

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga

11 April 2024

TERM 1

WEEK 11

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
 - Room 1 Fri 10 May
 - Room 6 Fri 24 May
 - Room 5 Fri 7 June
- End of term 1 Friday 12 April
- Start of term 2 Monday 29 April
- Powhiri Fri 3 May
- School Mass Sun 5 May
- Pie Orders Due Mon 13 May
- Zero Waste Mon 13 17 May
- Board Meeting 20 May
- Pie Order Delivery Fri 31 May
- School Cross Country Wed 29 May P/p Wed 5 June
- Interschool Cross Country Wed 12 June

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kia Ora

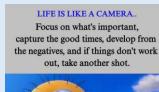
Our condolences to Sarah Newell and family on the death of her Grandmother Maureen Blackford. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you all.

I hope everyone has a happy and restful break in preparation for a busy term 2.

Huge thank you to our wonderful staff for a hectic start to the year. You are all amazing!

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

Megan





PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS











These students have done some amazing things in literacy and art in the last week! Don't forget to check out Poppy's story in the newsletter!

DOUGHBOYS PIES

Order forms have been given to students to bring home today. Please ensure your name is at the top of the order form. It is helpful also to make sure names on the order form match those on the direct deposit into the Home & School bank account. Thanks



TERM TWO THEME

"Common Good" He painga mā te katoa

Next term we have a science focus. We also have a visit from Zero Waste in week 3.

The term theme is one of our Catholic Social Teachings and links nicely to science as well as care for our environment. Teachers have spoken with their classes about their interests in this area and preparation for an engaging learning programme is well underway.

SPORT REPORT

Hockey

School Parent Rep - Andrew Blake

Teams named by the students.

St Joseph's Wahs	St Joseph's Slayers
Fern Day	Porter Rowe
Brodie Gore	Thomas Southgate
Hadley Macdonald	Maci Jones
Lexi Macdonald	Lusia Fapiano
Lochie Gibbs	Johnny Gibbs
Diane Thompson	Flynn Ransom
Harper Nikora-Veitch	
Coach: Kim Macdonald	Coach: Needed
St Joseph's Super Sticks	St Joseph's Snakes
Levi Corbin	Ruby Ransom
Tori Green	Tanner Ransom
Jayda Gore	Remi Jones
Ruby Gibbs	Kaayden Zachan
Zac Wrenn	Stella Southgate
Coach: Needed	Coach: Robyn Hargreaves
St Joseph's CathSticks	St Joseph's Quick Sticks
Maddy Corbin	Levi Ransom
Indie Cantwell	Indie Ransom
Nate Gore	Lillian Walshe
Anaya Buckeridge	Belle Rainey
Charlie Brans	Charlie Gibbs
Lauren Brans	Maizey Wrenn
Coach: Fiona Brans	Coach: Andrew Blake

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Lord God,

Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these holiday days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Have a wonderful holiday!

We would love to hear from you on your child's sporting achievements inside and outside of school. Please email me pictures and information so we can publish here.

Takaro Kaha, Kia Tika Play Hard, Be Fair

Nadia

VISITOR

We had a visit from a Canine Friend earlier in the week. The students loved seeing Benson and we hope he is able to visit again soon.



ATTENDANCE

You will have heard that attendance is a priority for the Ministry of Education as absences have a significant impact on a child's learning. We regularly monitor student attendance and it is reported to the Board at every meeting.

The Ministry target by the end of 2024 is to have 70% of students attending more than 90%. Today ours sits at 65%.

Attendance Rates Across the Year		
Acceptable	95%	10 days (2 weeks absent
		across the school year)
A Concern	90%	20 days (4 weeks absent
		across the school year)
Critical	85%	30 Days (6 weeks missed,
Concern		over half a term)
Very Serious	80%	40 days (8 weeks missed,
		nearly 1 term)

An interesting but scary fact – If your child misses a day a fortnight, by the time they reach year 10 they will have missed a whole year of school!







STUDENT WRITING

Penguin Gaze

By Poppy Buchanan – Year 5



Dusk was falling over the inky sky. The glistening moon alight. All was quiet, all was still, stars dotted through the night. Two penguins waddled towards the shore, as the air began to chill. The breeze flowed through the penguin's coat.

Across the ocean over the glistening waves, was a dazzling city. It's colourful light shine brightly in the crescent moons glow. The penguins got together, mother and chick and embraced each other, in a warm welcome hug. A bond was developing, a loving one, too.

They both turned around to gaze at the mainland glad to be away from the hustle and bustle of the dazzling city. The wind whistled, the moon beamed, the sun began to rise. The sky now complete with a magenta purple, pumpkin orange, cherry blossom pink and pale yellow sunset. The sea birds awoke with a deafening cry, the city becoming more visible, flower buds opened, multi-coloured petals blowing in the strong flow of the wind. The penguins on Penguin Island slowly opened their eyes gazing at the beautiful sunny coasts of Western Australia.

The penguins began to dive and play, splashing around. The mother went off in search of food while the baby swam in the shallows. The little chick stared at the city reflections in the water, his tummy aching in hunger. He couldn't wait to feast on a banquet of fish. The little chick yawned, then lay down and rested, what a night. Then the chick chose to sleep in his nest.