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Newsletter - Week 2, Term 2, 7 May 2025

OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES: Whakapono - Faith, Tūmanako - Hope, Aroha - Love, Manaakitanga - Charity

Kia ora koutou, Fakafeiloaki, Ni Sa Bula, Kia Orana, Welcome, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Nǐ hǎo, Namaskaram, Huānyíng, Kumusta,

What a fantastic turn out for our School Cross country yesterday. Thank you for your support during the day and to whānau that were able to take up roles to help at the event.

As always the staff have debriefed after the event and will implement some changes going forward in the planning of our next school-wide Cross Country event. Thank you for coming along to support all our tamariki.

[Here is a link to photos of the day](#)

This Sunday it is Mother's Day, **Happy Mother's Day** to all our mums, aunties, grandparents and extended whānau who are our Mums.

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Month of Mary. It is a month of special devotion to Mary in her role as Mother of God. We are blessed to have Mary as our Patron Saint of our kura.

ATTENDANCE: As mentioned in newsletters during term 1, attendance continues to be a focus. Daily attendance tracking is recorded and monitored by the Ministry.

At the end of each term we receive a report on the attendance data. This diagram comes from the detailed report. As a kura we have a target of 80% regular attendance and at the end of term 1 we are tracking at 67%. Please see within this newsletter, further information that was given in Term 1 in regards to attendance.

Mother's Day Prayer

Lord God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us — the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We ask your blessing this day upon all mothers and grandmothers and all women who are raising children.

We ask that you bless them, protect them, guide them and keep them in your care.

We ask your blessing upon the mothers and grandmothers who are unable to be with us. May they

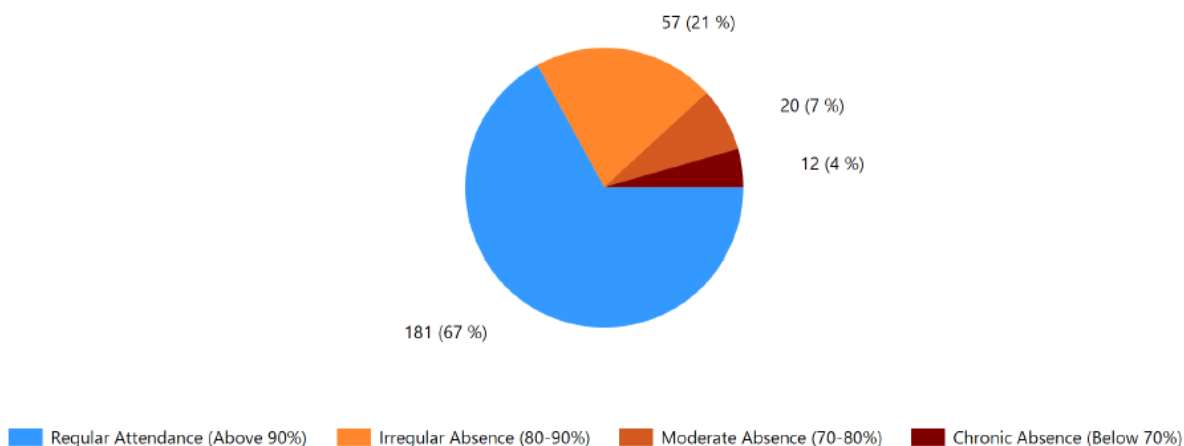
know how much we love and care for them.

We ask all of this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Term 1 Detailed View

How many students are in each student attendance category?



In Term 1 of Year 2025, 181 of your students were attending school regularly, with 67% students at school above 90% of the time.

Tuesday 3rd June— Teachers Only Day

A reminder that we have a Staff Curriculum day (teacher only day) on Tuesday 3rd June, the day after King's Birthday. The staff will be receiving PD from the Ministry of Education based on the newly implemented Maths and Statistics Curriculum.

Our sincere condolences to Lucia Dawin and her whānau for the passing of her Nana. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her whānau. May they find strength and comfort in the love of those around them.



Virtue Award Winners



This weekend Lucia participated in the Central League artistic roller skating competition in Palmerston North. Lucia competed in three events (figure skating, free skating and solo dance) and came first place in all three events.

Susan and Juan



Congratulations to the 12s Junior Central tennis team for their gold medal win at the NZ Tennis Nationals in the holidays. They all worked together as a team and supported one another.

Congratulations to Henry too for his win at the Canterbury Tier 3 tournament winning the 12 boys section.

Grant and Hera



Up Coming Events

- 9 May Reconciliation—student session, 9-10am
- 9 May Mass, Rūma 6 & 15, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 11 May Mother's Day
- 12 May Road Safety Week
- 12 May Rotuman Language Week
- 16 May Pink Shirt Day
- 16 May Lit Quiz
- 16 May Reconciliation—student session, 9-10am
- 16 May Mass, Rūma 7 & 14, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 16 May Book Club, Issue 3 closes
- 20 May OLRs Board Hui, 6.30pm
- 21 May Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6pm, OLRs Church
- 23 May Mass, Rūma 1 & 8, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 26 May OLRs Rosary Week
- 27 May South East Zone Cross Country, Sladden Park
- 28 May Catholic Schools Day
- 29 May Ascension of Jesus Christ
- 29 May School Mass, 9.30am, OLR Church
- 2 Jun Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa (Language Week)
- 2 Jun King's Birthday (school closed)
- 3 Jun Staff Curriculum Day (school closed)
- 6 Jun Mass, Rūma 2 & 12, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 10 Jun Interzone Cross Country
- 12 Jun Sacred Heart College Open Morning 9-10.30am
- 13 Jun Mass, Rūma 3, 10, 4 & 11, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 15 Jun Trinity Sunday
- 17 Jun School Photos
- 19 Jun Breakfast, Star Gazing, Shared kai whānau day
- 20 Jun Matariki (school closed)
- 23 Jun Hutt Fest Week, our date TBC
- 24 Jun Regional Cross Country
- 24 Jun OLRs Board Hui, 6.30pm
- 27 Jun End of Term 2

Our school website: www.olr.school.nz

[SPORTS DRAWS](#)

[Te Wairua Tapu Holy Spirit Newsletter](#)

Term Dates for 2025

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Wednesday 17 Dec



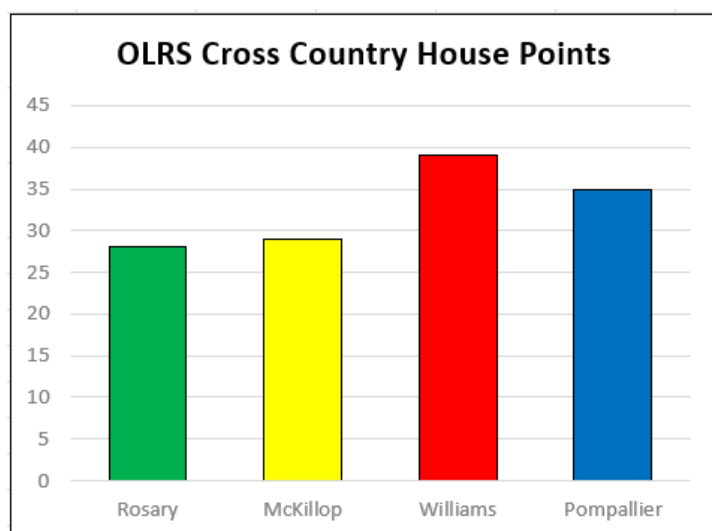
OLRS Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all our tamariki who took part in the cross country event yesterday at Te Whiti Park. Below is the list of place-getters—well done!



Year Level	Boys	Girls
Year 1	1st - Kyson O'Kane-Jones 2nd - Mekhi Orupe 3rd - Zach Ryan 4th - Lukah Jordan	1st - Georgia Thomas 2nd - Esme Pili 3rd - Harmony Tino 4th - Milly Newton
Year 2	1st - Leo Seufale 2nd - Everett Risdon 3rd - Aaryan Narayan 4th - Marcus Simmonds	1st - Billie Toeieiu 2nd - Remmy Crean 3rd - Livia Lealofi 4th - Hanah Sawmhal
Year 3	1st - Wesley Tufele 2nd - Gabriel Eventious Thuvaragan 3rd - Lake Hazeldine	1st - Hannah Wubie 2nd - Avery Lealofi 3rd - Jaedah Habib
Year 4	1st - Jackson Jacobs 2nd - Reid Toeieiu 3rd - Jayshaant Raju	1st - Lily Thomas 2nd - Lucy van der Gulik 3rd - Ana Tufele
Year 5	1st - Oliver Snow 2nd - Isaac Phillips 3rd - Elliot Risdon	1st - Ariana Tamarapa 2nd - Ivy Hazeldine 3rd - Asilika Soro
Year 6	1st - Teddy Crean 2nd - Hugo Maher 3rd - James van der Gulik	1st - Seulata Pritchard 2nd - Charlie de Kort 3rd - Maya Walker
Year 7	1st - Ollie Hughes 2nd - Henry Swinton Robertson 3rd - Peyton Yaxley	1st - Ava Snow 2nd - Lucia Fernandez Jones 3rd - Teuila Risdon
Year 8	1st - Lucas Yung 2nd - Hiroki Hoffman 3rd - Eshen Edman	1st - Payton Toeieiu 2nd - Jokaveti Soro 3rd - Romina Tanglao

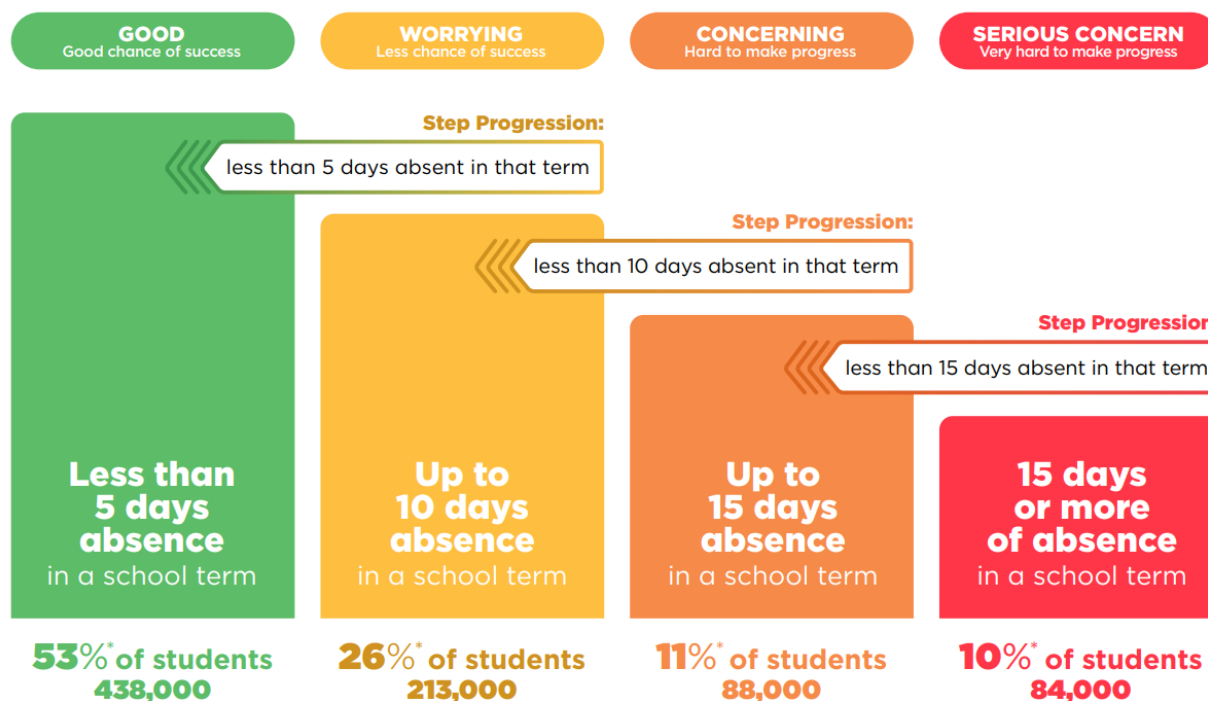
Based on the South East Zone qualification criteria, we will let families know who qualifies to participate in the SEZone event on Tuesday 27th May at Sladden Park.



Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



Student Attendance

As you are aware, student attendance is one of the Government's priorities in Education; "Attendance continues to be a top priority for the government, which has set a target of 80% of students attending school more than 90% of the term by 2030. To achieve this, schools need to aspire to reach an average daily attendance rate above 94%."

The Ministry of Education receives our daily attendance records at the end of each day. It is very important that you continue to inform us through the Absentee Skool App, email or phone, to report your child's absence and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your support.

The school office follows up on all absentees **each day** and is in communication with whānau to give required support. Office staff will communicate any relevant information to the teaching staff and Principal. Here is a link to guidelines from Te Whatu Ora Health NZ: <https://info.health.nz/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents>

More than 5 days absent in a term (unjustified):

- Kaiako will email

Up to 10 days absence could result in one or more of these (unjustified)

- Parents invited into the school for a meeting with teacher and team leader
- If your child is on a learning support programme - A review of their placement will take place
- An attendance plan created if required
- Referral to an outside support agency if required

Up to 15 days absent in a term (unjustified)

- Parents/Caregivers meeting with the Principal and Team Leader
- If your child is on a learning support programme - A review of their placement will take place
- An attendance plan created
- Referral to an outside support agency if required

15 days or more absent in a term (unjustified)

- Parents/Caregivers meeting with the Principal and Team Leader to work together to ensure ākonga attend school more regularly.

OLRS Intermediate Hub Camp 2026 Fundraiser - Pizza Tuesday



As a part of our fundraising efforts for 2026, the Intermediate Hub will be selling Dominoes Pizzas on **Tuesdays** at lunchtime. This will commence on Tuesday 13th May.

As we are **pre-ordering**, it is important that we receive all the orders on a **Monday** to ensure that we order the correct amount of pizzas.

Please note that we are unable to customise pizzas (unless you would like to purchase the whole pizza). The following options are available to order:

* Cheese * Hawaiian * Pepperoni

The price per slice is \$1.50.

Payment: Please pay into the school bank account no later than Monday morning.

Account Name is: Our Lady of the Rosary School Board. Account Number is: 12-3142-0280566-00.

If you are paying cash, please have the money in a ziplock bag or envelope with the below ORDER SLIP.

All cash should be dropped into the 'cash drop box' in the office with the slip (see below).

On the slip, please state **CLEARLY** your child's name, their chosen pizza option, the amount of slices, **AND** their room number.

Ngā mihi nui,
Caro de Beer and Emily Wilson
Intermediate Hub Kaiako

Camp 2026 Pizza Fundraiser Ordering Slip:

Student Name: _____ Room: _____

Please circle your option/s: Cheese Hawaiian Pepperoni

Amount of slices: _____ Money included: \$ _____ Electronic payment: \$ _____ Date of \$: _____

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