



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
DANNEVIRKE

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

10 September 2026 Term 3 Week 8

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 2.30 pm
- Room 5 – 11 September
Room 4 – 25 Sept
- Rm 6 Tech –Tuesdays
- Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori – 14 – 18 September
- Rippa Tournament – 15 Sept (p/p 17 Sept)
- St Matthew's Feast Day – Blue House Non-Uniform – Mon 21 Sept
- Social Justice Week / Caritas Challenge Week – 21 – 25 Sept
- End of Term 3 – 25 September



PRINCIPALS NOTE

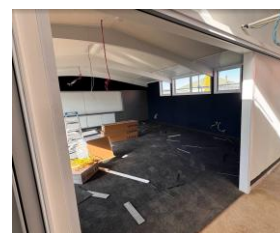
Kia Ora

We were very lucky to have had so many 'Good Blokes' visit on Friday afternoon. Our students love spending time with the good blokes in their lives, playing on the playground and field at school as well as sharing their learning and classrooms.

I will soon be planning our classes and staffing for 2027. If you have a preschooler who has not yet been enrolled or know of a family planning to enrol their child, please contact the school office or encourage them to get in touch. This will help us plan effectively for next year.

Refurbishment Update

Roofing continues, wall linings and flooring have been going down this week.



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

Megan

SAINT WAY FOCUS

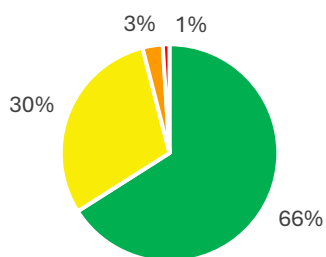
This fortnight at school, we are focusing on:

- **Being kind** with our words and actions.
- **Including others** and helping everyone feel they belong.
- **Respecting differences** – understanding that we are all unique and may have different ideas, cultures, interests and abilities.
- **Thinking about others** and how our actions might make them feel.

You can help at home by talking to your children about these.



ATTENDANCE



- Less than 5 days absence
- Up to 10 days absence
- Up to 15 days absence
- 15 days or more of absence

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Fantastic writing. Well done Milla & Bentley

BOARD REPORT

HAVE YOU COMPLETED OUR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION?

We'd love to hear from you!
Your feedback will help us celebrate what's working well, identify areas for improvement, and plan for the future of our school.
Please complete the survey by **Friday 18 September**.



Every completed survey earns a point for your child's House. The House with the **most completed surveys wins donuts!**

Totals so far...

Red - 12, Green - 16, Gold - 17 & Blue - 21

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

[Community Consultation 2026 Link](#)

Paper copies are available from the school office.

More playground development coming soon! Watch this space!

THE YUMMY FRUIT CO.



Yummy Sticker charts due in at the end of term.
September 25!

SPORT REPORT

Sporting Achievements

Motorcross



Amilah
Fourth in 2 classes of the Manawatu Motocross competition.

Swimming



Adelaide

'Smashed it' at the Manawatu Swimming Meet. Achieved 6 personal bests and has qualified for the Wellington Junior Nationals!

Rippa Tournament

A notice has been put on the app today with information about the day and the teams. If you can help with supervising a team, please contact the school office.

Missing Uniform – Please check at home.

8 x under 8 rugby jerseys
6 x Rippa rugby jerseys
2 x New netball uniforms

Jo Brown
Sports Co-ordinator

School newsletters can be found under the newsletter tab on the school app.

HOME LEARNING

There have been a few questions about homework that have come up during our Community Consultation.

Our policy states:

"At St Joseph's, we do not set formal home learning. We encourage parents and caregivers to engage with students about what they are learning at school."

However, there are some simple ways to support learning at home:

- **Reading** – read regularly with and to your children and talk about what you have read.
- **Spelling** – practise spelling words
- **Maths** – practise times table, telling the time, measuring,
- **Online learning** – use Prime Online, StepsWeb (students have logins) or other sites e.g. [timestables.co.nz](https://www.timestables.co.nz).
- **Typing** – practise keyboard skills with Typing Club online
- **Literacy** – watch Little Learners Love Literacy clips on YouTube.
- **School reports** – try the suggested "ways to help at home".
- **Everyday learning** – play board games, discuss movies, bake
- **Writing** – write a journal, prayers or the grocery list. Send a text message to a family member.
- **RE** – use the Whānau Pages to support Religious Education at home.

Most importantly, keep home learning simple, positive and enjoyable!



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI



Whakanui te Wiki o te Reo Māori

*Celebrate Māori Language Week
Highlighting the different ways te reo
Māori belongs in our everyday lives -
at home, at work, and in our
communities.*

*These themes are designed to help you
plan activities and bring te reo into
different parts of daily life.*

*Our wero this week, is to greet and
farewell each other, and use phrases of
encouragement, using kupu māori*

September 14-19th 2026

Speak Māori, be strong!

Kōrero Māori, kia kaha!

Good morning
Ata Mārie
Moātu rau
Morena

Words of encouragement - Kupu ake ake
Ka mau te wehu! - That's awesome!
He toku koe! - You're so talented!
Kei runga noa atu koe! - You're top notch!

Goodbye
Kia pai te rā-Have a good day
Ka kite anō-See you later
Mā te wā-until next time

What other phrases can you try?
Kia Kaha!

<https://www.reomaori.co.nz/>

Ngāti Kahungunu will be providing a sausage sizzle on Thursday at 1 pm and students
will be able to ask for the sausage in Te Reo Māori
Tēnā homai he tōtiti hīhi O Can I please have a sausage sizzle
me te kinaki tōmato - with tomato saude
me te kinaki mātete - with mustard dause
me ngā aniana - with onions
Tānā koe - thank you

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROAD SAFETY BINGO

Spot items & complete tasks to earn
entries into the draw for your chance to

**WIN A
SCOOTER**



26 Septemeber - 11 October

Hey kids, whether you're
heading away or staying home
these **School Holidays**, play
Road Safety Bingo with **SPLAT!**



Hello my name is
SPLAT
Saving People's Lives
Across Taranaki

SCAN ME
for your Bingo Card



PICK UP A PHYSICAL BINGO CARD FROM **TARANAKI REAP**,
PRINT IT FROM OUR WEBSITE: WWW.TARANAKIAREAP.CO.NZ
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

TARANAKI REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme

Taranaki REAP is proud to be delivering Road Smart Taranaki,
with thanks to NZTA and the Community Road Safety Fund.

**NZ TRANSPORT
AGENCY**
WAKA KOTAHĪ

LOST

PINK UMBRELLA
FROM ROOM 2,
PLEASE CHECK AT
HOME.

CARITAS CHALLENGE WEEK

21 – 25 September

More information in
next week's newsletter