St Joseph taught at schools in the diocese including St Joseph's Balcutha.



As we journey to the end of the olympic lets pray for all athletes both at the Olympics and through the world.

Loving God, as they come together to compete, we ask you to bless all the athletes. Keep them safe from injury and harm, instill in them respect for each other, and reward them for their perseverance. Give each one the courage to compete in a manner of both words and actions that is pleasing to you. Please help us to see their example so it can bring joy and inspiration. Amen



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Grandparents / Special Friends Day

Blessing of Grandparents

*Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.*

*May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

It was great to see so many Grandparents and special friends at our celebration Mass and morning tea last week. It was a beautiful time together. The children really enjoyed being able to spend time with their Grandparents and special friends and show them around the school. Thank you for extending the invitation to them. Please let them know how much their children appreciated and enjoyed their time together.



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Interschool Sports Semi Finals

BATTLE OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

On Tuesday we had a great competition between the Catholic Primary schools.

St John Bosco vs St Josephs in netball and rugby.

St John Bosco and St Pius have a combined Rugby team. It was a great opportunity to be together and the children all demonstrated great sportsmanship and fellowship.

St John Bosco won both games so are now in the finals. Congratulations to both schools.



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CLASS MASS

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms.

We invite and strongly encourage whanau to attend our weekday class Masses where possible, to support your child in their Faith journey.

We have a play area for preschoolers and please don't worry about them making a noise.

We would also love you to stay after each mass for a special morning tea and fellowship with our parishioners and other parents.



Week	Date	Classes Attending
Week 4	Wednesday 14 August Thursday 15 August	Kōwhai & Pohutukawa Whole school - Assumption of Mary
Week 5	Wednesday 21 August	Nīkau & Horoeaka
Week 6	Wednesday 28 August	Nga Kakano
Week 7	Wednesday 4 September Sunday 7 September	Kauri & Tōtara SCHOOL MASS
Week 8	Wednesday 11 September	Karaka & Rimu
Week 9	Wednesday 18 September	Kōwhai & Pohutukawa
Week 10	Wednesday 25 September	Nīkau & Horoeaka

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Messages from the Parish

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY is a Holy Day of Obligation and celebrated on August 15. It commemorates the belief that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Early Christian traditions and writings reference the Assumption, and by the 8th century, it was widely celebrated. The doctrine was formally declared a dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. In New Zealand, apart from all Sundays throughout the year, there are two additional Holy Days of Obligation: Christmas and the Feast of the Assumption. People are asked to attend Mass on these days. The Feast of the Assumption is also the Patronal Feast day of New Zealand.

The Assumption of Our Lady continues to be a source of inspiration and devotion for Catholics, encouraging us to look to Mary as a model of faith and a powerful advocate in heaven. Please see the newsletter timetable for all opportunities to attend Mass this Thursday - 15 August.



Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians at 9:10 (SJB School Mass) and at 5:30pm

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am. Each Monday during term time. For any enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.



KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space. And at St Joseph's church 9.00am Sunday Mass.



WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

	Junior Youth Group Year 4 - 8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
	Youth Group Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL	

[Please click here for the latest Parish Newsletter](#)

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Messages from the Diocese

Archbishop Gábor Pintér appointed Papal Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand

Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Gábor Pintér as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand. Archbishop Pintér – who will also serve as Apostolic Delegate to the Pacific Ocean – succeeds Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, who returned to Rome in March after suffering a stroke last October.

Full details of the appointment are online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nuncio-2/>.

Year of Prayer 2024

Some great resources have been added to the [Diocesan Year of Prayer webpage](#), and there is now a handy menu at the top of the page to easily navigate to the different sections.

Keep up to date with what's happening for the Year of Jubilee 2025 at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

Please click here for the [latest Diocesan Newsletter](#)



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First Communion Outfits for young children

For those parents wishing to have their child/children in traditional white outfits for their First Holy Communion and have not been able to find something within the family or through friends, before you buy, you may wish to consider renting for the occasion. Sizes range from size 4 to size 16.

Boys: Black Trousers \$5; White Shirts \$5; Black or White vests \$5; Black, White or Red ties come free when renting any item if wanted

Girls: White Dress \$10; White socks and shoes \$5; veils \$5. I also have a selection of hairclips and headbands starting from \$2 to purchase and capes or little jackets in white/ivory/cream to rent at \$5

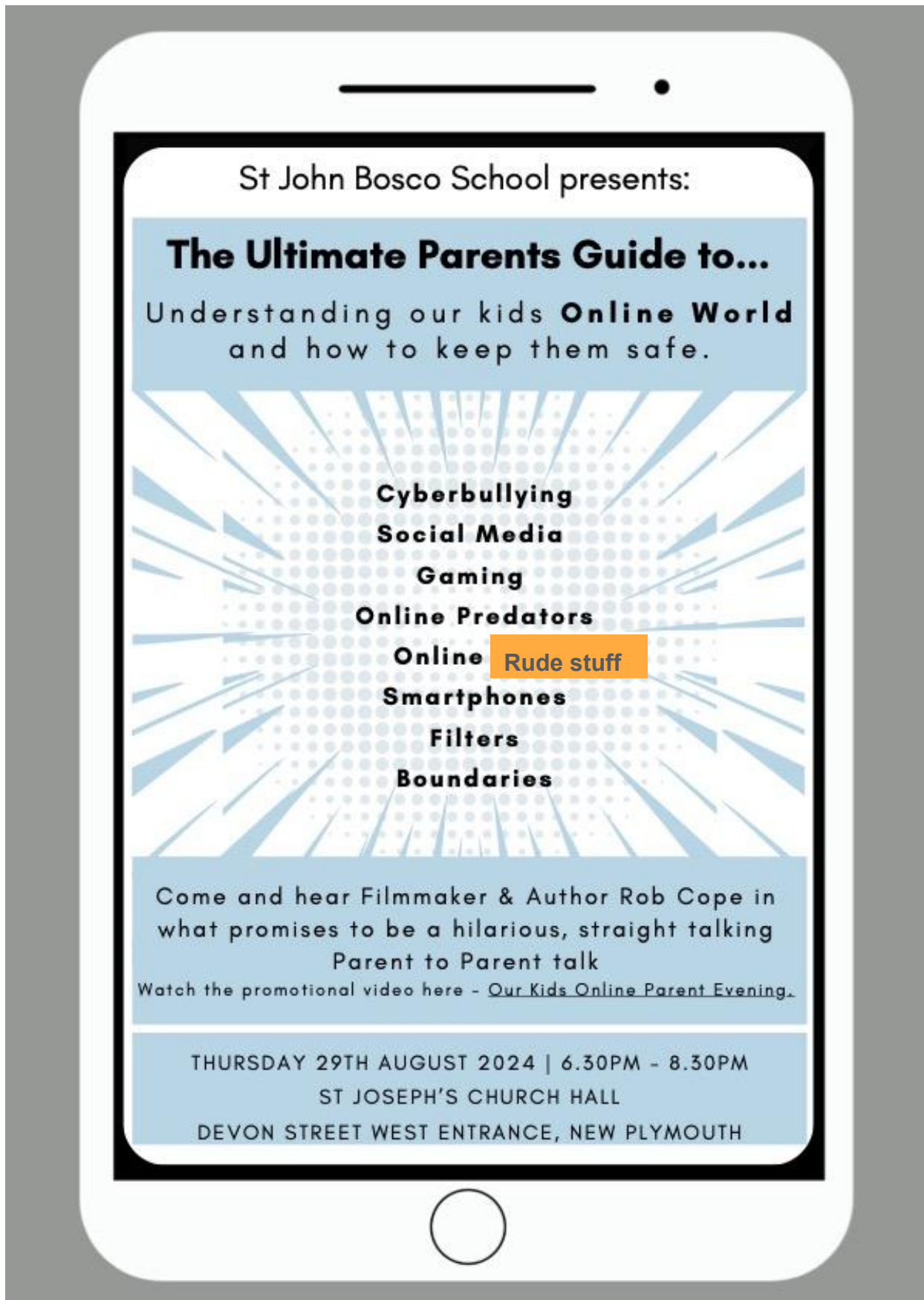
Please text or phone Bridget on 021 0699160 for a no obligation appointment to try on the outfits. I am available from 1st July and that includes through the school holidays.

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Brought to you by our Community Group



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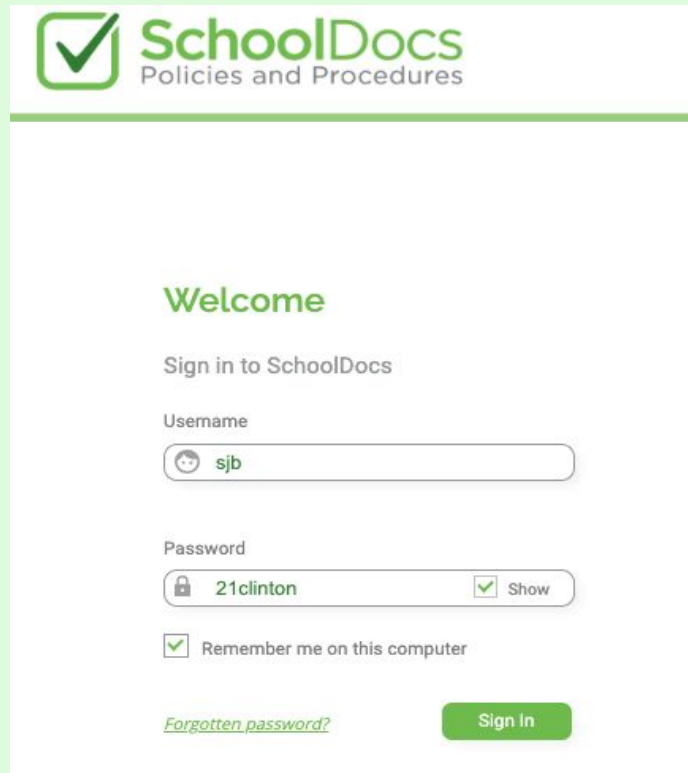
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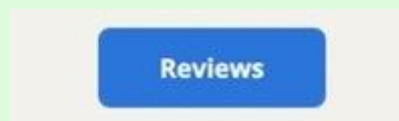
Get involved with School Policy Reviews

Go to sjb.schooldocs.co.nz

Enter username 'sjb'
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Once you're into the website click the blue register button and see what policies are under review



Current policies under review:

- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Performance Management
- Protected Disclosure

We welcome your feedback!

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School Photos are being taken on Monday 19 August

If you would like a sibling photo these need to be pre ordered before the day. Order forms for sibling photos have already gone home, once filled in bring them back to the office before photo day.

After photo day you will be emailed a photo access keycode directly from PhotoLife to view and purchase your child's photos online.



Your child's school photos will be taken at St John Bosco School New Plymouth on Monday 19th August 2024 Harakoke

View and purchase your child's photos online

- Look out for your Child's Photo Keycode that they will bring home a couple of weeks after PhotoDay or it will be EMAILED to you.
- Use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at www.photolife.co.nz
- Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home.
- Check the Bulk Expiry Date when you go online to view your child's photos.

Sibling Photographs P.T.O

If your school has approved for us to take Sibling Photographs you need to do the following:

- RETURN the signed Booking Form listing your children's names and room numbers to the School Office BEFORE Photo Day.
- If there is NO SIGNED FORM OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO TAKE A SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH.

PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST

ONLY ONE FORM IS REQUIRED PER SIBLING PHOTO
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**

Name: _____	Room No: _____
Name: _____	Room No: _____
Name: _____	Room No: _____
Name: _____	Room No: _____


I authorise the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo:

PARENT / CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: _____

After Photo Day you will receive a Photo Access Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE

We are here to help

If you have any further questions please contact us
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NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB - HICKFORD PARK, BELL BLOCK

We are collecting good condition, secondhand books now!

Please donate your unwanted children's books so they can be enjoyed by others.

Drop books off at the following locations:

- the school office by 22nd August,
- the Taranaki Toy Library, (at 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy—beside Knox Church) by 15 September

CHILDREN'S MONSTER BOOK SALE

Friday Sept 20th, 2pm-6pm, and
Saturday Sept 21st, 9am- 1pm

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library

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SEEKING DONATIONS:

SACRED SEEDLINGS FUNDRAISER

The Sacred Heart Girls' College New Plymouth has teamed up with Restore Native plant nursery in a bid to plant 5000+ native trees at 800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary in Taranaki. The goal is to protect kiwi habitats and other native species whilst also raising money to support the school.

Trees are \$10 each and \$5 from every tree sold goes to the 'Sacred Seedlings Fundraiser'

This unique fundraiser will make a difference to the precious natural habitat in Taranaki as well as supporting environmental programs and projects at Sacred Heart Girls' College.

Funds raised will help transform used land into a unique, eco-friendly outdoor classroom, creating an engaging sustainable learning environment for the students.



How to Donate?

Donations can be made online via the QR Code or URL below and are open to the public to support this exciting endeavour!

Trees are \$10 each (1x tree), with \$5 from every tree sale going to the 'Sacred Seedlings Fundraiser.'



<https://sacredseedlings.raiseit.co.nz/donate/>

Fundraiser finishes on 19 Aug 2024.

Sacred Heart Girls' College New Plymouth is teaming up with Restore Native in a bid to plant 5000+ native trees at 800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary in Taranaki. Join our mission to protect kiwi habitats and other native species whilst also raising money to support our school.

This is a unique opportunity for our students to make a difference to our precious natural habitat as well as supporting environmental programs and projects at Sacred Heart Girls' College New Plymouth. This includes an outdoor classroom and restoring used land back to an environmentally friendly learning space.

Our students will be seeking online sponsorship in support of this exciting endeavour. Some of our students will even get their hands dirty, planting trees alongside Restore Native experts and have an opportunity to be involved in 800 trusts state of the art AI technology for recording bird calls.

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Thank you!



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