



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga

4 December 2025 TERM 4 WEEK 9

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
 - Room 4 – 12 Dec
- Tech R5 Year 7s – Tuesdays
- Board Meeting – Mon 8 Dec
- Leavers Mass – Wed 10 Dec
- Rm 4 & 5 Adventure Day – Wed 10 Dec
- Rm 6 Class Trip – Fri 12 Dec
- Confirmation Mass – Sun 14 Dec
- Thanksgiving – Tues 16 Dec - 6pm
- Poroporoaki – Wed 17 Dec – 1pm
- End of School Year – Wed 17 Dec
- Teachers Only Day – Thurs 18 Dec
- Term 1 2026 – Mon 2 February

Don't forget to leave us a message if your child is away from school. Phone, website, app, email.



ATTENDANCE

65% =

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Well done to these Room 3 students. Awesome handwriting, reading and lego building!



PRINCIPALS NOTE

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Kia Ora

We are currently finalising class placements for next year, and students will visit their new classrooms next week. This means all students will finish the year knowing which room they will be in when they return to school in 2026.

Classes for 2026

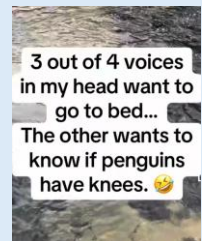
- Room 1 – Mrs Larsen: Year 0 & 1
- Room 2 – Ms Haigh: Year 2 & 3
- Room 3 – Ms Newell: Year 3 & 4
- Junior Team Release – Mr Amer
- Room 4 – TBC: Year 5 & 6
- Room 5 – Mrs Collier: Year 6 & 7
- Room 6 – Ms Thompson: Year 8
- Senior Team Release – Jo Brown

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Walshe, Jacinda, Rocky, and Kristi will continue in their teacher aide roles, with Ms Berry remaining in the office.

We hope to confirm the teacher for Room 4 soon.

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

Megan



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.

- 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.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

The first Sunday of Advent is the start of the Christmas season, symbolizing hope. It is a time to learn about waiting for Jesus' birth, making an Advent wreath, and the first purple candle representing hope and prophecy.

Advent Wreaths are often found not only in people's homes but also in the church. This circular evergreen wreath usually contains 4 candles (and sometimes 5 candles) and each of these candles represent one of the Sundays of Advent.



End of Year School Mass Blessing for Leavers

Wednesday 10 December at 9.30am
St Joseph's Church
All welcome to attend.

Confirmation Mass

Sunday 14 December
9am
Bishop John Adams

Helen Collier

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Player of the Day

Cricket



Well done Blake!

Sporting Achievement

Motocross



Amilah placed in the top 5 of the 6 events she competed in this year. Congratulations!

Interschool Athletics Results

High Jump

Intermediate Boys - 1st Flynn Ransom
2nd Tanner Ransom

Long Jump

Senior Girls - 3rd – Anaya Buckeridge

Discus

Junior Girls – 3rd Maci Jones
Junior Boys – 2nd Quinn Roe
Intermediate Girls – 2nd Winter Gray
Intermediate Boys – 2nd Tanner Ransom

Shotput

Jnr Boys – 1st Quinn Roe

Distance

Int. Girls 800m – 2nd Poppy Buchanan
Int. Boys 800m – 1st Tanner Ransom
3rd Zac Wrenn

Sprints

Jnr Boys – 1st Lucas Walsh
Int. Girls – 3rd Mila Bond
Int Boys – 2nd Flynn Ransom

Relays

Juniors – 3rd
Intermediates – 3rd
Seniors – 3rd

Jo Brown

Sports Co-ordinator



CATHOLIC CHARACTER



**GLOW IN THE DARK BASKETBALL
3x3 EVENT**
Delivered by Basketball Manawatu

**FREE EVENT
OPEN TO YEAR
4-8**
Registrations are limited

REGISTER HERE

Time: **5.30pm - 6.30pm**
Date: **9th December 2025**
Venue: **Bush Multisports Stadium**

Any questions please email:
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