



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga

8 February 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 2

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
- Parent Interview – Tues 13 & Wed 14 Feb
- Ash Wednesday Mass – 14 Feb
- Swimming Starts – Wed 14 Feb
- Board Meeting – Mon 19 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

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kia Ora

I found this post made by a school principal on his school's Facebook page. Makes for some interesting reading.

Kia Ora Koutou

School is about to start for 2024, so I am asking you to please sit down with your tamariki for just 5 minutes and explain that being very tall, short, chubby, skinny, black or white is no joke, and that you should not tease other kids if you think they are one of those!

That there is nothing wrong with wearing the same shoes every day, or in fact wearing no shoes at all!

Explain to them that a used backpack, or brown paper bag carry the same dreams, and do the same job as a new one,

Teach them not to exclude someone because they are "different" or do not have the same opportunities as others. Explain that teasing hurts...and that they go to school to LEARN, NOT to compete.

YOU AND I HAVE THE SAME VALUE! EDUCATION STARTS AT HOME...

It's *AT HOME* that tamariki should learn to say:

- 01 - Good morning
- 02 - Good afternoon
- 03 - Good evening
- 04 - Please
- 05 - With your permission
- 06 - Sorry
- 07 - Forgive me
- 08 - Thank you very much
- 09 - Thank you
- 10 - I was wrong

It's *AT HOME* that we also learn to:

- 01 - Be honest
- 02 - Be punctual
- 03 - Do not insult
- 04 - Be polite
- 05 - Respect everyone: friends, colleagues, elders, teachers, authorities

Still *at home* we learn to:

- 01 - Eat everything
- 02 - Do not talk with your mouth full
- 03 - Have personal hygiene
- 04 - Don't throw litter on the ground
- 05 - Help parents with their daily chores
- 06 - Don't take what doesn't belong to you
- 07 - Be content with what you have
- 08 - Work honestly to earn a living
- 09 - Dress with modesty

At home we still learn to:

- 01 - Get organized
- 02 - Take care of your belongings
- 03 - Do not touch other people's belongings
- 04 - Respect the rules,
- 05 - Speak your mother tongue(s), master your culture and spirituality

Because *AT SCHOOL* teachers should teach: ■ Mathematics
■ English ■ Science ■ Health and Physical education ■ Art and Music - Well Being - Te Ao Maaori: Tikanga me Te Reo Maaori - Support their growth of self esteem and confidence - Be proud of who they are.

And only reinforce what the tamariki have learned *AT HOME*!!!
Because it is from what we have learned *AT HOME* that the individual will be respected, that he will respect life.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PARENT MEETING

Monday 12 February – 3.15 – Te Whare

Please come along to hear about the contents of the programme and ask any questions you may have.

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

Megan

SPORT REPORT

Swimming

Swimming begins next week on Wed 14 February. 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. Children will walk to the pool with their class at the designated time. Rooms 1 & 6 swim at 1pm, Room 2 & 5 at 1.30 and Room 3 & 4 at 2pm. Parents are welcome to visit and watch lessons.



Winter Sports

As yet we have had no information directly to the school regarding registrations. As soon as we do, we will add it to the Skool App. Don't forget to join the sports groups on the app under settings so you stay informed. There are messenger groups for individual sports which is great for information sharing but these are organised by parents. All information from the school regarding sports will be on the app or in newsletters as soon as it is made available to us.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

It was great to have Father Bryan Buenger at Mass this morning with us. He is back on a quick visit from Phoenix, Arizona. Father Bryan was our Parish Priest about 5 years ago.



Weetbix Try

Tuesday 19 March – Palmerston North
Bookings can be made via the website.
[Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon](#)

Hockey AGM



We are looking for a parent rep for Hockey for this year. Thanks Fiona filling the roll. Please contact the office if you are able to help us out.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR INTERVIEW TIME ON THE APP? TUESDAY 13 OR DWENESDAY 14 FEBRUARY.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter Sunday. During the Mass the Priest puts ashes in the shape of a cross on the forehead. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us and grief that we have sinned. The Church asks that we are prayerful, reflective and seek penance during the time of Lent.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday Celebrations from the previous year.



Please join us for Mass in the Church on Wednesday morning.