



WELCOME BACK



**May God bless you with
Wisdom in each decision
Strength in each responsibility
Success in each endeavour
Joy in each commitment
Peace in each relationship
Love in everything!**



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS



Rules Aren't All Bad

Rules can be frustrating, but they often serve a good purpose. This week Jesus compares himself to the gate that closes the sheep's pen and keeps trouble out of their lives. Scripture scholars say that shepherds in Jesus' time actually became gates at night by sleeping across the opening of the pens.

Young people face a lot of rules – gates that seem to pen them in. Some come from parents, some from teachers and coaches, and others from our Church. But the goal is to keep them from problems they might not expect.

Rules about Mass attendance help keep us connected to God and to the community that can help us when we face tough times.

This week, if you face a frustrating rule, ask for the reason behind it. I bet behind it, you'll find someone who loves you and who, like Jesus, wants to keep trouble out of your life.

What rules frustrate you the most? What might be the reasons behind those rules?

D.R.S

Sacraments

In its broad sense the term sacrament refers to ways in which the invisible saving power of God is made visible through created things. But properly speaking a sacrament is "a visible sign of invisible grace". The Second Vatican Council spoke of Christ as the sacrament of God, and the Church (Us) as the sacrament of Christ. In particular it refers to the seven sacraments of the church which are signs and instruments of God's grace.

Baptism

Congratulations to Kordae Timu and Riley Hautapu on their Baptisms, the first Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Any parents who are considering Baptism for their child/children please contact me to discuss how we can make this possible.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

A number of parents and children have indicated their desire to commence preparation for these two Sacraments. A note will come home shortly with further information and the dates for these two sacraments. It is truly exciting to see so many children expressing their desire to prepare to receive these. The Holy Spirit is very active in their lives. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to ask.

Term 2 School and Parish Mass

School Mass-Mother's Day May 14th 9.00am followed by Morning tea and games at the School. Invite other whanau/family and friends to come and join us to celebrate as a community and welcome any new members to our school community. Nau mai, haere mai.

COMING UP EVENTS

TERM 2

May	Monday 8 – Friday 12	Life Truck Education
	Sunday 14	SCHOOL MASS MOTHER'S DAY
	Monday 15	Vision and Hearing
	Thursday 18	Board meeting
	Wednesday 24	DHS Open evening
June	Monday 5	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
	Tuesday 13	St Joseph's Cross Country (Pp day Friday 16)
	Wednesday 14	7 Aside Tournament
	Monday 26	Inter-school Cross Country (Pp Wednesday 28)
	Friday 30	End of term 2

ATTENDANCE DUES

It's that time of year again where our office receives contact from our families asking about attendance dues and applying for tax rebates on them.

If you are unaware, attendance dues are a compulsory fee and not a donation, therefore unable to be claimed through a tax rebate.

If you have any other concerns regarding attendance dues please feel free to contact me through school or the Diocesan Office in Palmerston North 0800200208.

UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see our students proudly wearing the correct uniform. This week I visited the classrooms to inspect uniforms. I noticed that some girls were still wearing white skivvies, please remember that these are no longer part of our school uniform and have been replaced with the long sleeve blouse.





Also just a reminder that this year is the last year for the Pinafore which has been replaced with the Culottes and the green polo shirt (sports uniform) which has been replaced with the navy blue sports top. These can be purchased from the office.

If you require a sports top for your child, please order this early next week as we will put an order into our supplier on Wednesday. We have samples of sizes in the school office. Cost is \$25.00 which can be paid at the office or through internet banking 02-0612-0089632-00

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please forward your address to admin@stjosephsdvke.school.nz so you can be added to the send list.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rugby Skills Session – Sunday 7th May
Coronation Park, Dannevirke.

Starting 10am – For all players aged 7+. To be held in all weather. No cost to attend.

Bring: Mouth guard, boots if you have them and a water bottle.

It would be fantastic to see as many as possible at this session as the following week rugby starts!!

All parents/caregivers intending to coach this year are welcome to attend and assist and maybe pick up a few pointers.

Enquiries – Gerard McKay – 027 378 6609

FAITH FACTS



Blessed Edmund Rice Founder of Christian Brothers

This week is a big week for many schools in the Diocese as it is the Feast day or Remembrance



Day of the school patron saint or founder of the Religious Order that started their schools. St Joseph the Worker

NETBALL

Netball starts this weekend.

4 v 4 Year1/2 (5 & 6 year olds)

will be playing every week in the Anderson St sports centre at 9am, it will never be cancelled. All girls will be

provided with a black skirt and they are to wear their school polo tops.

Esme Sutton, Ella Heald, Marlee Cantwell & Montana Moses

This week 4v4 will start at 9am in centre and will continue for term 2

5 v 5

(after this week) at 10am (it will not change) on the back 3 courts. Again they will be provided with a black skirt and they are to wear their school polo tops. 5v5 Draw will be finalised when all players are confirmed.

Kewa Kelemete and Sophie Heald

For this week ONLY 5v5 will work around grading day and will start 11am.

If there are any players 5-8 year olds who just want to come along and see what it is all about, they can have up to 2 sessions to make up their mind but need to pay full registration fees by week 3 if they want to continue to play.

Our other players are in a variety of teams

Country Combined A - **Saida Treacy**

Country Combined B – **Breia Moses , Amy Seatter and Sophie Anderson**

Country Combined C - **Sophie Monaghan, Kendra Stephenson and Riley Hautapu**

KIDS CRUSADERS

Welcome back everyone. thank you to everyone who joined us Monday night for our fish n' chip dinner. A great night was had by all.

We are still looking for a chairperson to lead our fantastic team. If you would like to join us please come to the next meeting, or contact the school office.

Regarding the firewood Raffle, apologies one of the winners was Jo Hansen, not Jo Henderson.

Remember next Saturday is the Mothers Day Quiz Night. We have been donated a prize of 3x \$100 Meal Vouchers for the Black Stump, plus we have a beautiful Gift Basket donated by Helen & Robyn from Gifts & Souvenirs, to raffle on the night. It's a great night we would love to see you there. Tickets available from the school office.

LAST WORD

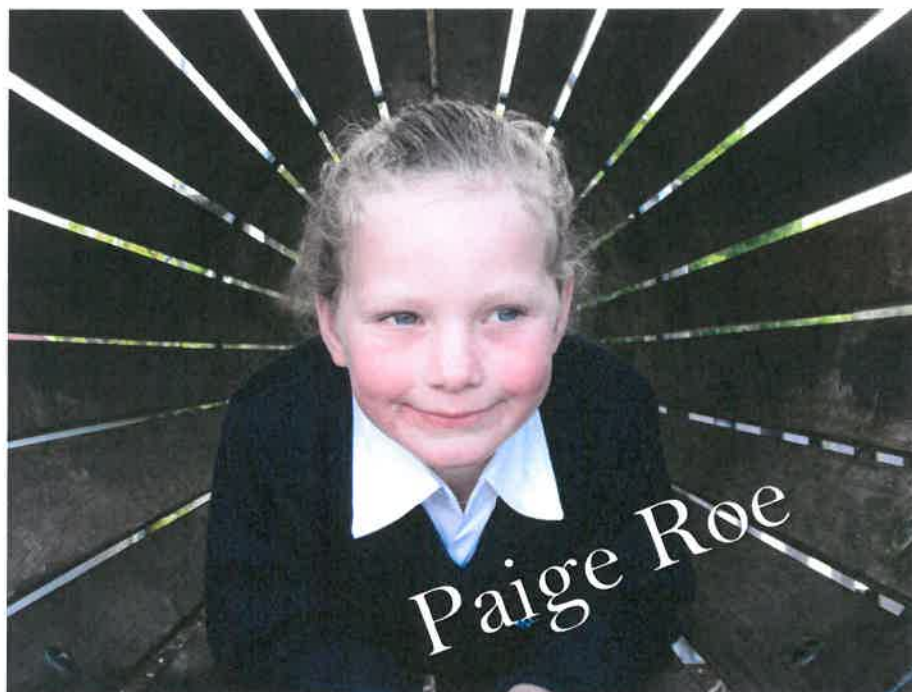
*Our strength may fail but our God will not
may He give you peace of heart and mind*

Nenah Kelemete





WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

