

St. Joseph's School

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School Vision

"May our waka always point to God as we enhance the wairua of our taonga (students)."

Each day we will love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul by:

Taking Responsibility - Achieving Excellence - Having Respect - In it Together



Tena koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena koutou,
E whakaae ana ahau ki te Atua,
ākonga, Whānau, kaiako, me ngā kaimahi
Tena koe
Ko Aoraki te maunga
Ko Waimakarere te awa
Ko Wendrum Angelican te Marae
Ko Cornish to iwi.
Ko Bolitho te hapu
Ko tumanaki Kura Saint Joseph's ahau.
Ko Kaye Gillies ahau
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Kia ora koutou

Kia ora, my name is Kaye Gillies, and I am the new Tūmānaki here at Saint Joseph's School. I come from the South, with Cornish and Irish ancestry. I am married to Brian Gillies, and we have three daughters and one grandson.

I am passionate about Christian faith and education. Since 1988, I have worked in education in a variety of roles, including teaching, senior leadership, and as a principal. I am pleased to be serving in a Catholic school and to walk alongside Saint Joseph's School at this important time.

I acknowledge that this year will be tinged with sadness and grief as the school moves towards closure.

This will be especially felt by those with whānau connections going back many generations.

I will honour the special ethos of Saint Joseph's by continuously ensuring:

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Each day, we will love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul by:

"Taking Responsibility, Achieving Excellence, Having Respect, In it together"

(TAHI is the Māori kupu for number one!)

I look forward to working with you all this year.

Ngā mihi nui

Kaye Gillies



Principal Release Teacher – Welcome Mrs Ann Lagan

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ann Lagan to St Joseph's School, Pātea. Ann will be teaching in the classroom one day one week and two days the following week. We are excited to have her join our Hato Hōhepa whānau and look forward to working alongside her.

A little about Ann:

Kia ora, my name is Ann Lagan. I have taught at St Joseph's School, Hāwera, mainly in new entrant and junior classes, for many years. I am passionate about teaching and learning, and I look forward to developing friendly, supportive learning relationships with the children and whānau here in Pātea.

✚ Catholic Special Character Corner

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life." – Saint Mary MacKillop
Encourages courage, love, and kindness in our daily lives, following the example of Christ in all we do.

Programme

The topic work we will cover is "A Dive into Aotearoa" and we will focus on Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Jesus in RE. To keep the faith alive in your homes we have attached some activities you can do at home to focus on lent. Swimming and swimming sports start our PE programme.

This week I will focus on spending time getting to know Tamariki in preparation for developing a learning programme for this term. If there are things you wish me to know about your tamariki please feel free to let me know this.

Ash Wednesday 18th February Leaving at 8.50 am

Next week is Ash Wednesday. We will be travelling to Saint Josephs in Hawera to join them for their Ash Wednesday Mass. Please be at school by 8.45am as we there by 9.20am. Please fill in the attached form to give permission to travel by car.

✚ Household Lent Plan for Our School Whānau

"Return to me with all your heart." – Joel 2:12

Lent is a special time for prayer, fasting, and giving. We invite our whānau to walk this journey together at home through small daily actions that grow faith, kindness, and aroha.

Daily Family Rhythm (5 min)

Morning – Karakia: Make the Sign of the Cross together. Short prayer:

E Īhu, āwhinatia mātou kia aroha ki a koe me ētahi atu i tēnei rā.

(Jesus, help us love you and others today.)

Share one thing you're thankful for.

Evening – Reflection: Light a candle, read a Gospel line or Bible story. Ask:

- *I pēhea taku whakaatu aroha i tēnei rā?* (How did I show love today?)
- *Me aha au āpōpō kia pai ake?* (What can I do better tomorrow?)

End with Our Father / Hail Mary.

Weekly Focus

- **Week 1 – Kōrero Aroha (Kind Words):** Speak gently, no yelling.
- **Week 2 – Ringaringa Āwhina (Helping Hands):** Do one helpful job without being asked.
- **Week 3 – Ngākau Whakawhetai (Gratitude):** Start a gratitude jar.
- **Week 4 – Manaaki (Generosity):** Donate food or coins.
- **Week 5 – Murunga Hara (Forgiveness):** Say sorry and forgive quickly.

Family Fasting Ideas

Screen-free evenings, simple meals on Fridays, give up sweets, less social media, or earlier bedtime.

Holy Week – Walking with Jesus

Palm Sunday – Celebrate joy

Holy Thursday – Share a meal

Good Friday – Quiet time

Holy Saturday – Prepare for Easter

Easter Sunday – Celebrate Christ's resurrection

Ngā manaakitanga o te wā o Rēneti ki a koutou katoa

(Blessings of the Lenten season to all our whānau)

Attendance

We are committed to your child's learning and progress, ensuring they are set up well for their future. Every day and every hour of possible learning is a **taonga**.

Please **prioritise attendance** to support your child's growth and success.

Swimming Lessons / Water Safety

Every Monday and Thursday, our students will be attending swimming lessons at the Pātea Pools to build confidence and develop water safety skills.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their togs and towel on these days.

Senior Cluster (Year4-6) Swimming Display (Non-Competitive)

Senior Swimming Sports are at Pātea Area School on Tuesday 17th February. Only Year 4-6 students will be attending this event. If you are able to attend and support our Tamariki, I would love to hear from you.

Junior Cluster (Year 2-3) Swimming Sports

Junior Swimming Sports are at Whenuakura School Thursday 19th February. All tamariki will attend this event. Senior ākonga will help with activities. Junior ākonga are to bring their togs, towel (swimming cap and goggles – if needed) in a named bag. If you can attend and support our students, I would love to hear from you.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help. I am available before school between 8.00 and 8.50 am and after school 2.45- 5.00pm most days. You can also contact Phillipa in the office during the school day.

My direct email is kaye@stjoespatea.school.nz I would love to meet you all and get to know you.

Blessings in the name Jesus Christ
Kaye Gillies & Ann Lagan



Dates - Term 1 2026

FEBRUARY

Thurs 12 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1pm to 2pm
Mon 16 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1pm to 2pm
Tuesday 17 th	Senior Swimming Sports – Patea Pools
Wed 18 th	Ash Wednesday Mass – St Joseph’s School, Hawera
Thurs 19 th	Junior Swimming Sports – Whenuakura School
Mon 23 rd	Swimming Patea Pools – 1pm to 2pm
Thurs 26 th	Senior (c) Swimming Sports – Waverley Pools

MARCH

Mon 2 nd	Swimming Patea Pools – 1pm to 2pm
Thurs 5 th	Swimming Patea Pools – 1pm to 2pm
Mon 9 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Taranaki Anniversary
Tues 17 th	St Patrick’s Day
Thurs 19 th	St Joseph’s Feast Day
Mon 23 rd	Cluster Athletics – Patea Area School

APRIL

Thurs 2 nd	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 20 th	Start of Term 2





Gallery Patea
1st March 10am to 2pm

Free collage workshop to celebrate Children's Day

Run by trained teacher call in throughout day

South Taranaki District Council | The Friends of Hawera Parks Inc.

100 year celebration of Naumai Park

Join us at activities throughout 2026 to celebrate 100 years since the naming of Hawera's Native Park

Naumai Park History Booklet Launch SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY	Bird ID Workshop SATURDAY 9 MAY
Tai Chi SATURDAY 14 MARCH	Arbor Day Planting FRIDAY 5 JUNE
The Great Puppet Hunt SATURDAY 21 MARCH	Puanga Art in the Park JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Nature Artist Stone Painting SATURDAY 28 MARCH	Spring into Biodiversity FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
Hawera Harriers Club Walk & Run Through the Park SUNDAY 29 MARCH	Poetry in the Park TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER
Event for Youth APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	A Native Park 30 OCTOBER - 8 NOVEMBER
Singers and Songwriters SATURDAY 18 APRIL	Barden Party Theatre SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER
	Christmas Carols in Naumai SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

Find out more of what's happening and other confirmed events by following Friends of Hawera Parks on Facebook or on STDC's website www.southtaranaki.com/naumai

