



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DANNEVIRKE

'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence' AMDG

Manaakitia e te Wairua, Whakatenatena i ngā Hiranga

20 November 2025 TERM 4 WEEK 7

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Fridays 9 am (even weeks)
 - Athletics Awards - 14 Nov
 - Room 5 – 28 Nov
 - Room 4 – 12 Dec
- Tech R5 Year 7s – Tuesdays
- Junior Tabloids – Fri 21 Nov
- Interschool Athletics 26 Nov
- DHS Enrolments – Sat 22 Nov
- Ki O Rahi Tournament – Thurs 27 Nov
- DHS Open Day – Thurs 4 Dec
- Thanksgiving – Tues 16 Dec 6pm
- Poroporoaki – Wed 17 Dec 1pm
- End of School Year – Wed 17 Dec
- Term 1 2026 – Mon 2 February



PRINCIPALS NOTE

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Kia Ora

As we enter the final four weeks of the school year, everyone is feeling tired, students, teachers and staff. Recently, we've noticed an increase in behaviours that do not reflect our SAINT Way values. Through our current focus, Be Respectful, Kia Whakaute, we are continuing to maintain high standards around uniform, language and behaviour.

We are also noticing that many of our senior students are struggling with tiredness, and there have been concerns about late-night messaging between students. This is affecting their behaviour, wellbeing, and readiness to learn each day. We encourage parents to actively monitor evening screen time and help support healthy routines by keeping nighttime communication to a minimum. With your support, we will continue to keep routines tight and ensure students remain engaged in purposeful learning as we finish the year strong. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to our school community.

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

Megan



ATTENDANCE

67%  1%

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

FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets have been put into classrooms to collect items for our Thanksgiving celebrations food baskets. Items can be delivered to classrooms and will be donated to St Vinnies.

Room 1	– Christmas Treats
Room 2	– Baking Items
Room 3	– Christmas Treats
Room 4	– Pantry Basics – gravies, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, soups, jams, tea, coffee etc
Room 5	– Cleaning Products & Toiletries
Room 6	– Pantry Basics – Canned items

Thank you for your support of those in need in our community.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



All outstanding uniforms from winter sports and tracksuits to be returned to school asap please.

Awesome effort with home reading Acacia.

SPORT REPORT

Athletic Sports Results

Senior Boys	Senior Girls
1 st Levi R 2 nd Gus 3 rd Kaayden 	1 st Belle 2 nd Eden 3 rd Anaya 
Intermediate Boys	Intermediate Girls
1 st Tanner 2 nd = Flynn & Zac 	1 st Poppy B 2 nd = Winter & Mila 
Junior Boys	Junior Girls
1 st Lucas 2 nd Quinn 3 rd Jonty 	1 st Maci 2 nd Izzy 3 rd Elana 

Sporting Achievements

Motor Cross



Congratulations Porter.
2nd for his age group in the Natural Terrain Series in Manawatu.

Jo Brown
Sports Co-ordinator

All library books to be returned so we can do our annual stock take.

**Flatmate wanted. Phone Cheryl
027 895 7854**

Junior Running

5 Year Old Boys	5 Year Old Girls
	
Kahson, Miles, Tamaki	Emily, Freya, Milka
6 Year Old Boys	6 Year Old Girls
	
Hadley, Ryker, Harvey	Andriya, Ashlynn, Angela, Scarlett
7 Year Old Boys	7 Year Old Girls
	
Korbyn, Ollie, Lochie	Fern, Ava, Phoebe, Willow

BOARD NEWS

Hi, I'm Vaughan Barrow, one of three Bishops representatives. From a board perspective my areas of interest are with the disadvantaged students, monitoring boys' education and narrowing the school parish divide. I am a farmer with interests in construction and theology. I am married to Diane with presently three children in the final years of secondary education.

As a parent, whose kids have not attended St Josephs, we have a very good school!





20 November 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

You may be aware that Parliament is currently considering changes to the Education and Training Act that would remove the requirement for schools to "give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi" in policy and curriculum.

At St Joseph's School, we want to reassure our community that this change will **not** affect our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

As a Catholic school, our values guide us to honour tangata whenua and support all students to grow in their identity and understanding of who they are. Our long history of integrating te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, and local history into school life will continue.

The Board remains committed to supporting staff with ongoing professional learning to deepen our understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and culturally responsive practice. This helps ensure that our teaching honours each child's identity, heritage, and potential.

We are guided by our Catholic faith and our SAINT values, and will continue to:

- Support our tamariki to feel proud of their identity and whakapapa
- Teach our shared local history
- Include karakia, te reo and tikanga Māori in daily school life
- Work closely with whānau to build strong partnerships
- Help all tamariki flourish in both Te Ao Māori and Te Ao Katorika

This is not a political stance—it reflects who we are as a school and our ongoing commitment to doing what is right for our children, whānau and community.

Whaia te tika – Let us always do what is right.

We remain committed to *Nurturing the Spirits and Encouraging Excellence* for all.

Mā te Atua tātou katoa e manaaki

The St Joseph's School Board