



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 9 am
  - Room 5 – 27 Feb
  - Room 3 – 13 March
  - Room 2 – 27 March
- Room 6 Technology – Tuesdays
- Meet the Teacher Interviews
  - Thursday 19 February
  - Monday 23 February
- Board Meeting – 23 February
- Swimming – Tues, Wed, Thurs
  - Weeks 4, 5 & 6
- Home & School – 3 March
- School Swimming Sports – Mon 16 March
- Interschool Swimming Sports – Tues 31 March
- End of Term 1 – Thurs 2 April
- Start Term 2 – Mon 20 April



## PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

A warm St Joseph's welcome to Opie, who joined Room 1 at the end of last week. It's great to have you at school.

It was certainly an interesting start to the week! Thank you for your understanding and support. Health and safety are always our top priority, and decisions like these are never taken lightly. While they can be challenging for staff and the Board, they are made with the wellbeing of our community at the centre. This has also highlighted how important it is to stay connected through our Skool Loop app so you can keep informed.

We have rescheduled the postponed interviews to this coming Monday. Please contact me if you need to adjust your allocated time or are no longer able to attend.

We are also noticing that a few students have been arriving late to school. Being on time is an important part of a successful day. When students arrive promptly, they can settle into their routine, connect with friends, and begin learning feeling calm and prepared. Late arrivals can interrupt lessons already underway and make it more difficult for students to catch up. Rushing in can also create unnecessary stress. Arriving on time helps everyone start the day settled, focused, and ready to learn.

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

Megan

## ATTENDANCE

99%



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.



Even Mr Amer has his Room 1 photo in the tunnel!

## HOME & SCHOOL

**Tuesday 3 March**

**6.30pm**

**School Staffroom**

We are lucky to have such a wonderful Home and School committee supporting our school. They work hard to help our students. We welcome new members to attend. More participation helps us support school activities and events throughout the year. All are welcome to join.

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Thank you to all those who supported us and our new families by attending Mass on Sunday. Also, thanks to the students who had roles in the mass, reading, altar serving etc.

### Ash Wednesday

Yesterday we all attended Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season in the Christian calendar that lasts for 40 days leading up to Easter. It is a time when many Christians reflect, pray, and think about ways they can grow in kindness, gratitude, and compassion. On Ash Wednesday, some people attend a church service where ashes are placed on their foreheads as a symbol of reflection and a fresh start. During Lent, individuals may choose to give up something special or take on an act of service to focus on helping others and becoming their best selves.



*Helen Collier*  
DRS

## ABSENCES

Please notify the office prior to 9 am with your child's absence. We are still having to make several phone calls each morning to chase up absence. This is a safety concern for us.

## UNIFORM

Room 6 students attending Technology at DHS on Tuesdays are required to wear correct winter uniform shoes and the socks. Please ensure they have the appropriate footwear on before leaving school.

We have sample sizes of some uniform items should you wish to try them on your child before ordering online.

## SPORT REPORT

### Swimming

Swimming starts Tuesday of this coming week. An information notice has been put on the skool loop app.

Please ensure students have all the gear they need to save us from that phone call home.

A rain jacket in their bags would also be helpful.

Swimming is part of the school curriculum, and a note is required if students are unable to swim due to a medical reason.

A big thank you to these wonderful swimmers who demonstrated their skills at a swimming skills professional development session for teachers organised by Sam at Sport Manawatu and Wai Splash. Great to fine tune our swimming teaching skills along with our colleagues from other schools.



### Basketball

Starts next week. We have no more information at this time. Make sure you join the basketball group on the app.

Yours in sports!

*Jo B*



Rooms 1 and 2 are looking a little sad. Exciting to see it underway though!