

St. Joseph's School

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Welcome to the New School Year!

It has been wonderful to see our ākonga back at school, full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. A special welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us this year. We are excited to have you as part of our Hato Hohepa (St Joseph's School Pātea) whanau. It's a privilege to begin this new journey with you all, and we are looking forward to a year filled with growth, faith, and connection.

This term is already off to a busy start! Our swimming program is in full swing, and it's fantastic to see all of our ākonga actively participating, developing their swimming skills, and building confidence in the water. The Junior Swimming Sports are just around the corner, and we encourage whanau to come along and support our tamariki as they showcase their skills.

In addition to swimming, we also have some testing scheduled throughout the term. These assessments help us track progress and ensure we are meeting the learning needs of all our ākonga. We're excited to see how our students will grow and develop through these opportunities.

It's going to be a busy and exciting term, and we appreciate the support of our whanau as we work together to create a positive, engaging, and supportive learning environment. We are looking forward to all the wonderful moments ahead as we continue our learning journey.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the term!

Ngā mihi nui,

Angela Muncaster

Welcome to New Ākonga:

Naumai Haeremai! We warmly welcome our new ākonga to the Hato Hohepa (St Joseph's School Pātea) whanau. We hope you enjoy this exciting learning journey with us.

A special welcome to:



Lucias
Powell



Fenton-Jay
Prime-Powell



Ilias
Ridge



Hunter
Ridge

School Swimming:

It's fantastic to see the great participation in swimming, and it's even better to see everyone prepared and eager to swim. All of our ākonga are progressing on their own journeys and improving each session. Ka mau te wehi tamariki ma! I am incredibly proud of you all. If your child will not be swimming please send them to school with a note.

Whanau support at the pool: We would appreciate any whanau members who are able to assist with supporting our new entrants and ākonga who are still adjusting to the water. Please see the dates below and if you are able to help out, please contact the school office.

Junior Cluster Swimming Sports:

This Thursday 20th February we will be attending the Junior Cluster Swimming Sports at Whenuakura School. A permission slip is attached to this panui. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 1.30pm. Please ensure you send your child with some morning-tea, a drink and their togs and towel.

If you are offering transport for the first time, we will need a copy of your full driver's license, and if you are not a fully licensed driver, you can only transport your own child.

Wai Connection Unit

At the end of last year Nicky Toothill from the Taranaki Regional council visited us to deliver the "Introduction to Freshwater" unit as part of the Wai Connection program. To extend on our Freshwater unit, Thursday last week Whaea Nicky and Whaea Clare brought samples from the Pātea river in Stratford and also from the river here in Pātea. Our tamariki learnt that The Pātea River in Stratford and the Pātea River in Pātea are both part of the same river system, but they flow through different regions in Taranaki. They were able to compare the samples and observe the differences in life within the river. They noted a big difference in the temperature and come to the conclusion that Stratford is closer to the mountain, which is where the Pātea River starts.



Homework:

Homework will begin this week and will be sent home every Friday, to be handed in the following Friday. If homework is not returned on time, no new homework will be given until the previous work has been completed and returned.

Teacher Only Day:

Please note, on Monday, 24th February, all schools in South Taranaki will be closed for a Teacher Only Day – teachers will participate in professional learning and development (PLD) in the new Structured Mathematics program.

Dates to Remember	
February 2025	
Wednesday 19 th	School Board Hui – 3.30pm
Thursday 20 th	Junior Cluster Swimming Sports – Whenuakura School
Friday 21 st	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Monday 24 th	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 26 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Thursday 27 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Friday 28 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Wednesday 5 th	ASH Wednesday – School Mass 9.15am
Thursday 6 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Monday 10 th	TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17 th	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19 th	St Joseph's Day School Board Hui – 3.30pm
Monday 31 st	Cluster Athletics – Patea Area School

SWIMMING – PATEA POOLS

