



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

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

23 July 2026 Term 3 Week 1

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 2.30 pm
 - Room 2 – 31 July
 - Room 1 – 14 Aug
 - Room 6 – 28 Aug
- Powhiri – Fri 24 July
- Rm 6 Tech – Monday 27 July, normally Tuesdays
- ERO Visit – Tues 28 & Wed 29 July
- Tararua 7's – Wed 29 July (p/p Fri 31 July)
- School Mass – Sun 2 Aug
- Parent Interviews – Mon 3 & Wed 5 August
- DHS Open Night – Tues 4 Aug
- Board Meeting – Mon 10 Aug
- School Disco – Fri 15 Aug
- Whānau Hui – Tues 18 Aug
- Teachers Only Day - Fri 21 Aug



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

Welcome to Term 3! It's hard to believe we're already in the second half of the year. It's great to have Olivia join Room 1 and Zaira in Room 4 this week, and we hope they enjoy their time at our school.

Lots of work happened over the holidays to get our new playground ready, and we couldn't have done it without the support of so many people.

A huge thank you to Playground People for designing the playground, Kaweka Contractors for installing it, our amazing Home & School for all their fundraising efforts, and our fantastic volunteers who gave up their time to spread the bark and build the edging.

We're also incredibly grateful to the Monty Fairbrother Trust and the Eastern & Central Community Trust for their generous grants, which helped make this project happen.

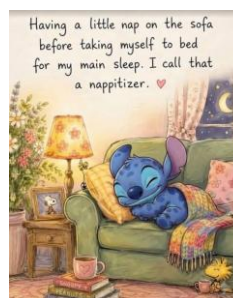
The best part has been seeing our students absolutely loving the new playground – some are having so much fun they don't want to leave at the end of the day!

Next week we will welcome the Education Review Office (ERO) to our school on Tuesday and Wednesday. ERO works with schools across New Zealand to support quality teaching and learning and to help ensure the best possible outcomes for all students.

We will begin their visit with a mihi whakatau in Rooms 5 and 6 before they spend time observing learning, talking with staff, students and trustees, and getting to know our school. We look forward to sharing the great things happening at St Joseph's and welcoming the ERO team to our school community.

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

Megan



ATTENDANCE

100%



of our students are attending school regularly (90%+ attendance, averaging 9 days per fortnight). Our goal is to reach 80% regular attendance, in line with the Government's target. Let's keep working together to achieve this! Great start to the term!

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY
FOR ROOM 6 TECHNOLOGY NEXT
WEEK DUE TO ERO VISIT –
MONDAY 27 JULY**

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Powhiri

Friday 24 July – 9 am

Please join us in the morning to welcome our new students and their families to St Joseph's School.

School / Parish Mass

Sunday 2 August – 9am

This is the one whole-school Mass each term that we ask all our whānau to attend. As part of your commitment to choosing a Catholic education, your presence at this special celebration is important to our school community.

During the Mass, we will have a special blessing for our new families. We would love you to join us in giving them a warm welcome and helping them feel part of our school whānau.

Helen Collier

DRS

**New tables and
chairs for Room 1.
Exciting!**



INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 3 & WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST From 3.30pm

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday and Wednesday of week 3 for Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's mid-year report with them and their teacher.

Bookings will be taken via our Skool Loop school app. The process is simple. Please select the Bookings button, choose the teacher, day and time and press select. You will then be prompted to complete the students name, your name and add an email address for a confirmation email. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require assistance.

Room 1 students have anniversary interviews, and these will be organised separately by Mrs Larsen.

If for some reason you are unable to attend your interview, please contact the school office prior to the interview.

SPORT REPORT

Tararua 7 Aside – Year 5 – 8 students

Wednesday 29 July

p/p Friday 31 July

Bus will be leaving from school at 8.45am. Please ensure students are at school prior to the leaving time. School lunches will be taken.

Jo Brown

Sports Co-ordinator

NON-INTERRUPTION TIME

This term we are trialling uninterrupted learning time from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. To make the most of this focused learning time, some of our usual morning activities, such as assembly, will move to the afternoon.

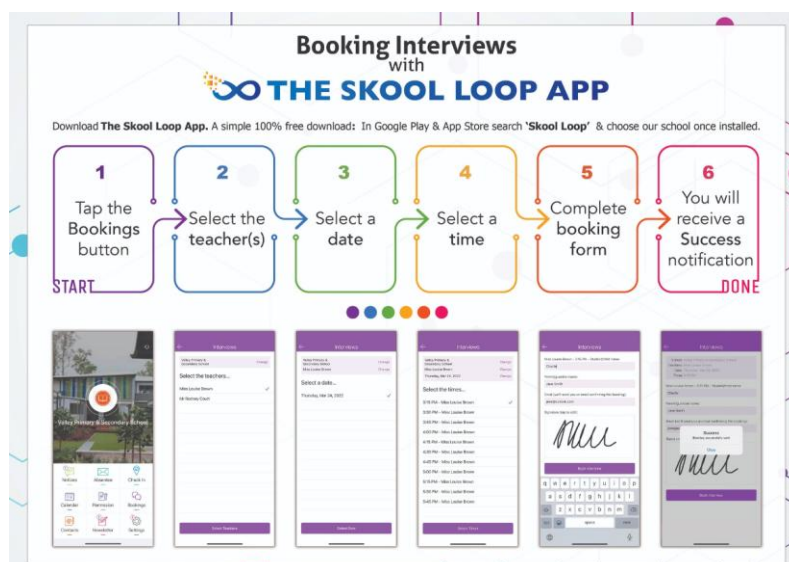
This gives students the opportunity to learn and the teachers to teach, without interruptions during the time of day when they are most focused and ready to learn.

STAFFING

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Jo Brown back to Room 4 when Whaea Mithula finishes on 12 August. Jo will be teaching four days a week, with Vicki Owens teaching three days each fortnight to provide release cover.

Student Reports – Home Tomorrow

NEW ASSEMBLY TIME – FRIDAYS STARTING AT 2.30PM



TERM 3 PLAN

2026

YEAR FOCUS: NURTURING SPIRITS, ENCOURAGING EXCELLENCE.
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TERM THEME: ENCOURAGING

SAINT VALUE FOCUS: NURTURING FAITH - TE POIPOI I TE WHAKAPONO

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 - 24 JULY 1	START OF TERM 3 HUI KARAKIA	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 1 & 6		POWHIRI
27 - 31 JULY 2	HUI KARAKIA TECH - R6	ERO VISIT	CLASS MASS RMS 2 & 5 ERO VISIT TARARUA 7'S		(SCHOOL MASS - SUNDAY 2ND AUG) P/P TARARUA 7'S ASSEMBLY- R2
3 - 7 AUGUST 3	HUI KARAKIA INTERVIEWS	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 3 & 4 INTERVIEWS	TRANSFIGURATION	
10 - 14 AUGUST 4	HUI KARAKIA BOARD MEETING	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 1 & 6		SCHOOL DISCO ASSEMBLY- R1
17 - 21 AUGUST 5	HUI KARAKIA	TECH - R6 WHĀNAU HUI	CLASS MASS RMS 2 & 5		TEACHERS ONLY DAY
24 - 28 AUGUST 6	HUI KARAKIA	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 3 & 4		GRANDPARENTS DAYS ASSEMBLY- R6
31 AUG - 4 SEPT 7	HUI KARAKIA	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 1 & 6	ICE SKATING	GOOD BLOKES DAY
7 - 11 SEPT 8	HUI KARAKIA	TECH - R6	CLASS MASS RMS 2 & 5		ASSEMBLY - R5
14 -18 SEPT 9	HUI KARAKIA BOARD MEETING	TECH - R6 RIPPA TOURNAMENT	CLASS MASS RMS 3 & 4	P/P RIPPA TOURNAMENT	
21 - 25 SEPT 10	HUI KARAKIA ST MATTHEWS BLUE HOUSE MUFTI	TECH - R6			ASSEMBLY - R4

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS AND ON THE APP.