



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

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

21 May 2026 Term 2 Week 2

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 9 am
- Room 5 – 5 June
- Room 5 Technology – Mondays
- House of Bricks – Fri 22 May
- Whānau Hui – Wed 27 May
- Teachers Only Day – Fri 29 May
- Kings Birthday Holiday – Mon 1 June
- Home & School AGM – Wed 3 June
- Board Meeting – Mon 15 June
- End of Term 2 – Fri 3 July
- Start Term 3 – Mon 20 July



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

Stage 1 of our refurbishment is nearly complete. The wall coverings are finished, and the electrician is now installing heat pumps and completing the electrical work. Not long to wait now! Room 1 and Mrs Larsen will soon be moving back into their refurbished space, while Ms Newell and Room 3 will move into the other newly completed area. Ms Haigh and Room 2 will make the staffroom their temporary home for the time being, where new dividing doors have been installed.

Stage 2 of the refurbishment is set to begin after King's Birthday weekend, so there is plenty of exciting progress happening around the school.

Rooms will be blessed before classes occupy the spaces with a formal blessing to take place at completion.

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

Megan



ATTENDANCE

92% ↓ 2%

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

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.

ATTENDANCE

Food Bank Appeal Evening!



Bring 2 non-perishable food items to the Wednesday 27 May 6pm screening and get free entry to Holy Days.

Food Donated will go to St Vincent De Paul Dannevirke

2 non-perishable items of food = 1 ticket



WHĀNAU HUI

Wednesday 27 May
6pm - Room 5
All Welcome to attend.

Suggested Agenda

- Communication – Ways the school communicates with whānau
- Ideas for further meetings
- Questions and queries....

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Saint Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was a young Italian Catholic who loved computers, football, and helping people in need. Born in 1991, he used his computer skills to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world. Carlo was known for his deep faith, kindness, and simple message that “the Eucharist is my highway to heaven.”



Carlo died from leukemia in 2006 at just 15 years old. He has been made a Saint by the Catholic Church because of his inspiring life of faith and two miracles attributed to his intercession after his death. The first miracle involved the healing of a young Brazilian boy suffering from a rare pancreatic illness after prayers were offered asking for Carlo’s help. The second miracle was the remarkable recovery of a university student from Costa Rica who suffered a severe brain injury after a bicycle accident; her mother had prayed at Carlo’s tomb in Assisi. These miracles were carefully investigated by doctors and Church officials, who concluded that the healings could not be explained medically. Carlo is often called the first “millennial saint” and is a role model for young people today, showing that holiness can be lived through everyday acts of love, prayer, service and devotion to the Eucharist.

An exhibition featuring 40 panels from a Vatican display is touring the diocese, offering an opportunity to learn about and reflect on Eucharistic miracles throughout the centuries. The exhibition will visit St Joseph’s Church on **Wednesday 27 May** and class visits will be arranged during the day. You are more than welcome to visit the church to view the exhibition.

Helen Collier
DRS



SPORT REPORT

Players of the Day

Impressive performances across all Winter Sports this week — congratulations to our Players of the Day winners!



Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to our interschool cross country team. You made us proud today with the way you ran your hearts out and managed yourselves.

Results

Junior Girls – Maci J – 3rd
 Junior boys – Brodie G – 4th
 Intermediate Girls – Poppy B – 2nd
 Intermediate Boys – Rocky H – 2nd
 Senior Girls – Quelan H-T – 3rd
 Senior Boys – Tanner R – 1st
 Zac W – 2nd

St Joseph’s School – 2nd place overall!!!



A huge thank you to our Home & School Committee and whānau who supported the event by helping on the day, baking for the stall, providing supplies and transporting students. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Megan & Rae

600 Yummy stickers already. Great job, keep collecting!