



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 9 am
  - Room 6 – 13 Feb
  - Room 5 – 27 Feb
  - Room 3 – 13 March
  - Room 2 – 27 March
- Room 6 Technology – Tuesdays
- School Mass – Sunday 15 Feb
- Ash Wednesday – Wed 18 Feb
- Meet the Teacher Interviews
  - Monday 16 February
  - Thursday 19 February
- Swimming – Tues, Wed, Thurs
  - Weeks 4, 5 & 6
- School Swimming Sports – Mon 16 March
- Interschool Swimming Sports – Tues 31 March
- End of Term 1 – Thurs 2 April
- Start Term 2 – Mon 20 April

## LUNCHES

We are eating together at our first kai time in the lunch area by the admin block.

It would be much appreciated if you could put cutlery in your child's lunch box for this time as we no longer receive it with our lunches in schools.

## SCHOOL MASS

**Sunday 15 February at 8.45am**

All families are warmly invited to attend this special Welcome Mass, which marks the beginning of the school year and brings our whole school community together as we start a new year. As a Catholic school, attendance at the school Mass each term is an expected and important part of our shared faith life.



## PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

It was great to see all our students back on Monday, smiling and ready for learning. We have missed them!

This week we welcome our new students and their families. Bentley in Room 4, Daisy and Charlie in Room 1. We hope they enjoy their time with us at St Joseph's School.

We are excited for our renovations to start, hopefully with fencing and scaffolding up in the next few days. Classes are settled into their temporary spaces. Room numbers will remain the same in these spaces.



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

*Megan*

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Monday 16 & Thursday 19 February from 3.20pm

These meetings are an important part of the curriculum and are held early in the year to help us understand your child better and strengthen the home-school partnership.

We also want to hear from you! Please share your child's interests, strengths, and learning goals with us.

This year, bookings will be made through our Skool Loop app. A notice will be sent home early next week with booking instructions

**Room 1 Parents:** Interviews are held after 6 weeks and 6 months of schooling and Mrs Larsen will make contact individually with you.

**Thank you for your prompt payment of stationery.**

## ATTENDANCE

We are now required by the Ministry of Education to publish our Attendance Management Plan on our school website. This outlines our procedures for monitoring attendance at St Joseph's. Please take time to have a read of it.

### [Attendance Management Plan](#)

Attendance information is taken from our student management system daily by the Ministry and we are required to enter a reason for absence. Please leave this information when you record an absence with us.

All absences need to be made to the school office, not the classroom teachers please.

## SWIMMING

At St Joseph's School, we believe swimming is an essential part of our Physical Education Programme. As a nation surrounded by water, we encourage our students to develop water safety skills, enjoy being in the water, build fitness, and take part in competition.

All students will receive 9 lessons over the next 3 weeks we will be going down in class groups. **Lessons will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting on Feb 24th.** All students will be swimming at the same time utilising school and Wai Splash instructors.

### Class sessions

1.00 – 1.30 - Rooms 3 & 4

1.30 – 2.00 - Rooms 2 & 5

2.00 – 2.30 - Rooms 1 & 6

(Room 6 students will return early from technology and delivered directly to the pool on Tuesdays.)

## UNIFORM

Great to see everyone back in summer uniform looking smart. We have a few girls in the new culottes which look great!

Please ensure hair below the collar is tied up with black or navy hair ties. Earrings are gold or silver studs please.



## COMMUNICATION

Please remember to join the appropriate class and groups on the SkoolLoop app to ensure you get all information you need. This is the best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Newsletters will continue to be emailed and put on the loop on Thursdays.

A term calendar has been shared on the app and a hard copy will be sent home with students today.

Don't hesitate to give us a call if you have questions.

## YUMMY STICKERS



Keep collecting those yummy stickers off fresh fruits. A collection sheet has been sent home today. Stickers and the yummy bag labels can be exchanged for sports gear at the end of the year.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Toi Kopere Darts**  
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT  
UNDER 18 YEARS!!

ST JOSEPHS HALL | ALLARDICE STREET | DANNEVIRKE  
3:30 - 5:00 pm | STARTS MONDAY FEB 9<sup>th</sup>  
EVERY MONDAY OF TERM ONE

REGISTER INTEREST | EMAIL:  
PHILAMENA@KAHUNGUNUTNAR.CO.NZ

COACHING BY TOP LOCAL DART PLAYERS!  
EVERY MONDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

Ngāti Kahungunu  
ki Tamaki-maui-a-Rua

**Tackling Technology**

DATE  
6pm, Thursday  
19 February 2026

VENUE  
The Hub  
23 Gordon Street  
Dannevirke

RSVP  
Taranua REAP  
Ph 06 374 6565

Light supper served  
FREE EVENT

Raising kids in a digital world  
Technology can be a helpful tool, but it's also a minefield – especially for our kids!  
With the latest information on topics including cyberbullying, grooming and sextortion, as well as insights on parental controls, appropriate boundaries and healthy habits, this talk is your vital guide to keeping kids safer online.

Sharon Elliott, Parent Coach  
Sharon Elliott is passionate about helping the parents of our next generation through great parenting. Mum of four teenagers, Sharon is grateful to her own parents for teaching her the importance of connection when it comes to raising confident and resilient kids.

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YEAR 1-4

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