



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

*Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga*

2 February 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 1

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
  - Room 6 - Fri 9 Feb
  - Room 5 – Fri 23 Feb
  - Room 4 – Fri 8 March
  - Room 3 – Fri 22 March
  - Room 2 – Fri 5 April
- Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent meeting – Mon 12 Feb
- Ash Wednesday Mass – 14 Feb
- Swimming Starts – Wed 14 Feb
- Assembly – Room 5 – 23 Feb
- School Swimming Sports – Tues 12 March
- Interschool Swimming – Tues 26 March
- Good Friday – 29 March
- Easter Holidays Mon 1 & Tues 2 April
- Term 1 ends – Fri 12 April

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kia Ora

Welcome back to school. It has been great to see everyone. We are looking forward to a busy and eventful year, beginning shortly with swimming.

We would like to welcome 9 new students to St Joseph's this week: Angela in Room 1, Hunter in Room 2, Lucas and Brooklyn in Room 3, Levi in Room 4, Ranger, Eden and Lacie in Room 5 and Maddie in Room 6. We also welcome Maxine Haigh, teacher in Room 2 and Kat Easton who will be working in Room 4 on Mondays. We are also lucky to have Stuart Amer back providing release in Rooms 1 & 2. There will be a powhiri welcome for our new students and their families on Friday 9 February at 9am. All welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Leighton, Chloe, Harper and Esmee on the birth of their daughter and sister Miley. Congratulations, also to Mrs Collier who has a new granddaughter, Riley. Well done Tina & Jessie

Our condolences to Tep, Jayde and Zane on the death of Anthony. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you, your family and friends.

Thank you for the prompt payment of stationery. It is much appreciated and makes for a smooth start to the term.

Please note we will be at school on Monday, Tuesday, Waitangi Day is a holiday.

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

### Why should I be involved?

- Parents and guardian are their child first teacher. This role does not end when children enter school.
- Only 13% of a child's time is spent in school. 87% is in the home and community.
- Studies shows that children whose parents are actively involved in their education perform much better.

A CHILD IS BEST SERVED IF A PARENT  
CROSSES THE THRESHOLD OF SCHOOL

## TERM THEME

The Time is Now

Ko Tēnei Tonu te Wā.

Our focus is the Health curriculum and we will be teaching the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme in conjunction with Police Education Officer Max Walshe.

Keeping Ourselves Safe is a comprehensive child abuse prevention programme for schools. Its purpose is to:

- teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face
- teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help
- prevent abuse by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help students avoid abuse

A parent meeting will be held on **Monday 12 February at 3.15 in Te Whare** to discuss the contents of the programme.

## HAVE YOU CHANGED CLASSES ON THE SKOOL LOOP APP?

## SPORT REPORT

### Swimming

Swimming begins in week 3 on Wed 14 February. It will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 1 until 2.30, for 3 weeks following. 11 sessions in total with the final to be swim safe lessons.

All students will need to bring their togs (one piece for girls), a towel and will need goggles and a cap. All clearly named please. More information will follow shortly.



### JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

**MONDAY** nights starting 12th February 2024

**Please register now!!!**

**BLUE** School Years 1-2  
Basic hand eye coordination & ball skills  
\$60 for 8 x 30 min sessions. 3.30pm  
Coach led—parents you are required to help please

**RED** School Years 3-4  
Basic tennis skills  
\$80 for 8 x 40 min sessions. 4.00pm & 4.40pm

**ORANGE** School Years 5 & 6  
Stroke development & rallying  
\$100 for 8 x 50 min sessions. 5.25 pm & 6.15pm

**GREEN** School Years 7 & 8  
Stroke development, rallying & point structure for singles & doubles tennis  
\$120 for 8 x 60 min sessions. 7.10pm

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SESSIONS RUN BY:  
**PROMAC TENNIS**  
Head coach  
Kurt McNamara

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:



<https://clubspark.kiwi/DannevirkeTennisClub>

OR EMAIL [dannevirketennis@gmail.com](mailto:dannevirketennis@gmail.com)

MINIMUM / MAXIMUM CLASS SIZES APPLY

Groups & times to be confirmed after registrations are closed.

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## ASSEMBLY

This term we are going to trial having assemblies on Friday mornings at 9 am every second week starting next Friday 9 February. All are welcome to attend.

## POWHIRI

**Friday 9 February - 9am**

All are invited to come along and support our new families as we welcome them with our termly Powhiri. It will be followed by assembly and morning tea in the staffroom.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

This year our school lunches will be provided by Ngati Kahungunu out of the Sugar & Salt Café. They have been amazing this week. Ham and cheese sandwich, filled rolls, a BLT and wraps plus fruit, yoghurt and brownie. Yum! Students have really enjoyed them.



## INTERVIEWS

**Tuesday 13 & Wed 14 Feb**

Interview appointment times and information will be sent out via the Skool Loop App next week.

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### Sacramental Programmes

We will shortly be offering the Sacramental programmes of Baptism and First Holy Communion. Please consider whether you would like your children to participate in either or both of these programmes. Preparation will be done at school but will require support from parents.

### Father Marcus

Father Marcus has returned to the Hastings Parish as of this week. We would like to thank him for his contribution to our Parish and School while he has been in Dannevirke. We are currently awaiting the appointment of a new priest for our Parish.

Lord, we thank you for this new school year, for all the ways we will learn and grow. We ask you to fill us with the wisdom and joy of your Spirit.

May everything we do be a sign of your Holy Spirit's presence among us.

We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord.



## PB4L FOCUS – We are Kaitiaki of our Kura.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is something that we work on together as a school. Some of the things we will be focusing on are:

- Keeping their belongings together and tidy.
- Being respectful of school property.
- Putting things away carefully where they belong.
- Picking up litter and put it in the bin.
- Recycling
- Helping in class to keep the environment tidy.

You can help at home by reinforcing these messages.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### The Incredible Years®

Incredible Years® is a 14-week parenting programme that promotes positive parent-child relationships and can assist parents in managing children's behaviour.



Excited to have this year's programme delivered in Dannevirke. For parents of 3 to 7 year olds



**Wednesdays starting 21 February**  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

FREE

Contact Tararua REAP or Tararua Community Services to register

**TARARUA REAP**  
Rural Education Activities Programme

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### Positive Parenting Online 'Dealing with disobedience'

Want your child to listen to instructions and follow them straight away? Join the zoom session to create your own family plan to prevent disobedience.



"Gave me ideas of where to start and what to do next. Excited to try new strategies"  
Feedback from previous participant.

**Monday 12 February 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**

Registration is essential at least 1 week prior to course date

Fighting and Aggression + Sleep Solution topics are available too! Contact Tararua REAP for more info.



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## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

Forms will be sent home next Wednesday to be completed and returned by Friday 9 February. All students need to complete the form whether they are having the immunisations at school or not. Please read the form carefully.

## MEDICATIONS

If your child requires medication at school, including inhalers can they be sent to school. They were sent home at the end of last year. Please check the expiry dates.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Phoebe shared her fantastic work with me today. What a clever cookie!! Thanks Freya for being such a good friend and bringing her over.