



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

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

20 August 2026 Term 3 Week 5

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 2.30 pm
 - Room 6 – 28 Aug
 - Room 5 – 11 September
 - Room 4 – 25 Sept
- Rm 6 Tech –Tuesdays
- Teachers Only Day - Fri 21 Aug
- Book Week – 24 – 28 Aug
- Grandparents Day – 28 Aug
- DHS Enrolment – Thurs 27 Aug
- Good Blokes Day – 4 September
- Rippa Tournament – 15 Sept (p/p 17 Sept)
- St Matthew's Feast Day – Blue House Non-Uniform – Mon 21 Sept
- Social Justice Week – 21 – 25 Sept
- End of Term 3 – 25 September
- Start of Term 4 – Mon 12 Oct

ATTENDANCE

75%  3%

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.

There is a lot of sickness going around at the moment, which is understandably having an impact on attendance. We appreciate that illness is unavoidable and understand that this may result in increased absences.



PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

It's so nice to have some warmer weather today after the bitter cold of the last few days. Hopefully it sticks around through the weekend.

Who We Are, Wherever We Are.

Earlier this year, our staff worked together to develop an Expected Behaviour Matrix, which outlines the behaviours we expect our students to demonstrate consistently across all areas of school life. We recognise that, for some students, these behaviours need to be explicitly taught, modelled and reinforced. This is where our SAINT Way fortnightly focus plays an important role, giving us the opportunity to focus on and teach specific expectations across the school.

Take a look through this matrix, which you will find at the end of the newsletter.

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

Megan



Excitement on the bus this morning as Rooms 1 and 2 head off to the Science Roadshow.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Awesome work in Maths Fern!

TEACHER ONLY DAY – TOMORROW, FRIDAY 21 AUGUST- SCHOOL CLOSED

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

WHY DO WE MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS?

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

You will often see our students begin and end prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

It is a very simple action, but it says a lot about what Catholics believe. It reminds us of the Trinity – God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It also reminds us of the cross and of Jesus' great love for us.

Making the Sign of the Cross is a way of saying, "God, I am here. I belong to you, and I am putting this time into your hands."

It is one of the first prayers Catholic children learn and one they can carry with them throughout their lives.

First Holy Communion
Sunday 6 September

Tatyana, Ollie, Libby and Ava will be receiving their first Eucharist at Mass at 9am. All welcome to support these children and their families.

Helen Collier
DRS

HOW to MAKE the SIGN of the CROSS



SPORT REPORT

RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Teams have been organised and Information shared on the app for the Rippa Tournament on 15 September. We do require assistance on the day. If you are available, please leave your name at the school office.

Yours in Sport
Jo Brown
Sports Co-ordinator

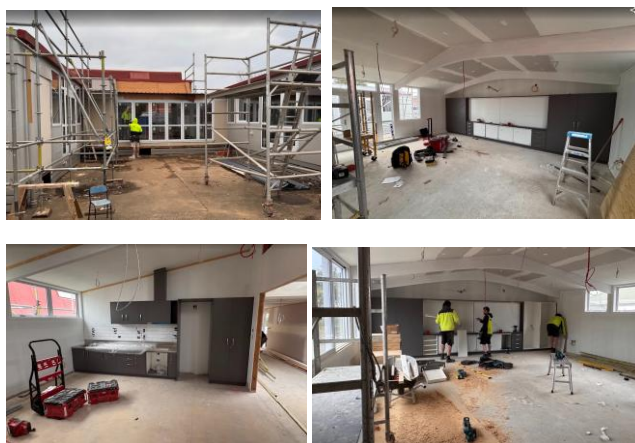
WHĀNAU HUI

Thank you to those who braved the cold weather on Tuesday evening to attend our Whānau Hui. These hui are a valuable opportunity for us to answer your questions, share more about what is happening at our school, and hear your ideas, suggestions and feedback. We really appreciate your input and the opportunity to connect and kōrero together.

Areas already addressed from feedback:

- Notifying whānau about awards
- Keeping parents more informed about incidents
- Murals – Home & School investigating
- Timing of in school events ie end of day rather than the start of the day.
- Information shared about communication & Behaviour management systems

REFURBISHMENT



Huge bifold doors and cabinetry in the art/kitchen space and classrooms is currently going in. Looks amazing!

Good Blokes Day – Friday 4 September

We would love some photos of our students with the Good Blokes in their lives. Please email them to teachers for our celebration.

BOARD TALK

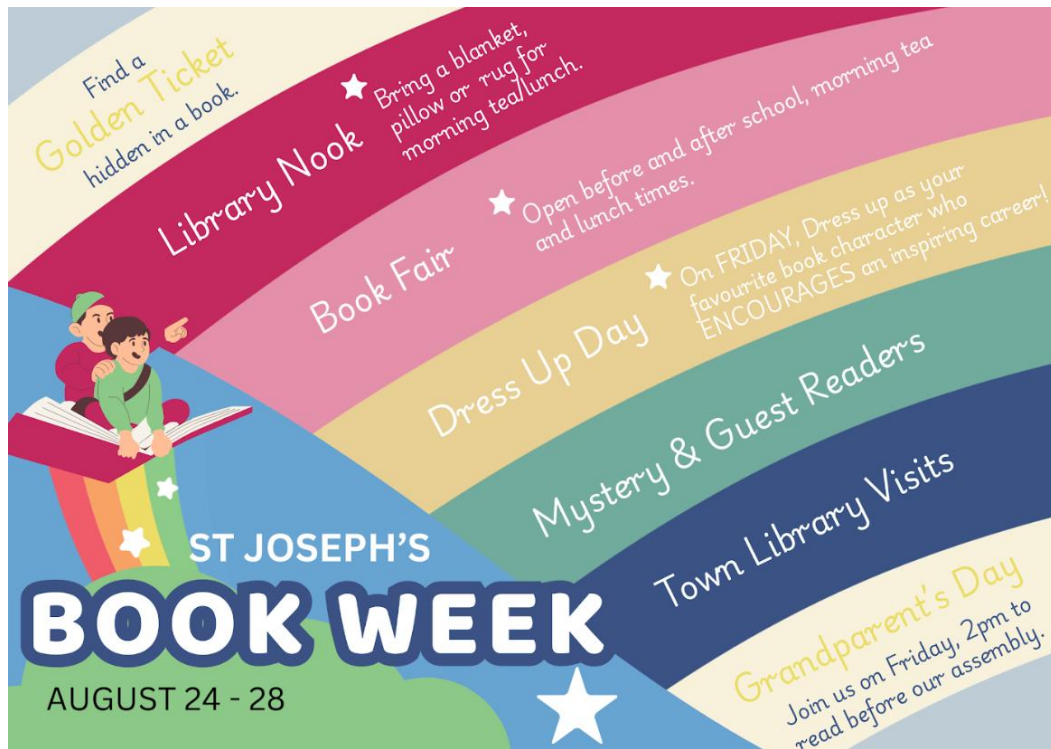
As the Board begins developing our strategic plan for the next few years, we want to ensure that the voices of our whole school community are heard. Your views, ideas and priorities are important in helping shape the future direction of our school, so we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to have their say.

The survey will be available online or as a paper copy shortly. Copies will also be available at the school office, so if you have a few minutes while waiting to collect students after school, we encourage you to complete it then. Our students will also have the opportunity to share their views and will be completing the survey at school.

We encourage all members of our school community to get involved and have their say. Your feedback will play an important part in helping the Board set priorities and guide the direction of our school for the years ahead.

Parent / Caregiver helper's forms for Ranui Farms Camp are due back on Monday 24 August.

BOOK WEEK



We are looking forward to seeing our grandparents and special friends on Friday at 2pm to share some stories in classrooms before assembly in the hall.

BUILDING A POSITIVE CULTURE

WHO WE ARE, WHEREVER WE ARE!			
	WHEN WE LEARN...	WHEN WE PLAY...	WHEN WE GATHER...
S SERVING COMMUNITY We help, share & care for others.	- We listen carefully. - We help others and work as a team. - We share and take turns. - We look after our learning spaces and equipment.	- We play fair and are good sports. - We include others. - We use equipment correctly. - We return equipment to the right place.	- We stay with our class. - We return on time. - We care for people, places, and property.
A ACTING JUSTLY We do the right thing and make good choices.	- We follow instructions respectfully. - We ask for help when needed. - We try our best. - We manage our time.	- We stay in our play areas. - We use equipment safely.	- We line up quietly. - We are in the right place at the right time. - We move safely and considerately.
I INSPIRING DIGNITY We treat everyone with kindness & respect.	- We use gentle hands and gentle feet. - We use appropriate words and voices. - We are ready to learn. - We give things a go.	- We include others. - We take turns and wait patiently.	- We are considerate and accepting. - We are positive and encouraging. - We respect privacy and personal space. - We practise self-control. - We use good manners.
N NURTURING FAITH We live our faith through our actions.	We join in and participate in Catholic life.	We are respectful in all activities.	- We show reverence in sacred spaces. - We care for God's creation. - We share our gifts and talents. - We show gratitude. - We tell the truth, forgive others, and fix our mistakes.
T TAONGA MAI I TE ATUA Who we are wherever we are.	- We keep ourselves safe. - We represent our school with mana and wear our uniform with pride. - We are positive and have fun. - We are role models for others. - We represent ourselves and our whānau with mana.		