



# Our Lady of the Rosary School

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## Newsletter - Week 1 of Term 3, 16 July 2025

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

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

Welcome back, and a warm welcome to our new tamariki and their whānau. We have had a busy first 3 days with our powhiri, school photos and mid-year whānau sessions. It is always great to meet together to support your tamariki. We have had a great response to the booking of the sessions, thank you!

This term our virtue focus is **Manaakitanga (Charity)**. As we embrace the cold weather this term, let us spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our school virtues are linked to one of our House names. Manaakitanga is linked to Pompallier house (Blue). Our Pompallier house captains will lead our school mass this term.



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of David "Jimmy" Donohue. David is the father of Mya, brother of Chantelle and a relative to whānau within our school community; Watt, Pereira, de Cort and McAdam families. Our deepest condolences to Mya, Chantelle, Tessa, Candace and all their extended whānau. David "Jimmy" was an inspiration to us all, as he lived life to the full with positivity, never letting his health stop him from having fun! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

This term we have our **External Catholic Character Review**. To support the review team can you please complete the survey below by 31st July.

[Here is a link to the Parent/Caregiver Survey](#)



We are looking forward to our **Book Character Day** next week on **Wednesday 23rd July**. The tamariki can dress up as their favourite book character from their favourite book!

The **Scholastic Book Fair** also starts next week on 23rd July at 2.45pm in Rūma 9 and finishes on Tuesday 29th July. You can view and purchase books. Eftpos is available.



Nau mai, Haere mai



Harlow



Cooper

**Enrolments for 2026**

close on 29th August 2025. Please have your enrolments forms in to the school office no later than 29th August 2025 if you are enrolling your child for **2026**.

**School Board Elections for Parent Representatives** are this Term, with nominations closing on the 6th August at 12noon.

There are 5 Parent Representative positions available.

Nominations and Elections will be online and we will provide further information shortly.

Our Returning Officer is: Jan Simmons. Email: [returningofficer@olr.school.nz](mailto:returningofficer@olr.school.nz)

### School Photo Orders

Students were given a 'postcard' with an internet access key to enable all parents/whānau access to online viewing of the photographs and to allow online ordering if you had not pre-ordered.

### St Vincent De Paul Waiwhetu and Eastbourne

- If you or someone you know could do with a hand up at the moment, please get in touch with the Vinnies by emailing

[vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com](mailto:vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com), or texting/calling on **027 329 7840**. All enquiries and confidential.



OLRS 7/8 Netball team participated in the Maidstone invitational tournament this past Sunday and did an amazing job representing our school with great skill, teamwork, and spirit. Well done to all our players, we're proud of you!



Ava and Lucia (Piper too) participated in a girls only soccer tournament on 6th July in Petone. Their team came 3rd (5th overall), winning or drawing all games. Amazing effort and team spirit from all.

# Up Coming Events

- | 17 Jul Confirmation student session, 9am, at school
- | 18 Jul Year 7/8 Technology begins, Avalon
- | 21 Jul 2026 Yr 7/8 Camp Information evening, 6pm
- | 22 Jul Kahui Ako Music Roadshow, 11.30am
- | 23 Jul Book Character Day
- | 23-29 Jul Scholastic Book Fair in Rūma 9
- | 24 Jul Confirmation student Retreat
- | 31 Jul Confirmation practice, 5pm
- | 2 Aug Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, 4pm
- | 4 Aug Cook Island Language Week
- | 4 Aug Matariki breakfast
- | 6 Aug Nominations for Board Parent Reps CLOSE 12pm
- | 7 Aug Cultural Day—whānau sharing
- | 11 Aug Maths Week
- | 12 Aug School Board meeting, 6.30pm
- | 13 Aug Collins Cup (netball)
- | 14 Aug Sacramental Programme whānau session
- | 15 Aug Assumption of Mary, Liturgy
- | 18 Aug Tongan Language Week
- | 18 Aug External Catholic Review week
- | 19 Aug Mathswell Competition
- | 21 Aug Sacramental Programme student session, 9am
- | 25 Aug Artsplash Concert, 5pm @ MFC (middle synd)
- | 28 Aug Sacramental Programme student session, 9am
- | 29 Aug Daffodil Day
- | 29 Aug Enrolments for 2026 close
- | 4 Sep Sacramental Programme student session, 9am
- | 7 Sep Father's Day
- | 8 Sep Social Justice Week
- | 8-11 Sep Junior syndicate swimming, Te Ngaengae pool
- | 10 Sep School Board Elections
- | 11 Sep School Mass, TBC
- | 14 Sep First Holy Communion Mass, 10.30am
- | 15 Sep Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- | 15 Sep Clean Up Week
- | 15-18 Sep Junior syndicate swimming, Te Ngaengae pool
- | 19 Sep End of Term 3

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### Term Dates for 2025

**Term 3:** Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

**Term 4:** Monday 6 October to Wednesday 17 Dec

### Term Dates for 2026

**Term 1:** Wednesday 4 February to Thursday 2 April

**Term 2:** Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

**Term 3:** Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

**Term 4:** Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 Dec



Last term, we delivered all of the donations from our **Whakapono Fundraiser** to the SPCA Wellington Centre.

The team there was very appreciative of all the warm sheets, towels and blankets for their animals!

Thank you to everyone in **Rosary House** who participated in this fundraiser.



**Term 2 Golden Ticket winners.  
Morning tea with the Principal**



The **SINGout4JUSTICE** competition is open to all students in Catholic schools across Aotearoa New Zealand, providing a platform to express faith, justice and hope through music.

**Theme:** You will shine like stars in the world

**Task:** Compose an original song or perform a cover of a song that reflects the theme

**Prizes:** There will be prizes awarded within the three categories (Years 1-6, Years 7-10 and Years 11-13)

**Due Date:** 13th August 2025

**How to Enter:** Complete an online application form and submit your entry to [education@caritas.org.nz](mailto:education@caritas.org.nz)

For more information, please see <https://www.caritas.org.nz/singout4justice>

### Golden Tickets awarded to the Junior Syndicate Week 9, Term 2



The Huttfest performance videos are live on youtube!

[Here is a link](#)

What a wonderful performance! Well done to you all and thank you again to all our helpers!



Congratulations to Jeni and Dills on the birth of their baby boy. Alwin will be a fantastic big brother! Enjoy this special whānau time.

Over the last couple of days a poster has been shared within the school grounds for you to activate the QR code to respond to our Strategic planning survey.  
We welcome you to complete this survey.  
Here is a link to the survey [here](#).

WE WANT FEEDBACK



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