



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena I ngā Hiranga

30 October 2025 TERM 4 WEEK 4

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
 - No Assembly – 31 Oct
 - Room 6 – 14 Nov
 - Room 5 – 28 Nov
 - Room 4 – 12 Dec
- Tech R5 Year 7s – Tuesdays
- All Saints/Souls Day – Fri 31 Oct
- School Athletics – Fri 7 Nov (P/P – Fri 14 Nov)
- School Photos – Thurs 13 Nov
- Interschool Athletics – Wed 19 Nov (p/p – 26 Nov)
- Junior Tabloids – Fri 21 Nov
- Ki O Rahi Tournament – Thurs 27 Nov
- DHS Open Day – Thurs 4 Dec
- Thanksgiving – Tues 16 Dec
- Poroporoaki – Wed 17 Dec
- End of School Year – Wed 17 Dec

ATTENDANCE

66% ↑ 1%

of our students are currently attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Awesome work in reading & writing!
Well done Bayleigh and Riley.



PRINCIPALS NOTE

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Kia Ora

Thank you so much to all who made our Mission Day Gala a success – the senior students, who organised the games and fun run, the local fire brigade, parents and caregivers who contributed to baking and trash and treasure stalls, those who helped out on the day and our staff. Your contributions are much appreciated. We raised nearly \$1000 for those in need. This is a great example of our SAINT Value of Serving Community, Mahi Hapori. Serving our community and having fun!

The SAINT Way Focus

Our next SAINT Way focus is on Caring for the Environment — showing respect for our school and the world around us. Students are learning to care for our environment by putting rubbish in the correct bins, keeping our classrooms and playgrounds tidy, and taking pride in the spaces we share like the toilets. Caring for what we have helps everyone feel safe and proud of our school.

Parents can support this focus at home by:

1. Encouraging children to sort recycling, and waste correctly.
2. Helping children keep their rooms clean and tidy to show respect for their belongings and space.
3. Reminding children to put things away in the correct place.

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

Megan

Care For Our Environment

Tiakina tō tātou taiao



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."
Genesis 2:15

No assembly tomorrow due to All Saints / All Souls Commemorations.

BOARD NEWS

Introducing Our Board

Hi there,

I'm Adam, Chair of the Board. I am a dry stock farmer in the Otopo district with my wife and 3 kids. My daughter has gone through primary school at St Joseph's and is now at secondary school, while my 2 sons are currently here.

I am excited by the new development projects that our school has coming up in the next 18 months. These will help support our school staff to provide our students every opportunity to learn & grow.



Board Meeting Update

Uniform

The new culottes will be available online at NZ Uniforms from the start of next year and will be phased in over a two-year period. The current culottes will continue to be sold at a reduced price of \$30.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Ms Sarah Newell has been appointed to the full-time permanent position recently advertised. Sarah will continue teaching in Room 3 next year. The Board also confirmed that the number of teacher aides will remain the same for 2026.

Property

Construction of the new playground will begin shortly, with installation expected to be completed in early 2026. Thanks to the Home & School for a great fundraising effort.

Junior Block Refurbishment

Tenders are currently being reviewed by the Diocesan Property Manager. The Board and staff are also considering internal and external colour schemes, as the entire school is scheduled for painting in 2026.

Adam Roe
Board Chair

SPORT REPORT

Touch

Great to see our students enjoying Friday night touch. Please let coaches or managers know if your child is not going to be a touch before Friday.

Thanks to Jamie Hape for helping coach our touch refs last week. Much appreciated.

Congratulations Porter



More motorcross success, second in Taupo last weekend!

Athletics Sports - See information below.

Please mark the interschool athletics sports on your calendars.

Wednesday 19 November

Postponement Wednesday 26 November.

Helpers will be required.

Takaro Kaha, Kia Tika

Play Hard, Be Fair

Jo Brown

Sports Co-ordinator

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

All Saints / All Souls Commemoration & Cemetery Visit

10 am in the Church

All welcome to attend.

November – Month of All Souls

November is a special time in our Catholic tradition when we remember and pray for all those who have died. It's a month of reflection, gratitude, and hope, reminding us that love and faith continue beyond this life. By commemorating All Souls, we honour the memory of our loved ones and all members of our faith community who have gone before us, keeping their spirit alive through our prayers and acts of kindness.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation will start shortly for year 8 students and above. Please contact me if your child would like to be included.

Helen Collier
DRS

ATHLETICS SPORTS

Date: Friday 7 November 2025

POSTPONEMENT: Friday 14 November 2025

Venue: Dannevirke Domain

Athletic Groups: Ages as at 19 November 2025

- Juniors (8 and 9 year olds)
- Intermediate (10 and 11 year olds)
- Senior (12+ year olds)

Starting Time: 9:30 a.m - completed by 2:30 p.m



Lunch Time:

All children will have their "Lunches in Schools" on completion of the rotations at approximately 1pm. We ask all children to bring a full drink bottle of **water** and a healthy snack for morning tea to have in between stations.

School Sports Uniform:

To be worn by all students while participating in both senior and junior sports - PLAIN BLACK SHORTS/ ST JOSEPH'S BLUE SPORTS TOP, UNIFORM HAT.

Clothing:

Suitable mufti clothing should be worn to suit weather conditions including your school sun hat (NO CAPS) and remember sunscreen.

Families are most welcome all day but please try to come for lunch.

Parent helpers are needed to supervise various activities and be judges for running races. Please leave your name at the Office (374-7910).

Programme:

9:30 - sprints - Junior, Intermediate & Senior

Station 1 - high jump

Station 2 - long jump

Station 3 - discus

Station 4 - shot put

Station 5 - distance year 0 to 3, 400m, junior 400m, intermediate 800m and senior 800m

Station 6 - softball throw

Each year group will be experiencing all aspects of athletics in a rotation programme.

The last event of the day is the HOUSE RELAY

Important Note

5, 6 and 7 year olds will leave the school at 9:30 ready to start their tabloid sports at 10:00 am

Jo Brown

Sports Co-ordinator