



PARABLES

Seek First ... the Best ...

Here is the message many students pick up: "I have to get the highest grades and be in the most activities – otherwise I won't get into the best university. If I don't get into the best university, I will be a failure". Too often, even well-meaning parents and teachers feed that message.

If you've heard that message, let me offer a different one – one from the God who will always be with you. "Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will follow". Here's how you do that. Develop your character. Honesty, compassion, and generosity will make your life more meaningful than the highest marks, longest resume, or best university. Develop your prayer life. Using daily personal prayer and attending weekly Mass will remind you that God's love and protection don't depend on personal success. Build time into your week for service. That reminds you that you don't need the highest score to make a difference in the world and feel good about yourself.

Sure, work hard at school. Develop your brain and body through activities. But remember, almost any school can prepare you well for a career if you work hard. Also remember, our world needs more people with Christian character, not more millionaires.

FROM THE KELEMETE'S



For all your well wishes and prayers last week, while we were in Lower Hutt celebrating the life of our father Peato Kelemete. We know that he is at peace, living eternal life with our Lord and Saviour.

2017 ATTENDANCE DUES INFORMATION



2017 invoices will be posted to all families in early March 2017. These will confirm that the Primary charge (Year 0 – 8) per child for 2017 is \$447.00, and the Secondary charge (Year 9 – 13) per child for 2017 is \$894.00, payable in 4 equal instalments, by the following dates:

- 31 March 2017
- 31 May 2017
- 31 July 2017
- 30 September 2017

Payment of the total amount may also be made by regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly deductions from your bank account or credit/debit card.

For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact

Marcy, Susan or Mark at Attendance Dues prior to the 1st instalment date in March.

We can be contacted either on 0800 200 208 or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz.

COMING UP EVENTS

Feb	Monday 27	Kids Crusaders Meeting
	Tuesday 28	Wheels Day
March	Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday
	Friday 3	Teachers Only Day
	Friday 17	St Patrick's Day
	Monday 20	St Joseph's Day
	Tuesday 21	Weetbix Triathlon
	Wednesday 22	School Swimming Sports
	Tuesday 28	Interschool Swimming Sports
April	Monday 10- Friday 14	Holy Week
	Thursday 13	End of term 1
	Friday 14	Easter: Good Friday

SWIMMING REMINDER

The sessions are as follows: **1pm-2.30pm**

February Tuesday 28

March

Thursday 2
Thursday 9
Tuesday 7

- Ensure your child has togs and towel. Goggles and caps





COMMUNITY NOTICES



Taihape

TAIHAPE HALF MARATHON

5km & 10km

18th MARCH 2017

www.taihapehalfmarathon.org.nz

Start: Wainui Hall
Pungatawa Rd, Taihape

	Entry Fees*	Start Time
Half Marathon	\$35	9.00am
Kids 2.6km	\$10	9.15am
10km	\$25	10.00am
5km	\$15	10.00am

*Please note late entry fees apply: 12.45 pm prizegiving

Register: www.taihapehalfmarathon.org.nz


taihapehalf@gmail.com

[taihapehalfmarathon](https://www.facebook.com/taihapehalfmarathon)

LOADS OF FAMILY FUN & COMPETITIVENESS
AWESOME SPOT PRIZES

CLOTHING SALES

CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT

BEVERAGES

CASH ONLY: NO EFTPOS SIZZLING BBQ

St Joseph's School Fundraiser

RUGBY SKILLS SESSION

Sunday 26th February
Coronation Park Dannevirke
Starting 10am
To be held in all weather
No Cost to Attend

The Dannevirke JAB Rugby Rep Coaches invite
all rugby players aged 7 and above to attend a
rugby skills session

Players will be split into age groups and coaches
will work with all players

All that is required is your usual rugby gear:
Mouth guard, Boots if you have them and a
Water bottle

The skills sessions will continue every 2nd
Sunday

Players who have aspirations of making the
Dannevirke Ross Shield Team are particularly
encouraged to attend

Any questions please contact

D.R.S

Ash Wednesday

1st March – Mass will be held at 9.30am, all are
welcome.

World Day of Prayer

What makes World Day of Prayer
special?

When is this Day of Prayer? Friday
3rd March 2017



World Day
of Prayer



WINNERS



Gemma Witika
and, Leila of Room
1, have won the
Anchor in Schools
competition run
through New World, for our school.

This prize will see 2 x Anchor Helpers and the
Anchor Uno Pro-Biotic Mascot arrive on site (To Be
Confirmed by us), hand out free product to
students and stay for photo opportunities. Yippee,
thanks Leila and Gemma, you guys are
AWESOME!

BOT

If you are interested in being part of a change
team, to help our school community identify areas
we can improve on, please contact Nenah at
school. Together we can do much more!

LAST WORD

*May God meet all your needs today
and may the fulfilment be a reflection
of His love, a revelation of His character,
and a reminder that you are His
and you are priceless.*

Nenah Kelemete
Principal

