# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

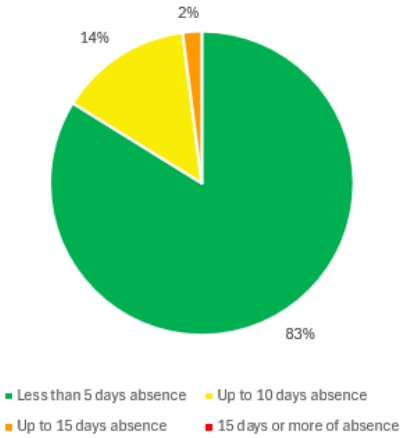
'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence.' AMDG
*Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena i ngā hiranga*

26 November 2026 Term 4 Week 7

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly - Friday 2.30 pm
  - Room 6 – 4 Dec
- Tech – Rm 5 – Mondays
- Junior Tabloids – Fri 27 Nov
- Ki O Rahi Tournament – Wed 2 Dec
- Thanksgiving Celebration – Mon 14 Dec (Prizegiving) – 6pm
- End of Term 4 – Tues 15 Dec
- Start of Term 1 2027 – Mon 1 Feb

## ATTENDANCE




## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Awesome drawing skills Miles!






## PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

Welcome to Ihaia and his whānau. Ihaia started in Room 2 this week. We hope that he enjoys his time with us.

The library shelving is due to go into the refurbished block over the next couple of weeks, and then we can start moving into this space.

Rooms 2 and 4 will remain in their current classrooms for the rest of the year. While we would all love to be moving into our new spaces, there is already a lot on teachers' plates at this time of year with assessments, report writing and maintaining quality classroom programmes. With this in mind, I have made the decision to hold off on moving classrooms until the end of the school year, ready for a fresh start in 2027.

This fits really nicely with our current SAINT Way focus, Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Respectful. We have been talking with our students about how being fair means considering and meeting the needs of everyone. It's important that we practise what we teach, and in this instance, that means being mindful of our staff's workload and wellbeing while keeping things settled for our students as we finish the year.

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




**We would appreciate all library and reading books being returned to school. Thank you!**

**REMINDER – WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

**The Season of Advent**

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a special time in our liturgical calendar when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Advent lasts for four weeks and is a time of waiting, preparation and reflection. Each week, we light a candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us of the four themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy and love.



As we enter this busy time of year, Advent encourages us to slow down and remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is an opportunity for us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by showing kindness, caring for others, being generous and spending time with those we love. Through these simple acts, we can bring hope, peace, joy and love to those around us.

*Helen Collier*
*DRS*

## DHS OPEN DAY

All Year 8 students enrolled at Dannevirke High School for 2027 should have received a letter about the upcoming Open Day next Thursday.

The programme is designed to support students in their transition to high school, providing opportunities to meet other 2027 Year 9 students, build new friendships, participate in activities and experience some taster lessons.

- **Time:** 9.30 am – 2.30 pm
- **Where:** Dannevirke High School Gym (students must be seated by 9.30 am)
- **What to wear:** School uniform
- **Food:** Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Parents are responsible for organising drop-off and pick-up arrangements. In previous years, our Year 8 students have met at St Joseph's and walked up to the High School together.

If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact the Dannevirke High School office as soon as possible, as only enrolled students are able to attend.

## SPORT REPORT

**Ki O Rahi Tournament**
**Wednesday 2 December**
**Huia Range School**

We have 3 teams entered in the tournament next week. Students will be walking to Huia Range at 8.30am for a 9am start and will be back at 3pm.
Students will need to wear correct school sports uniform (navy uniform top, plain black shorts and sneakers) including hat.
School lunches will be provided but they will need extra kai, a filled water bottle and sunscreen.

**Interschool Athletics**

Congratulations to our interschool athletics team who ran, threw and jumped their hearts out yesterday. You all made us proud. Big thank you to our parent helpers. We will let you know the results when we have them.



*Jo Brown*
*Sports Co-ordinator*

## CAMP – 2027 HEADS UP

**Year 7 & 8 Camp 2027**
**El Rancho & Wellington**
**Tuesday 4 May – Friday 7 May – Week 2, Term 2**

We have decided to move senior camp to earlier in the year to avoid an already busy Term 4. As this gives us a shorter timeframe for fundraising, we wanted to give whānau as much notice as possible. We will be able to confirm the total cost of camp early next year.

