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St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence
Learn, Create, Share

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Kia ora St Patrick's,

I trust you all had a lovely long weekend. The weather certainly helped. Many of our students have shared their sunny adventures with me this week.

Our first full week of 2025 sees four classes away on school camps in Brightwater and Arthur's Pass. The forecast for the week is fantastic so the campers will be happy. The junior classes have the whole school to themselves this week which is also a nice change.

We started the week with a whole school liturgy and it was fantastic to see the school uniform so consistent and smart. Many thanks for your help with keeping the uniform up to standard.

Please feel free to pop into school on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00pm until 3.30pm to visit your child's classroom and/or catch up with their teacher. No appointment is required during this time.

We have our campers returning on Friday 14 February. Reminder our Year 5 and Year 6 students are to be collected directly from the Greymouth train station at 1.00pm. The Year 7 and Year 8 campers will return to school.

Please remember to complete your swimming event selection form and return to school. We have swimming practice on Tuesday 18 February for our Year 4 to Year 8. Students are to wear their sports uniform to school on this day and bring their togs and a towel.

On Monday 17 February we have an open evening from 5.00pm to 7.00pm so you can meet your child's teacher. I will also be available, so please feel free to pop in if you can.

God Bless,

Ngā mihi, Ian



Our Lady of Lourdes

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.

Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity.

Amen.



**"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden."**

— ANONYMOUS —





Monday 17 February at school from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Here are our 2025 class names and our class teachers

Room 1	Eden	Miss Samantha Doig
Room 2	Bethlehem	Ms Lisa Teasdale
Room 3	Samaria	Ms Kimberly Bright
Room 4	Nazareth	Ms Yolandi Knoesen (Ms K)
Room 5	Zion	Mrs Linda Olivier
Room 6	Galilee	Mrs Nilesjni Reddy (Mrs N)
Room 7	Cana	Miss Tash Power
Room 8	Capernaum	Ms Lisa Shannahan
Room 9	Jerusalem	Ms Kim Hines

Daily Timetable

8.30am	Classrooms open for students from 8.30am
8.55am	Class learning begins
10.40am	Morning break
11.00am	Class learning time
12.50pm	Kai and play time
1.30pm	Class learning time
3.00pm	End of school day



St Patrick's Parish st_patricksgreymouth@hotmail.com
037685263

Mass times: Greymouth: Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am
Cobden: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 8.00am, Kumara: 5th Sunday 11.00am, Ngahere: 4th Sunday 11.00am



First Holy Communion

St Patrick's Parish invites parents to enroll their child/children for the First Holy Communion Programme beginning in February 2025.

If you wish to enrol your child they need to be a baptised Catholic, eight years old at the beginning of the school year and be in Year 4 upwards at school. Older children who have not made their First Holy Communion are most welcome. Please notify the Parish Office or a priest to enrol your child.

First parent Meeting is Sunday, 16th February at 5.00pm in the Parish Centre. For any further information please collect information sheet from the school or the Parish Centre

2025 Timeline

Sunday 16 February - First parent meeting 5.00pm St Patrick's Church Parish Centre

Sunday 23 February - Enrolment and Presentation of Bible 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 9 March - Second parent meeting 5.00pm

Sunday 16 March - Presentation of the Creed and 10 Commandments 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 4 May - Presentation of Mass books 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 4 May - Third parent meeting 5.00pm at Parish centre

Sunday 18 May - Presentation of Our Father 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 25 May - Fourth parent meeting 5.00pm

Sunday 8 June - First reconciliation and Fish and Chip meal - 5.00pm Parish centre and church

Friday 20 June 5.00pm First Holy Communion rehearsal

Sunday 22 June First Holy Communion 9.30am Mass St Patrick's Church



Our Māori word for the week:

Puni

Every child who comes and sees Ms Hines and uses this word in a conversation will get a caught being good card!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

21/12/24
07/02/25



Summer reading challenge forms are overdue, please return these directly to the Grey District Library.



Our baptismal programme is planning to start during Term one. If you would like your child / children to take part in this programme please let the school office know. This programme will be led by Mr Johnson during school time. Please make contact with the school as to your intentions around celebrating this sacrament as per the letter that has been emailed to you. If you have not received a letter please let the school office know asap.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Te Tai o Poutini West Coast

School Based Immunisation Programme 2025 – Yr 8 Students

Te Whatu Ora is once again offering a School Based Immunisation programme to Yr 8 students. This includes MMR + HPV + Boostrix, for children who have not yet received them at their GP.

Protect your child against serious diseases

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, they will be offered free immunisations at most schools to help protect them against serious diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and most cancers caused by HPV.

Your child will bring home a Parent Consent Form which has more information. To make sure your child receives their school immunisations, remember to sign and return this consent form to school.

For more information:
Visit health.govt.nz/schoolimmunisation



The Consent Form will be sent home to parents soon.
Whether you choose to accept or decline this offer,
Please return the form to school promptly.

Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat



children communication committee
fundraising
 pupils **PTA** school
 staff parents rewarding events ideas
 organisation teachers

School Camps - Year 5-8 - PTA subsidy

We would like to thank our wonderful PTA for their continuing support of our school camps. The PTA subsidizes our school camps each year of \$15.00 per night per student. We are truly grateful for this. We ask our school community to please continue to support our PTA so they are able to continue to support your child / children. We are truly blessed with our wonderful PTA and their commitment to our school.



Bus children need to wear their fluoro vests in the morning and afternoon. This is not an option, it is compulsory.

Collecting Students During the School Day

We kindly ask, when possible, you avoid picking students up early, as this can impact their attendance and may interrupt classroom learning. If you do need to collect your child/children before the end of the school day, please come to the school office to sign them out. A staff member will then arrange for your child to meet you at the office. To minimise disruptions, please consider planning early pickups around break times: morning tea is from 10:40 am to 11:00 am, and lunch is from 12:50 pm to 1:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



St Vincent de Paul shop- 109 Mackay Street (next to Ellery's and Carpet Court). They are in need of clean clothes, shoes and household items (not electrical). If you have any to donate, please feel free to drop off to the new shop or to school. Thank you.

	Monday, Tuesday & Friday Various bakery items We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you
	Thursday \$6.50 We ask you to please send the correct monies to school for lunch orders. Thank you
	Wednesday Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Year 5 & Year 6 students returning from camp - students to be collected from train station at 1.00pm	14/2
Year 7 & Year 8 students returning from camp - students to be collected from school at 3.00pm	14/2
Meet the teacher 5.00pm - 7.00pm	17/2
Year 4-Year 8 swimming practice	18/2
Galilee & Nazareth - Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	19/2
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/2
Year 5 & Year 6 Cricket	21/2
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	25/2
Cana - Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	26/2
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	26/2
Year 4 - Year 8 swimming sports	27/2
Year 7 & Year 8 cricket	28/2
Whole school Ash Wednesday Mass at St Patrick's Church @ 9.30am	5/3
Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby League	5/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	5/3



	Starting date	Ending date
Term 1	03/02/2025	11/04/2025
Term 2	28/04/2025	27/06/2025
Term 3	14/7/2025	19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	18/12/2025 (TBC)

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If your address, cell phone or emergency contact details have changed over the last few months, please contact the school office.

It's important that this information is kept up to date.

Thanks



Keeping our students safe outside our school.

We appreciate the effort everyone is taking to ensure our students are safe before and after school when being collected or dropped off to school by parents / caregivers.

This is a gentle reminder, the staff car park is not to be used. We would also ask that you not park over any driveways and or on broken yellow lines. These lines have been placed in areas where parking would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users, for example found on an approach to a pedestrian crossing.

Grey District Swimming	12/3
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	12/3
Zion & Eden Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	12/3
West Coast Swimming	19/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/3
Science in a Van visit to school	24/3
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	26/3
Year 4 - Year 8 School athletics	27/3
Year 4 - Year 8 School athletics PP date	28/3
PTA raffle - New World	29/3
PTA raffle - New World	30/3
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	1/4
Kids Lit Quiz	2/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	2/4
Canterbury Swimming sports	3/4
Grey District Athletics	9/4
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	9/4
PTA raffle @ New World	10/4
Last day of term one	11/4
PTA raffle @ New World	12/4
Please note some dates may change which are out of our control, As dates are made available to us we will include these on the calendar. TBC - to be confirmed.	

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	Thursday \$6.50 We ask you to please send the correct monies to school for lunch orders. Thank you
	Wednesday Price increase We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you

Access to Period Products - Ministry of Education
 A new initiative from the Ministry of Education to

St Patrick's School Policies can be viewed on the [SchoolDocs](http://stpatricksgm.schooldocs.co.nz) website, using the below login details:

<http://stpatricksgm.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: stpatricksgm

Password: patrick



All unnamed lost property is taken to St Vincent de Pau. Please ensure all items of clothing are named. I

Class	Sport uniform day
Eden	Friday
Bethlehem	Friday
Samaria	Thursday
Nazareth	Wednesday
Zion	Monday
Cana	Thursday
Galilee	Friday
Capernaum	Thursday
Jerusalem	Thursday



For the safety of our tamariki after school, please ensure you shut the school gate once you have collected your tamariki. Our tamariki are to stay inside the school playground until they are collected by an adult. We ask that our tamariki do not wait outside the gate. Thank you.



St Patrick's School is closed on the following dates:

King's Birthday 2 June 2025

Matariki 20 June 2025

Labour Day 27 October 2025

Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025

provide ākonga / students with access to period products and reduce stigma around periods. Periods are a fact of life yet they can be the cause of much anxiety, particularly for students who have difficulty accessing period products, like tampons and pads. The initiative is currently being rolled out to all schools and kura across New Zealand. The research suggested schools and kura should create systems that allow students to access period products easily, discreetly and when they need them (See Mrs Winter or Mrs Whitmore at any time). St Patrick's School recognises that access to period products is a necessity, not a luxury. We have placed an order for period products and will have these available for our students in the very near future. Mrs Winter and Mrs Whitmore are available throughout the school day, so please feel free to pop in at any stage and they will ensure access is available discreetly.



Sunhats - Term 1 - Sunhats are to be worn this term during all breaks.. No child will be allowed to play in the sun without a sunhat on. \$15.00 for a new sunhat which can be purchased from the school office.



Please make contact with the school office for a consent form if medication is to be given during school hours.

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



Protect yourself, please

We encourage our students to apply sunscreen before they come to school during the hot summer months



Children are expected to take their lunch box rubbish home with them each day please. We have three red rubbish bins supplied by the council which are collected fortnightly.

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



