



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

*Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga*

27 November 2025 TERM 4 WEEK 8

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
  - Room 4 – 12 Dec
- Tech R5 Year 7s – Tuesdays
- Forbes & Tippet Relay – Mon 1 Dec p/p Tues 2 Dec
- DHS Open Day – Thurs 4 Dec
- Rm 6 Class Trip – Fri 12 Dec
- Thanksgiving – Tues 16 Dec - 6pm
- Poroporoaki – Wed 17 Dec – 1pm
- End of School Year – Wed 17 Dec
- Term 1 2026 – Mon 2 February



## PRINCIPALS NOTE

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Kia Ora

We are continuing our focus on "Be Respectful" as part of the SAINT way right through to the end of term. This is a valuable reminder for all of us to be considerate of others, especially at this time of year when everyone can feel busy and tired.

Your support in reinforcing and modelling respectful behaviour with your children is greatly appreciated. Together, we can help them finish the term positively and thoughtfully.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership

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

*Megan*

## ATTENDANCE

65% =

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

## DHS OPEN DAY

Thursday 4 December

9.30 – 2.30

DHS Gym

Only students who are enrolled at DHS are able to attend. Students are to wear correct school uniform.

## ENROLMENTS

We are beginning to organise classes for 2026. If you have a preschool child who will be starting school next year, or if your family may be relocating, please let us know. This helps us greatly with planning and ensuring a smooth transition for all students.

Please ensure your child has a filled drink bottle for the day, water only!  
Hydration is good for learning!!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos have now been uploaded to the [Photolife website](#) and emails have been sent to families with information regarding ordering. (Check the junk/spam folder if you haven't received it.) We can help with key codes should there be a problem. Free delivery is available if ordered before midnight on Dec 3.

## FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets have been put into classrooms to collect items for our Thanksgiving celebrations food baskets.

Items can be delivered to classrooms and will be donated to St Vinnies.

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| Room 1 | – Christmas Treats  |
| Room 2 | – Baking Items  |
| Room 3 | – Christmas Treats  |
| Room 4 | – Pantry Basics – gravies, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, soups, jams, tea, coffee etc |
| Room 5 | – Cleaning Products & Toiletries  |
| Room 6 | – Pantry Basics – Canned items  |

Thank you for your support of those in need in our community.

## Advent

### Welcome to our Religious Education and Catholic Character Newsletter.



Each class is about to begin the Liturgical year Module-**Advent and Christmas**.

Advent is a time to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, Son of Mary and Son of God.

The liturgical colour is purple as we wait with humility, patience and anticipation. We also light a candle on the advent wreath each week as we get closer to the day we celebrate Jesus glorious birth.

#### You could ask your child:

- Do you know any stories behind different Christmas carols?
- How did people prepare for Jesus' birth?

#### Ideas for Family Rituals:

- Play and listen to Advent and Christmas carols
- Have a family baking night and make food to include small parcels or elderly or sick people in our community
- Donate food to the Christmas food baskets

#### You can help your child with their RE by:

- Discussing the Christmas story.
- Read the scripture stories about the Birth of Jesus.
- Reminding the real 'present' and the reason for the season is Jesus
- Make or buy an advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas
- Plan to take your child to Mass on Christmas.

#### Up Coming Events

**End of Year Mass and Blessing for our Year 8's**

-Wednesday 10 December at 9.30 a.m.

**Thanksgiving Liturgy and End of Year Celebration**

-Tuesday 16 December at 6.00 pm in St Joseph's Church.



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