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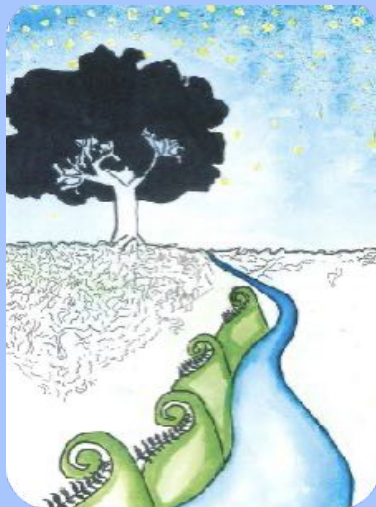
Term 1 2025
 Tuesday 28 January -
 Friday 11 April

Term 2
 Monday 28 April -
 Friday 27 June

EVENTS

End of term 4
 School closes at 12.30pm

Start of term 1 2025
 Tuesday 28 Jan



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

And there it is. 2024 has drawn to a close. I can't believe how quickly it has gone. Some of our children have completed their Primary schooling education. Some have completed their first year in Primary school. All have done themselves and their families proud.

We have had many successes in various places this year. We can be proud to report that at least 89% of our children are achieving at or above expectations for reading, writing and maths. This is testament to the hard work and consistency of our children, teachers and those at home who do all the support. Our senior Netball and Rugby teams both qualified for the New Plymouth schools finals, with the rugby team winning comfortably. We have Champion New Plymouth and Taranaki Cross Country runners. Our playscape has been a revelation, being packed with children at every opportunity and is something our Community Group can look back on as an incredible contribution for years to come.

It is a great time to thank our staff for their tireless efforts this year. Working with children is so rewarding, but also demanding so by this time of year our staff are out on their feet. Your kind messages in email or by card matter so much and really make a difference, so thank you for those.

I want to also acknowledge our school board and particularly our presiding member Michael Normanton. Michael is approaching nearly 20 years of association with our school and is about to retire from the board. Michael has done many unseen things for our school over this time including being a champion of te ao maori in our kura and a big part of the team that lead the design and modification of our school buildings and classrooms nearly a decade ago.

The following pages in this newsletter show some our end of year awards. It is important to reward diligence and excellence. We speak at length with children about these moments should be celebrated and that it also ok to be disappointed to miss out but that regardless of the result these moments won't define them.

Thank you all for a great year. It is a real privilege to be a Principal and I love being one at St John Bosco, Nothing is more important than family and the Christmas holiday period is a great opportunity to spend undistracted time together. Let's all make the commitment to ensuring these are fun. Fun for the kids, fun for the adults too!

Merry Christmas and God bless you all. See you in 2025!

**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 4th December:

<i>Harakeke</i>	Aria Williamson	Jack Harvey	Olivia Handley
<i>Puriri</i>	Cailee Leadbeater		
<i>Koromoko</i>	Ethan Aby		
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Micah Jenkins		
<i>Nīkau</i>	Thijs Roach	Riley Leadbeater	
<i>Horoeka</i>	Max Menzies	Milla Gilmour	
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Sean Simon	Elliott Shelswell	
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Charlotte Mundie	Levi Hoyte	
<i>Karaka</i>	Josephine Carr	Liam Dhanjee	
<i>Rimu</i>	Ryan Coombe	Sophia Dioglois	
<i>Tōtara</i>	Hudson Parker-Bishop	Elodie McFadyen	
<i>Kauri</i>	Ella Cantlon	Cooper Simpson	



Diligence Students for 2024

Congratulations to the following students who have received Class Diligence Awards for 2024. These awards are for students who have worked hard in class all year.

<i>Harakeke</i>	Finn McDowall	Karly Seator
<i>Puriri</i>	Taika Crosswell	Delilah Hutchinson
<i>Koromoko</i>	Alfie McFadyen	Amelia Feek
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Willem de Jager	Ida Adams
<i>Nīkau</i>	Adam Viju Mathew	Macy Coward
<i>Horoeka</i>	Gordon Keighley	Cobie Tofts
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Finn Turner	Aubrey Aston
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	Henry Stephens	Hannah Sinclair
<i>Karaka</i>	Theo Dawick	Peyton Crosswell
<i>Rimu</i>	Billy Pepper	Lexi White
<i>Tōtara</i>	Toby Hobin	Emilia Lynskey-Maclean
<i>Kauri</i>	Wilbur Lupton	Georgia Bridgeman



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Diligence Students 2024



Harakeke
Karly Seator &
Finn McDowall



Puriri
Taika Crosswell &
Delilah Hutchinson



Koromiko
Alfie McFadyen &
Amelia Feek



Kawakawa
Willem de Jager &
Ida Adams



Nikau
Macy Coward &
Adam Viju Mathew



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Finn Turner &
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Pohutukawa
Henry Stephens &
Hannah Sinclair



Karaka
Peyton Crosswell &
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Rimu
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Year 6 Leavers 2024



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Year 6 Awards



Literacy Certificate
Bea Nguyen & Christopher Lacanaria



Numeracy Certificate
Jay Armstrong & Lucia Smith



Performing Arts Certificate
Caleb Asi



Service Cup
Macy Johnson & Cohen Sako-Holmes



Sports Cup
Nesta Dombroski & Benjamin Haenga



Leadership Cup
Stella Jones & Noah Kapernick



Academic Cup
Christopher Lacanaria & Bea Nguyen



Overall Excellence Cup
Jay Armstrong & Isla Bellringer

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House Points Board

Thank you to our leaving year 6 families, together they have donated to our school a house points board, this will be a wonderful asset for years to come for the whole school to keep the annual House competition alive and thriving!

Thank you to Sheree and Ronie Asi for organising this gift.



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2024 Jump Jam Leaders

Our Jump Jam Leaders having their end of year morning tea.



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Special Character



SERVICE



For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

Mark 10:45

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION December 2024 For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Prayer for the Summer Holidays....

Dear Lord,

How we've waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here. Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so that we may better serve You.

Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic, and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way.

Help us not to worry about having the 'perfect' holiday but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring.

We are grateful for the joys that await us-whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude.

Watch over us and protect us as we travel, and bring us safely home again-refreshed and renewed.

Amen.



More on Advent.....

2nd Week of Advent - PEACE

The Week 2 Advent candle represents **peace** and is often called the **Bethlehem Candle**. It reminds us of the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and the peaceful preparation for the birth of Jesus. As Christmas draws closer, it is a time to focus on calmness, trust in God, and spreading peace.



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3rd Week of Advent - JOY

Otherwise known as the **Shepherd Candle**, this candle reflects the **joy** that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us. This candle reminds us to rejoice and celebrate because Christmas is very near!

4th Week of Advent - LOVE

Christmas is nearly here. Often called the **Angel Candle**, this is the final week of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. When Jesus was born the shepherds received light from him. They were transformed into shining witnesses of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Experiencing the light, joy and love that Christmas brings, let us too, be witnesses to Christ's mission to spread the word of God, peace and love in our world. It's a time to focus on God's **love** for everyone!



Christmas prayer for your home

Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the light, joy and love you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas. Amen.

*MAY THE LOVE OF CHRIST FILL YOUR HOME DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
MERI KIRIHIMETE ME NGĀ MIHI O TE TAU HOU
(MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE)*

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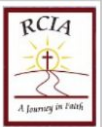


Messages from the Parish

Congratulations Andrea Pretty, Tracy Turner and Craig Connolly - and thank you to their sponsors Cath McVey and Roland Devine - all members of our SJB whanau...



Our parish welcomed 11 RCIA candidates as we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday. This Rite marks the completion of the RCIA Inquiry phase and the beginning of the RCIA Catechumenate phase. Present at this Rite were 11 RCIA sponsors who will accompany and journey the RCIA candidates as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil April 2025. Please continue to pray for both the candidates and their sponsors.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	ST PATRICK'S OKATO	BELL BLOCK MASS CENTRE
106 Powderham St New Plymouth	Clinton Street Fitzroy New Plymouth	36 Cumming Street Okato	138 Parklands Ave Bell Block
Tuesday 24 December - VIGIL MASS Carols— 7.30pm Mass— 8.00pm	Tuesday 24 December - VIGIL MASS Carols - 6.30pm Mass - 7.00pm	Tuesday 24 December VIGIL MASS Carols - 6.45pm Mass- 7.00pm	
MIDNIGHT MASS Carols - 11.30pm Mass— 12.00am			
Wednesday 25 December Mass 9.00am	Wednesday 25 December Mass 9.00am		Wednesday 25 December - Mass Carols - 10.15am Mass - 10.30am

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RITE I RECONCILIATION

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OKATO
Saturday 7, 14 and 21 December 11.30am to 12.00 noon	Each Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm before Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Saturday 21 December– 4.45pm to 5.45pm prior to the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
Tuesday 17 and 24 December- 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass	Tuesday 17 and 24 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.30am during Adoration	
Each Wednesday before Christmas 4.45pm to 5.15pm before the 5.30pm evening Mass	Wednesday 18 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.00am	
Each Thursday before Christmas during 7.00pm Adoration	Thursday 19 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.00am	
Friday 13th and 20th December 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass		

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
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Couples for Christ Taranaki

invites you to...


SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

An evening novena Mass is a cherished tradition among Filipinos,
held in anticipation of the birth of Christ.

AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEW PLYMOUTH

15 December 2024 5:30pm	20 December 2024 7:00pm
16 December 2024 7:00pm	21 December 2024 7:00pm
17 December 2024 7:00pm	22 December 2024 5:30pm
18 December 2024 7:00pm	23 December 2024 7:00pm
19 December 2024 7:00pm	



SIMBANG GABI - Is a Christmas tradition of a series, or novena, of nine Masses on the nine days leading up to Christmas. This will begin here at St Joseph's at our Sunday evening Mass 15 December 5.30pm. Parishioners are invited to be part of this celebration and preparation for Christmas. See the poster above for the Mass times. When Simbang Gabi is celebrated on a Sunday it will be at the Sunday evening Mass at 5.30pm, on the other days Mass will begin at 7.00pm. Come join in this celebration. You will be welcome.

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

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Messages from the Diocese

Christmas Mass Times around the Diocese

If you're travelling this Christmas, you can find Mass times across the Diocese at www.pndiocese.org.nz/pastoral/masstimes.

Food for Faith Daily Reflections

Fr. John O'Connor offers daily reflections for the season of Advent, delivered straight to your inbox. These brief encouragements are a great way to prepare for Christmas. Sign up today at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Dovecotes | New initiative from Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is excited to launch a new initiative called *Dovecotes*. We warmly invite you to consider starting a Dovecote in your parish. A Dovecote is a small group of two or more women supporting each other in deepening their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through regular shared prayer.

For more information, pick up our leaflet, *Welcome to Dovecotes*, from your parish or visit our website: www.dove.org.nz. You can also email Gloria Stafford at: dovenational.leader@gmail.com.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Bishop John Adams has sent out pastoral letter inviting everyone to participate fully in the upcoming Year of Jubilee – read it at

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Bishop-John-Invitation-to-Participate-in-the-2025-Year-of-Jubilee.pdf>.

The Diocese of Palmerston North's calendar of events for the Year of Jubilee is available at www.pndiocese.org.nz/YearofJubilee2025, along with other resources pertaining to the Jubilee Year.

The Diocese has chosen to mark certain events throughout the Year of Jubilee which everyone in the Diocese is invited to attend. More information will be provided closer to the time. For now, please Save the Date for the Opening of the Year of Jubilee on 2 February.

Follow the 2005 Year of Jubilee Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening in the Palmerston North Diocese next year: www.facebook.com/YearofJubilee2025/.

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Kelly Club



WEEK 1	<p>Mon 6 January</p> <p>WE ARE BACK! Join us as we celebrate being back together with new friends, new experiences, and endless smiles!</p>	<p>Tues 7 January</p> <p>H2GO Get ready to make a splash at the water fight and enjoy all sorts of other wet and wild fun! Keep cool with water relays, water challenges and more!</p>	<p>Wed 8 January</p> <p>KIDS VS STAFF This is your chance to turn the tables and show the staff who really is the boss! Compete against the Kelly Club staff to prove that kids rule!</p>	<p>Thurs 9 January</p> <p>PAINTING FUN Join us for an awesome day as we create our own piece of art, while sipping on a smoothie. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.</p>	<p>Fri 10 January</p> <p>FARMYARD FRIENDS Immerse yourself in a delightful day filled with the warmth of the countryside and the joy of adorable farmyard animals.</p>	
	WEEK 2	<p>Mon 13 January</p> <p>THE HUMAN BODY Bodies can do some incredible things! Test your body's limits to see what you are capable of!</p>	<p>Tues 14 January</p> <p>WHEELS DAY Bring along your bike, trike, scooter, or skateboard and join us for a fun and exciting event that celebrates anything and everything with wheels. Don't forget, no helmet, no ride!</p>	<p>Wed 15 January</p> <p>ISLAND BEACH BASH Swing by Kelly Club for a splashing good time at the Beach Bash! We'll have endless fun under the sun as the kids create unforgettable memories.</p>	<p>Thurs 16 January</p> <p>PLAYGROUND HOP Join us for an awesome day as we go on a fun playground hop. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.</p>	<p>Fri 17 January</p> <p>DR. CARTOON Determination, kindness & creativity. This is what it takes to be a doctor of cartoons. How do you feel about your eggs and ham being green? Join us as we try this treat!</p>

Pricing:
FULL WEEK: \$270 **FULL DAY:** \$53
 7:30am-5:30pm 7:30am-5:30pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$43 **EVENT DAY:** Extra \$20
 8:30am-3pm (Included in Full Week)

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WEEK 3	<p>Mon 20 January</p> <p>CRAZY DAY Unleash your imagination as we dive into a day filled with wacky games, zany challenges, and mind-boggling activities that will leave you laughing and amazed.</p>	<p>Tues 21 January</p> <p>SLIMETASTIC Let's have a slimetastic time making all kinds of slime! Experiment with bubble slime, make some edible slime, and play some silly slime games.</p>	<p>Wed 22 January</p> <p>CARNIVAL DAY You're invited to one of the biggest parties in the world! Are you excited? Come on let's go to Brazil and experience the KC festival of Carnival.</p>	<p>Thurs 23 January</p> <p>BUMPER BALL Join us for an awesome day playing Bumper Ball! Please remember a big lunch, tags, drink bottle, shoes, and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.</p>	<p>Fri 24 January</p> <p>USA DAY Today we try out the American dream! Did someone say baseball or hotdog cheesies, or DIY cheerleader pom poms? Let's do it!</p>	
	WEEK 4	<p>Mon 27 January</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY We'll be sending the school holidays off in style with games, face painting, and big goodbye waves to the new friends made.</p>	<p>Tues 28 January</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>Thanks for sharing our holiday programme with us and hope you enjoy Term 1, 2025!</p>	<p>Wed 29 January</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p>	<p>Thurs 30 January</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p>	<p>Fri 31 January</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY</p>

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