



IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 9 am
 - Room 1 – 8 May
 - Room 6 – 22 May
 - Room 5 – 5 June
- Room 5 Technology – Mondays
- Rugby Skills – Fri 1 May
- School Mass – Sun 3 May
- Raffle Tickets Due – Mon 4 May
- Pie Orders Close – Tues 5 May
- Student Leadership Day – Tues 5 May
- Cross Country – Thurs 7 May
p/p - Thurs 14 May
- Super Mums & Side Kicks Day – Fri 8 May
- Walk & Wheels Week – 11 – 15 May
- Doughboys Pie Delivery – Fri 15 May
- Interschool Cross Country – Thurs 21 May
p/p Thurs 28 May
- Teachers Only Day – Fri 29 May
- End of Term 2 – Fri 3 July
- Start Term 3 – Mon 20 July



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

Congratulations to Manaia in Room 2 (and her family) who now has a little sister, Kahlia. We would like to welcome Aaria and Tamaki's little sister Tamaia-Lee to school. She has started in Room 1 this week.

One of the suggestions from the recent Whānau Hui was to keep past newsletters on the loop as a reference. This cannot be done under the newsletter tab but I will try my best to save it to the notices section when I upload a new one.

It's important to be aware of what your children are doing online and the platforms they are using. Recently, some very insulting pages have come to light, which is both upsetting and disappointing. I encourage parents and caregivers to talk openly with their children about online behaviour and to report any harmful content, especially as most social media platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13.



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

Megan

ATTENDANCE

100%



of our students are currently attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight, for this term. Great start!

St Joseph's target aligns with the Government's, 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Fantastic writing from our senior students this week! Well done, Tanner, Levi, Leilani, Zoe, Quelan, Aaria & Azaleah!

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Baptism

Congratulations, Tahirau, on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday. May this step in your faith journey bring you continued blessings and guidance in the years ahead.



School Mass

Sunday 3 May @ 8.45am

We are looking forward to sharing Mass with everyone this Sunday morning.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Preparing to receive the sacraments is a unique and spiritually enriching time in a child's life. Full of meaningful moments, the experience creates special opportunities for the entire family to explore, affirm and celebrate their faith.

If you would like your child/children to participate in the Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation & Eucharist please ask your child to pick up a notice from the office, complete the form, and **return it to school by Monday 4 May**. Children must be 7 years old and above who have been Baptised.

There will be 3 or 4 preparation sessions that will be held at school and begin next week.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend and support their children and young people on this journey.

A date for them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be confirmed shortly and will be followed by Preparation for First Holy Communion in Term 3.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Helen Collier
DRS



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Friday 29 May

The Government has given us 2 teacher only days this year for curriculum development. The second one has been timetabled for Friday 21 August.

SPORT REPORT

Hockey

First hockey game for our combined Mini Sticks Team.



Cross Country

Thursday 7 May (postponement Thurs 14 May)

Timetable: Racing will start at 12:00pm

12:00 pm	Junior Boys
12:20	Junior Girls
12:40	Intermediate Boys
1:00	Intermediate Girls
1:20	Senior Boys/Girls
1:40	Primary Grades

We still need marshalls for the day. Please contact the school office. More information can be found in last week's newsletter.

All students are expected to remain at the cross - country event until the end to support their schoolmates. Their encouragement and presence make a real difference to those still competing.

There will also be a surprise for students at the end of the event, so be sure to stay until the finish.

Thank you for your support.

**Thanks
Home & School!**

Don't forget to send us your special achievements and player of the day photos. We love to share your successes with our community.

Megan & Rae

REMINDERS

- Raffle Books & money due on Monday 4 May.
- Doughboys pie orders close Tuesday 5 May. Online orders through the link below.
[Doughboys Pie Orders](#)
- **School starts at 8.55am.** Please ensure students are here between 8.30am and 8.50am and ready for the first bell
- Don't forget cutlery in lunchboxes for our school lunches.

Join us for

WALK AND WHEELS WEEK!



Your School is taking part in...

WALK & WHEELS WEEK!

For one whole week, travel to and from school in a fun and active way!

How it works:
Walk, bike, scoot or skate to and from school each day
Collect a concession card
Go in the draw to win a spot prize!

Bonus:
Bring someone from home along for a walk for extra points!

Let's get moving, stay active, and have some fun together!

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SPORT MANAWATU

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- Bus students – can arrive at school and walk the block with Mrs Larsen to earn a “clip” off their ticket.
- Bikes and scooters can be stored in the hall on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** afterschool, if needed.
- Bring your bike and scooter ramps (if you are happy to share) and ride with your classmates during morning tea and lunch times!
- **Helmets and footwear must be worn.**

Concession Cards will be handed out to all students.

- 5 “clips” = 5 Gospel Values Vouchers
- 4 “clips” = 4 Gospel Values Vouchers
- 3 “clips” = 3 Gospel Values Vouchers
- 2 “clips” = 2 Gospel Values Vouchers
- 1 “clip” = 1 Gospel Values Voucher

Double your vouchers each time, if you walk with someone from your whānau!