



29 October 2026 Term 4 Week 3

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly - Friday 2.30 pm
 - Room 3 – 6 Nov
 - Room 2 - 20 Nov
 - Room 6 – 4 Dec
- Tech – Rm 5 – Mondays
- Mission Day Gala – Fri 30 Oct
- All Souls Day – Mon 2 Nov
- Board Meeting – Mon 2 Nov
- School Athletics – Tues 3 Nov
P/P – Fri 6 Nov
- Growing Strong Workshop - Tues 3 Nov
- Interschool Athletics – Wed 18 Nov (p/p 25 Nov)
- Junior Tabloids – Fri 27 Nov
- Thanksgiving Celebration – Mon 14 Dec
- End of Term 4 – Tues 15 Dec



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

The Kennedy Estate

Each year on All Souls' Day, our school gathers at the grave of Daniel Kennedy to remember him in prayer and give thanks for his generosity to St Joseph's School. Our senior students also take responsibility for caring for and tending his grave. This special tradition is an important way of honouring a man whose kindness continues to benefit generations of our students.

For over 90 years, the generosity of the **Daniel Kennedy Estate** has made a significant difference to the students at St Joseph's School.

Daniel Kennedy was born in Ireland in 1861 and settled in Dannevirke, where he farmed and acquired property. Although he had no children, he left a remarkable legacy by naming St Joseph's School as the sole beneficiary of his estate. His wish was for the funds to support the school's buildings, resources and ongoing development.

Over the years, the Kennedy Estate has helped fund many improvements, including classrooms, playgrounds, sports courts, heating, roofing, the school hall, Te Whare and the Library.

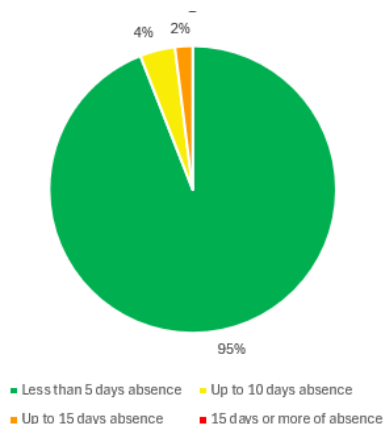
Today, our students continue to benefit from his generosity, with funding from the estate helping to subsidise learning support, provide valuable resources and support professional development in Religious Education.

We are very grateful for Daniel Kennedy's generosity and the difference he continues to make to our school. By gathering each year to remember him in prayer and caring for his grave, we keep his memory alive and show our appreciation for all he has given to St Joseph's.

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

Megan

ATTENDANCE



Kai Hau Kai programme will be running in term 1, 2027 for year 7 & 8 students. Something to think about for next year.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

All Souls Day
Remembering and praying for the Dead
Monday 2 November 2026



On Monday 2 November, it is All Souls Day, an important day in the Church's Liturgical Calendar. We will be gathering as a School and Parish Community for Mass at 11.00am. This will be followed by our annual visit to Mangatera Cemetery. We hope that you can join us there too!

As part of our focus, we are asking children to please bring to school photos of family / whanau members who have died. We would like to share memories of these special people with friends and teachers. The photographs will be looked after and returned to you safely.

We invite you to join us for this very special part of our Liturgical Year, and our Catholic faith.

11.00 a.m. Mass in the Church for All Souls Day
12.00-12.30 Break and Kai
12.45 a.m. Depart for Mangatera Cemetery (Buses)

Gather at Daniel Kennedy's gravesite for karakia and a hymn to honour all our dead. Wander the cemetery with the children and locate gravesites of family members/friends. (Children may wish to bring flowers to place on the graves of their loved ones.)

2.00pm. Return to school

Blessings to you all
Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa

Helen Collier
DRS

MISSION DAY GALA

TOMORROW
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER
STALLS AND ACTIVITIES FROM 1PM

We would appreciate you completing our 'pulse check' survey about Mission Day. Please follow the link below.

[Mission Day Pulse Check](#)

SPORT REPORT

Athletics Sports – Helpers Urgently Needed



We currently have no parent helpers for our Athletics Sports next Tuesday and, unfortunately, do not have enough staff to run all the events without additional support.

Helpers will still be able to move around with their children's groups, as we mainly need assistance supporting staff at the different events. Our junior school also needs helpers to ensure their events can run smoothly.

If you are available to help, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We will need to make a decision on Monday about whether Athletics Sports can go ahead, depending on the support we receive.

We would really appreciate your help to make this a successful day for our children.

Jo Brown
Sports Co-ordinator

HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE

GROCERY GRAB
FILL YOUR TROLLEY!

TICKETS - \$5
DRAWN:
16 NOVEMBER 2026

UP TO \$700

2ND PRIZE - \$100 HIGH STREET BISTRO VOUCHER
3RD PRIZE - \$100 HIGH STREET BISTRO VOUCHER
4TH PRIZE - \$50 HUNTING & FISHING VOUCHER
5TH PRIZE - \$100 SWEATY BETTY VOUCHER
6TH PRIZE - NESCAFE COFFEE MACHINE & ACCESSORIES
7TH PRIZE - GIFT BASKET

GROCERY GRAB - FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER AT 7.30AM

TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

All families were issued with raffle tickets earlier in the week. Please return sold books to the office by 10 November. If you can sell additional books, please see Sheryl in the office.

We are fundraising for murals to brighten our school.