



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

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

6 August 2026 Term 3 Week 3

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 2.30 pm
Room 1 – 14 Aug
- Room 6 – 28 Aug
- Rm 6 Tech – Tuesdays
- Board Meeting – Mon 10 Aug
- Whānau Hui – Tues 18 Aug
- Teachers Only Day - Fri 21 Aug
- Book Week – 24 – 28 Aug
- Good Blokes Day – 4 September
- Rippa Tournament – 15 Sept
(p/p 17 Sept)



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

This week we would like to welcome Kaia, Awa and Donnacha to St Joseph's. Donnacha has started in Room 6, Kaia in Room 2 and Awa in Room 1. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Webber family, who have had a long and close association with our school, on the loss of Julie, wife and mother. Much loved. May she rest in peace.

Next Wednesday will be Whaea Mithula's last day with us, as she and her family will be returning to Hamilton. We wish her and her family all the very best with their future plans.

SAINT Way Focus

Our Saint Way focus for next week is **"We are ready to learn."** In our classrooms, we can show this by arriving prepared, listening carefully, following instructions, giving our best effort, and being ready to take on new challenges.

This connects beautifully with our term focus of **Inspiring Dignity**, as being ready to learn means valuing ourselves, respecting others, and recognising the gifts and potential within each person. Families can support this at home by encouraging good routines, ensuring children are well rested and prepared for the day, talking positively about learning, and asking children to share something new they have learned each day.



ATTENDANCE

90% ↓ 9%

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



Making great progress with independent work. Well done, Tahirau!



Awesome work in RE, Hunter and Marshall, identifying how God loves and teaches me.

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

Megan

Due to a clash of dates with hall bookings the Disco has been postponed.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Why do Catholics Make the Sign of the Cross?

Catholics make the Sign of the Cross as a simple but powerful expression of our faith. When we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," we remember the Holy Trinity — our belief in one God in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

The Sign of the Cross reminds us of God's love for us and that He is always present in our lives. We often make it at the beginning and end of prayer, helping us to pause, focus our hearts and minds on God, and remember that we are part of God's family.



Helen Collier

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to former student Emma Green who was awarded the Wackrow Award last night. Well done Emma.



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Friday 21 August

The school will be closed for instruction on 21st of August. Teachers will be joining with other teachers in the Dannevirke area for professional development on maths teaching and the curriculum.

SPORT REPORT

Players of the Day



Kaayden



Tom



Knox

Congratulations



Quelan and Azaleah have made the Under 14 Manawatu Basketball reps.

Kaayden, Breyton, Porter and Bryn are in the Soccer reps.

Rippa Tournament

Organisation for years 3 – 8 Rippa tournament will start next week. Teams will be formed for all grades for the tournament on Tuesday 15 September (postponement – Thurs 17 Sept)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

