



St John Bosco School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

TERM DATES

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January - Friday
11 April

Term 2

Monday 28 April -
Friday 27 June

Term 3

Monday 14 July -
Friday 19 September

Term 4

Monday 6 October -
Friday 12 December

EVENTS

BOT Meeting

Tuesday 18th Feb, 6pm

Swimming Sports

Friday 7th March

Ambrose Golf Fundraiser

Sunday 23rd March



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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

The first three weeks of school have flown by and those weeks have been action packed. The fine weather has been a real treat with the pool, bike track, spacescape and field in regular use throughout the day - it's great to see our children outdoors, having fun, challenging themselves and making great memories of their school days.

On the first day of school we welcomed 6 new students and their families to St John Bosco. It was the first time we have officially brought a group through our Waharoa which made it all the more special. So, a huge nau mai haere mai kei te kura o Hato Hoani Paukau - St John Bosco School to:

In ruma Puriri we have welcomed Harper Lepper and her parents Tim and Megan as well as Madison McCarten who joins sister Chloe and her parents Rob and Jane.

In ruma Koromiko we have welcomed Sophia Fastier and her parents James and Toni, Finn Wesley and her parents Brendon and Alisha as well as Leo Gilmour and his parents Tim and Ashleigh. Leo joins his sister Milla at School. And more recently we have also welcomed Grace Jenkins and her parents Christina and Nick. Grace joins her brother Micah at St John Bosco.

In ruma Kawakawa we have welcomed Harvey Wicksteed and his parents Floyd and Nicolene.

On Wednesday night we held the first Community Fundraising Group meeting for the year. Our long term members were absolutely thrilled to see an influx of new people join the group. In 2025 the team will continue to be led by Emily Bellringer with Amy Theys as deputy, while Hailey Martin will transition into the treasurer role alongside current treasurer Caroline Dhanjee. Amanda Diachok will also transition into the secretary role, taking over from Hannah Gilmour. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of Caroline and Hannah remain on the team.

The first big event for this group is the Ambrose Golf Day fundraiser that takes place on the 23rd of March. Messages have been sent to previous years playing group captains. Check the next slide for some info. And we will send out specific notices about it on HERO over the coming days.

If you can donate a prize or sponsor a hole please email Lynsay Ireland at taylor.lynsay@gmail.com

Enter a team through Tyler Diachok tdiachok@gmail.com or Ryan Fleming at principal@sjb.school.nz

Finally, just a quick reminder that, as a healthy eating school, we only drink water and wouldn't expect to see juice or juice boxes as part of school lunches.

*Ngā Mihi Aroha,
Ryan Fleming*



ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL
PRESENTS THE 2025
AMBROSE GOLF DAY



SUNDAY 23 MARCH | WESTOWN GOLF CLUB | 11.00am START

With the support of **Schurr & Ireland Chartered Accountants** we are proud to present our major fundraiser for 2025
- SJB Ambrose Golf Tournament -

We would love your support - here's how you can help:

1

Sponsor A Hole - \$300

A great way to support the day. If you know of a business who would like to sponsor a hole, please let us know

2

Enter A Team - \$30 per player

Teams of 4-6 can enter. It's lots of fun, there are plenty of goodies to give away and all golfing abilities are welcome!

3

Donate A Prize

We like to give great spot prizes to our golfers on the day. Please get in touch if you can offer a prize or voucher.

If you can help, please contact Lynsay Ireland
taylor.lynsay@gmail.com
022 371 9349

Our School Core Values

Love

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Awards

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the week certificates at our last school assembly:

<i>Puriri</i>	Finn McDowall	
<i>Koromoko</i>	Aria Williamson	
<i>Kawakawa</i>	Bodhi Lamplough	Melanie Hettiarachchi
<i>Nīkau</i>	Elsie Rapley	Oliver Doyle
<i>Horoeka</i>	Charlie Fraser-Leathem	Cailee Leadbeater
<i>Kōwhai</i>	Frankie Kerry	Rio McGregor
<i>Pōhutukawa</i>	James Martin	Angus Gilmour
<i>Karaka</i>	Lucas Tooman	Macy Jones
<i>Rimu</i>	Hannah Sinclair	Enzo Moratti
<i>Tōtara</i>	Sam McVey	Tove Shelswell
<i>Kauri</i>	Harper Luke	Shae Bellringer



Family Information Forms

The Yellow 2025 forms went home at the start of the term, it is really important that you fill in and return these forms to school to ensure that we have all the correct information on file. We have occasions where contact numbers and emails have changed making it difficult to contact and keep in touch with families.

Thank you to those families who have already returned these forms.

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Special Character



RESILIENCE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Philippians 4:13

Prayer for the Start of a New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather as a community of believers, a family of your children.

We thank you for the renewal of the past months and our safe return to this place.

We thank you for the promise of the days ahead and for the blessing of your accompaniment. Be with us this year.

Open our hearts to become people with and for others.

Help us to be studious, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice.

Keep us safe in body and spirit.

Let us be gentle with ourselves while striving to serve your greater glory.

And may we always be a source of support, encouragement and love to others.

Amen

Our school value that we will focus on during term 1, is **manawaroa** demonstrating **resilience**. I can be like Jesus when I embrace new challenges, take risks, accept disappointments and always try my best even when it is difficult.

The key competency we are focusing on is **managing self**. Managing Self when in relationship with Jesus means learning to live according to the Gospels of Jesus.

Our Graduate Profile focus is **Independent Agents, Mana Tangata**. I know what I need to learn, to be more like Jesus.

Religious Education Learning

In Week 1 we began our school year by attending Mass as a whole school to celebrate the Feast day of St John Bosco, our school patron saint. It was really lovely to have the opportunity to do so, as we often start after the 31st January so we usually miss it.

We have begun our year establishing classroom prayer routines, and working collaboratively to develop our Class Treaty. We have also been learning about St John Bosco, Euphrasie Barbier and the Mission Sisters who started our school. We are now moving into the RE Curriculum theme 'A Tātou Whakapapa - Our Story.' Children will develop an understanding of the Church in terms of significant events and people that have shaped our Church and the world. They will be able to explore their own whakapapa as well as their communities, connecting with this past, present and future story in which we all belong.

A reminder that the Family Whanau book is available to view online www.faithalive.org.nz then click the Families tab; this book has lots of practical ideas on how parents can support their child's faith journey.

Your child's learning in RE will be shared from time to time on Seesaw. We encourage you to discuss what they are learning with them, and to please comment on their learning in a positive way.

Prayer to Don Bosco

St John Bosco

Friend of the young,

Teacher in the ways of God,

Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.

Help me to work for a better world,

where the young are given the chance to flourish,

where the poor's dream for justice can come true,

and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to

Our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.

Amen.



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February 2025 : For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



What is a Jubilee Year?

In 2025, the Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year—a centuries-old tradition rich with spiritual significance. This special time is dedicated to promoting renewal, spiritual growth, mercy, and forgiveness. The Jubilee was first initiated in the Christian era by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and is generally held every 25 years, although popes may proclaim additional Jubilees for special occasions. The last Jubilee, an “Extraordinary” Jubilee, was declared by Pope Francis in 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year?

For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen the motto “Pilgrims of Hope,” inspired by the words of St. Paul in Romans, “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). In his letter proclaiming the Jubilee, Pope Francis beautifully reflects on Christian hope:

Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.

How do we celebrate a Jubilee Year?

Pope Francis encourages us to deepen our faith through pilgrimage, prayer, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and works of mercy during the Jubilee year. Each of these practices embodies the year’s themes of mercy, healing, and renewal.

Pilgrimage symbolises the journey of conversion and commitment to following Christ. Prayer draws us closer to God, opening hearts to His mercy and guidance. The sacrament of Reconciliation is an essential part of the Jubilee, inviting us to rediscover the value of confession and experience God’s forgiveness in a personal, profound way. Works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, play a central role as we are encouraged to perform charitable acts that support those in need, bringing Christ’s compassion and justice to life. Together, these practices make the Jubilee a deeply transformative period, inviting all to renew their commitment to faith, love, and service.

Retrieved from <https://cdoc.nz/jubilee>

You can find more information about the Jubilee Year on our [Palmerston North Diocese Website](#)

St Valentine

St. Valentine (died 3rd century, Rome; feast day February 14) was the name of one or two legendary Christian martyrs whose lives seem to have a historical basis. Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St. Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. Celebrating Valentine's Day...an opportunity to reflect on God's gift of love in marriage.



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Class Mass

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

We invite and encourage you to attend our weekday class Masses where possible.

We would love to see parents, grandparents and friends at our weekly children's mass.

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 19 February	Nga Kakano
	Sunday 23 February	SCHOOL MASS
Week 5	Wednesday 26 February	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 6	Wednesday 5 March	ASH WEDNESDAY - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
Week 7	Wednesday 12 March	Rimu & Karaka
Week 8	Wednesday 19 March	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai
Week 9	Wednesday 26 March	Nikau & Horoeke
Week 10	Wednesday 2 April	Kauri & Tōtara
Week 11	Wednesday 9 April	Pohutukawa & Kōwhai

An early reminder - Ash Wednesday 5 March

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of the Lenten season. We will attend Mass at 9:10am as a school. Please join us if you are able.

St John Bosco School Led Sunday Mass Dates 2025

Term 1: Sunday 23 February

Term 2: Sunday 8 June

Term 3: Sunday 3 August

Term 4: Sunday 23 November

We encourage all families to make the commitment to attend school Mass. It is important that we gather as a community and support our children's faith development.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 23rd February 2025 at 10:30am**



School families please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea afterwards.

**Don't forget to bring your donation
for the food bank.**

Thank you

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Messages from the Parish

VACANCY: Parish Strategic Leader (Fulltime)

Strategic, organised, driven, relational and passionate – is this you? Do you have people management experience and have worked in an organisation with both operational and strategic responsibilities?

Does building relationships and collaborating with others around shared goals sound like you? The Strategic Leader will be joining the vibrant New Plymouth Catholic Parish team, supporting and growing our Parish faith journey – could this be you? Then call the office on (06 757 3682) or contact by email ParishLeadershipTeam@catholicparishnp.nz to request the Job Description and Application Form.

Applications close Monday 24 February.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: No Morning Prayer until Friday 21st February.

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.



QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha.

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am. Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 9.30am to 10.00am

KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:

Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from Kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them.



Click here for the [latest Parish Newsletter](#)

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Messages from the Diocese

Rite of Election | Save the Date

The Rite of Election for the Diocese will be celebrated on Sunday 9 March, 2pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Bishop John invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event.

RSVP by 20 February to Donna Brown, pastoral@cathedral.org.nz.

Cathedral Centenary | March 2025

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating 100 years in March! There will be a free event on the weekend of 21 – 22 March to mark this special occasion, featuring coffee trucks, cultural food stalls, musical festivities and more! Everyone is welcome.

Jubilee of Artists | Art Trail

The Jubilee of Artists will take place on 15 – 18 Feb 2025. To celebrate, parishes across the diocese will be participating in an Art Trail to showcase the sacred artwork present in our churches. This free event is not just for the weekend, but will continue throughout the Year of Jubilee 2025. More information will be available at www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail.

Click here for the [latest Diocesan update](#)

Supporting our Community Group with Freezer Meals

Our community group and staff have been preparing meals for our freezer as part of our manaakitanga. These meals are given to families during times of celebration, such as the arrival of a new baby, during moments of grief, or whenever there's a need. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a meal, please let Andrea in the office know.



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St. John Bosco School Lunches - 2025

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2025 Attendance Dues Information

- The compulsory **Attendance Dues charges for 2025** have been confirmed and are as follows:
 - **Primary** charge (Year 0 – 8) per child: **\$544.00**
 - **Secondary** charge (Year 9 – 13) per child: **\$1,088.00**
- A **voluntary donation of \$30.00 per child** will also be included on the annual invoice sent in March 2025. A donation receipt will be sent in April each year for any donations made to 31 March so that a tax rebate may be claimed for any donation amount of \$5.00 or more.
- If you would like to make regular payments to spread payment of the total charge over the calendar year the amounts **per child** made from the **3rd February 2025** are as follows:

Weekly - attendance dues only		Weekly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$11.34	Primary	\$11.96
Secondary	\$22.67	Secondary	\$23.30

Fortnightly - attendance dues only		Fortnightly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$22.67	Primary	\$23.92
Secondary	\$45.34	Secondary	\$46.59

Monthly - attendance dues only		Monthly - attendance dues & donation	
Primary	\$49.46	Primary	\$52.19
Secondary	\$98.91	Secondary	\$101.64

- For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact the Attendance Dues team.
- We can be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: **dues@pndiocese.org.nz**.

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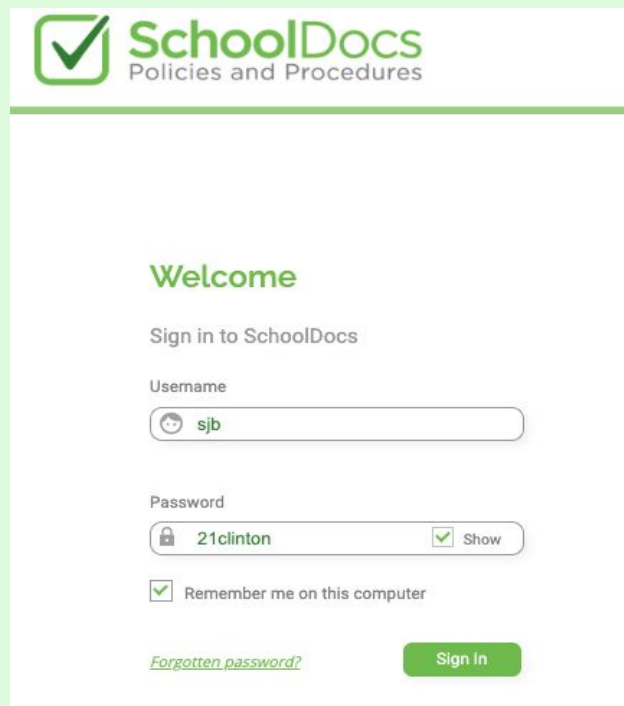
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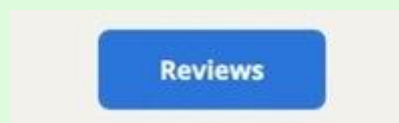
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Current policies under review:

- Health and Safety Welfare Policy
- Safety Management System
- Risk Management
- Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation
- Healthcare
- Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries and Illnesses

We welcome your feedback!

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