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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
E te iwi whakaponu, tēnā koutou tēnā tātou katoa,

Greetings to you all and especially to parents new to our Catholic schools. You've made a great choice. Our kura or schools are vibrant communities of academic, cultural, and sporting achievement. They are also communities of care and generosity and service. And most importantly our schools are alive with faith: the greatest gift that God ever gives us; the way we become our true selves.



St Joseph's School, Dannevirke

I am relieved to be able to say that this year, for the second year in a row, there has been **no increase in our Attendance Dues**. We have though introduced a voluntary donation (suggested figure of \$30). This means that families in a better position to do so - maybe double income families, for example - can

offer a little more. These donations will be used in variety of ways, in consultation with your schools too, including for example travel and fees subsidies, and off-setting our Education team's support to your children's school.

I want to thank in particular those families who have struggled in the past to pay their Attendance Dues, but are now getting this bill across the line through automatic payments. Thank you for that sacrifice and effort.



Thank you all for your contributions of support, time and care for our schools. As parents and caregivers you too are the heart of our schools, as together - teachers, administration and support staff, volunteers, trustees, chaplains, priests and Bishop - we all strive to form our children or tamariki in the sure light of Jesus.



Mass at St Peter's College

Best wishes and prayers,

+ Charles

Bishop Charles Drennan.