



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga

20 February 2025 TERM 1 WEEK 3

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
  - Room 3 – 28 Feb
  - Room 2 – 14 March
  - Room 1 – 28 March
- Room 6 Tech – Tues 18 Feb
- Rm 2 & 3 Mass – Wed 19 Feb
- Swimming – Tues, Wed, Thurs – Weeks 4 – 5 & 6
- Swimming Sports – Mon 17 March
- St Joseph's Day – Wed 19 March
- Wheels Week -24 – 28 March
- Junior Swimming Display – Fri 28 Mar
- Interschool Swimming Sports – Tues 1 April
- End of Term 1 – Fri 11 April
- Start of Term 2 – Mon 28 April

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kia Ora

Attendance is one of our annual goals this year. The Government and Ministry of Education have developed new procedures and systems for monitoring attendance of students, and I am required to provide this information to our community including the current attendance percentage for our school.

We are well aware that there are situations where students are justified in being away from school and this information is just to keep you up to date with attendance policies and procedures.

Low attendance in primary school can have several negative effects on students, their learning, and their future success. Some key impacts include:

### 1. Academic Struggles

- Missing school regularly leads to gaps in learning, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.
- Poor attendance is linked to lower literacy, numeracy, and overall academic performance.
- Students may struggle with foundational skills, affecting future learning.

### 2. Social and Emotional Effects

- Children miss out on building friendships and developing social skills.
- Low attendance can lead to feelings of isolation and difficulty fitting in.
- It may lower self-confidence and increase anxiety about returning to school.

### 3. Poor Habits for the Future

- Regular absences can create a pattern of disengagement from education.
- It can lead to poor time management and responsibility in later years.
- Students with low attendance in primary school are more likely to struggle in high school and beyond.

Some things to think about...

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki i ngā wā katoa  
May God always bless you.

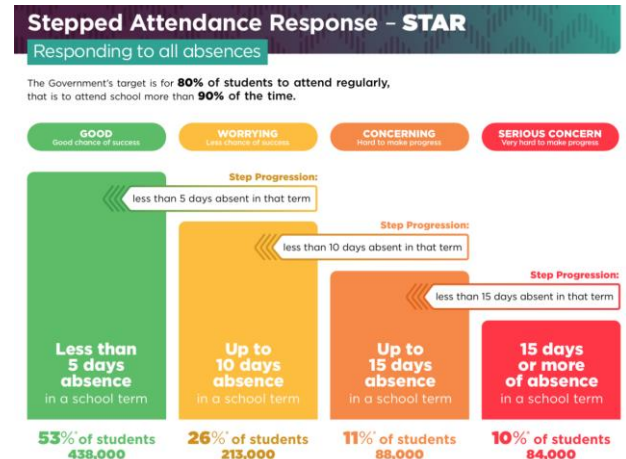
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## ATTENDANCE

# 89%

of our students are currently attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight. Great start!!

## STEPPED ATTENDANCE RESPONSE – STAR – Ministry of Education



### 2024 Ministry Targets

70%      19%      6%      5%

### 2024 St Joseph's School Attendance information

65%      29%      6%      3%

**TECH FOR ROOM 6 WILL BE ON MONDAYS FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS DUE TO SWIMMING!**

## FAITH FACTS



Pilgrimage is an important tradition in the Catholic faith. It means going on a special journey to a holy place to pray, reflect, and grow closer to God.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" for the Jubilee Year 2025, reminding us that life is like a journey of faith and trust in God.

During this special year, we are invited to take part in pilgrimages—whether by visiting a sacred place, praying, or helping others. These journeys help us feel God's love, strengthen our faith, and bring us closer to one another as a community of hope.

## REMINDERS

School is open for students from 8.30am. Teachers are busy working until then and students won't be supervised before 8.30am.

For safety reasons, all visitors to the school during school time need to go to the office to check in. Students can be called over to the office if you wish to speak to them.

## SWIMMING

At St Joseph's School, we believe swimming is an essential part of our Physical Education Programme. As a nation surrounded by water, we encourage our students to develop water safety skills, enjoy being in the water, build fitness, and take part in competition.

All students will receive 9 lessons over the next 3 weeks we will be going down in class groups. **Lessons will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting on Feb 25th.** All students will be swimming at the same time utilising school and Wai Splash instructors.

### Class sessions

1.00 – 1.30 - Rooms 1 & 6

1.30 – 2.00 - Rooms 2 & 5

2.00 – 2.30 - Rooms 3 & 4



### Please

- Ensure your children have togs, goggles and towels for each day. Caps are requested by the instructors/teacher. Girls are expected to wear 1 piece togs not bikinis.
- Name all items of swimming gear and school uniform to avoid searching for mislaid items.
- As swimming is part of the curriculum, please let classroom teachers or the office know if there is any medical reason that your child is unable to participate.
- The children will be walking down to Wai Splash Swimming Pool so please ensure they are in correct school uniform including sandals, have their school hat and a light jacket if it looks like it is going to rain.

## SENIOR LEADERS 2025



### Student Leaders

Eden, Anaya, Lauren,  
Aaliyah, Savannah, Lillian,  
Indie



### Cultural Leaders

Ryvah, Lacey



### Sports Lead

Gus Roe



### Librarians

Indie, Anaya, Eva, Belle



### Tech Lead

Jai



### House Captains

Cooper, Kase, Levi, Belle

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Amazing writing skills!



Cohen, Tatyana, Hamiora



Poppy, Tori



Bayleigh, Kcyzia

Ava

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**



**TRIATHLON 2025**

ALL AGES & ABILITIES  
 CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE AND DISTANCE.  
 \$10 ENTRY FEE - SPLASH AND DASH  
 \$20 ENTRY FEE/PER PERSON  
 \$35 TEAM LONG TRI ENTRY  
 \$50 FOR 3 KIDS - FAMILY ENTRY (ANY DISTANCE)

**SWIM**

**BIKE**

**RUN**

Sunday 2nd March 2025 - 11am

**Enter Now!** MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW....

Enter online at [waipplash.org/tri25](http://waipplash.org/tri25)



**TRIATHLON 2025**

ALL AGES & ABILITIES

**SWIM**

**BIKE**

**RUN**

CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE AND DISTANCE.

DISTANCE	SWIM	CYCLE	RUN
7 YEARS & UNDER SPLASH & DASH	50 M	-	250M
SHORT TRI	50 M	2 KM	1 KM
MED TRI	100 M	4 KM	1 KM
LONG TRI	150 M	6 KM	2 KM

Sunday 2nd March 2025 - 11am

**School Bus Drivers Wanted!**



Dannevirke

- **A Class 2 Licence or P endorsement preferred**

or

- **A Full Class 1 Licence for at least two years (full training provided)**

**To apply call Michelle on 0212811401**

Minimum 15hrs per week



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

For those parents who have children attending St Joseph's and have thought about getting their children baptized the Sacrament of Baptism will be available to them in Term 1, during school time. This programme has 3 sessions. If interested, please return the sacramental programme form or give your child's name to the school office. Lessons will commence mid-March.

