

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DANNEVIRKE

22 August 2019

Term 3

Week 5



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Tena koutou katoa

Our condolences to Shona Worsley whose Aunt passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Congratulations to all our netball teams who have all done well this season. Results from prizegiving:

- St Joseph's / Ruahine A – 3rd place – A Grade and fair play award.
- St Joseph's / Ruahine B1 – 1st Place – B Grade
- St Joseph's Green – 3rd place – B Grade.

A huge thank you to coaches and managers.

Manaaki te Atua, God Bless

Megan

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch rugby starts on Friday 18 October, the end of week 1 next term. More information including registration will be sent home next week. Coaches will be required for teams.



SPEECHES

All students have been preparing speeches in the last few weeks and presenting them in their classes. Tomorrow Friday, at 11.30 in Te Whare, we will be listening to some from each class, including those from years 5 & 6 and years 7 & 8 who will be judged for the interschool speech competition being held next Thursday 29 August at the Hub. All welcome to come and have a listen.

CRICKET

We have cricket coaches from Manawatu Cricket Association coming on Thursday 29 August to take Year 1 – 3 students for cricket. They will learn basic skills like catching and batting. Next term they will be returning for a cricket programme for years 4 – 6 students.



Assembly tomorrow is a special achievements assembly run by the House Leaders. Next week, Room 1.

AWARDS



Merit Awards

All of Room 5!, Jack B, Jamie, Jack H, Ava, Quelan, Levi, Thomas, Khania



Gospel Values

Nic, Cooper, Carter, Harmony Kay, Stella & Azaleah

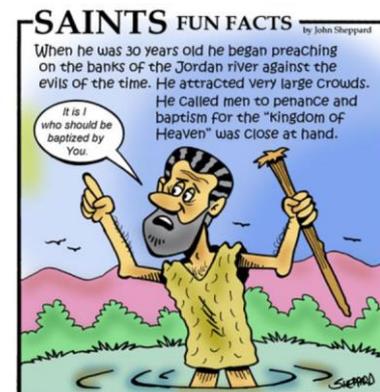


Principal's Award

Kaayden
Awesome effort with home reading!

FAITH FACTS

Anniversary of the Death of St John the Baptist.
Thursday 29 August



John the Baptist

John the Baptist was the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, Mary's cousin. It was John that Elizabeth was pregnant with when Mary visited after finding out she was pregnant with Jesus. John also Baptised Jesus in the River Jordan.



'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence'

REMINDERS

Chocolate Sales – All chocolate money due back to school by Friday 6 September. Great to see some money coming in.

Dannevirke High School - Enrolments for 2020 - Thursday 29 August between 12 & 2pm. Only 2 appointments have been made. Please phone the school office. 374 7910

COMMUNICATION

In our recent community survey some comments stated that people were not aware of our forms of communication. This newsletter is produced every Thursday and a paper copy is sent home with the youngest child in each family along with the Parish newsletter.

You will also find copies, updated weekly on the school App, Facebook page and website <https://stjosephsdvke.school.nz/>.

If we have your email address, a copy is emailed to you directly.

Each class has a Seesaw class blog which is updated weekly to show what has been happening in classes during the week. These are shown at assembly on a Friday morning. Blogs can be accessed through the school website. Click the 'What's On' section and Seesaw for the class links.

<https://stjosephsdvke.school.nz/community-calendar-2/school-blogs/>

At other times separate notices will be sent home with children that are involved in that particular activity. These will also be uploaded to our School App, in the appropriate group. Please check you belong to, not just the general group, but individual classes, sports etc.

If all else fails, please contact the office or classroom teachers. We do try our best to keep everyone informed and up to date.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dannevirke Central Kindergarten has spaces available soon.

Please phone the kindergarten to go onto our waiting list (374 6130) or pop in for a visit (242a High Street).

We have a fun, stimulating environment, a focus on building relationships and encouraging confidence, along with a bi-cultural curriculum and a strong focus on transition to school. All welcome.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE: DON'T WAIT – TAKE ACTION

There have been 3 confirmed cases of meningococcal disease in the MidCentral region during July/August. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial disease which can affect anyone but it is more common in children under the age of 5, teenagers and young adults. It can look like influenza in its early stages but it can very quickly get much worse. The illness may develop slowly over 1-2 days or quickly over a period of a few hours so it is important to not wait and seek immediate medical help in the early stages of symptoms – ring a doctor - or ring Healthline 0800 611 116 straightaway at any time of the day, even if you have already been seen by a doctor.

Don't be put off. Insist on immediate action.

Your baby or child may:

- have a fever
- high pitched cry or unsettled
- refuse drinks or feeds
- vomit
- be sleepy or floppy/harder to wake
- have a stiff neck
- dislike bright lights
- have a rash or spots (that don't fade when pressed and look like small bruises)

Adults may have:

- a fever
- a headache
- vomit
- be sleepy, confused, delirious or unconscious
- a stiff neck
- dislike bright lights
- have joint pain and aching muscles
- have a rash or spots (that don't fade when pressed and look like small bruises)

The best way to avoid getting sick with meningococcal disease is to not share spit/saliva and other respiratory secretions with other people.

To do this:

- don't share food, drinks, cutlery, toothbrushes, pacifiers, cigarettes and other objects that can transfer spit
- cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- washing and drying your hands can help reduce the chance of spreading the bacteria that can cause illness

There are vaccines for certain strains of meningococcal disease available in NZ. Some are free for certain high risk groups. There is a charge for vaccines for adults and children who do not fit into these groups. See your GP for further information.

There is a leaflet with information available from the school office.

