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St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence
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Kia ora St Patrick's,

Welcome to 2025,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer with your whanau and have managed to see some sun too!

We started our school year with a welcoming assembly and prayer. Here we acknowledged our school leaders and also celebrated students who used the library the most for home reading last year. We also welcomed our new students.

Next week you will receive a letter from your child's teacher highlighting some important information in regards to their classroom. You will note that we have high expectations on uniforms being correct. Children will be reminded of the expectations around uniform as wearing a uniform is a way of showing pride in our school and we certainly have a lot to be proud of at St Patrick's!

We will be offering 3 way conferences in term two for you and your child. Please keep an eye out on Skool Loop for information on how to book these conferences. These conferences are a great way to meet your child's teacher, discuss their learning and goals for the year.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks. Please utilise the open classroom time on Wednesday afternoons between 3.00pm and 3.30pm to have a look at what your child is learning and to touch base with the classroom teacher.

Enjoy the long weekend ahead to celebrate Waitangi Day. Please note school will be closed on both Thursday 8 February and Friday 7 February.

God Bless,

Ngā mihi, Ian



A
Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
thank You for
the gift of summer
And now...
thank You for
the gift of school.
Be with me, please,
as I begin this new year
with feelings of excitement
and anticipation.
I know that if You
walk with me,
I'll be okay, and
with Your help,
I'll be able to do
my best each day.
Bless my classmates,
my teachers, and
all my lessons, too.
Bless me, dear Jesus,
and open my mind
and heart,
that I might always
learn from You. *Amen.*

+ WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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Our Māori word for the week:

Pepuere

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



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



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.



First Holy Communion

St Patrick's Parish invites parents to enroll their child/children for the First Holy Communion Programme beginning in February 2025. The First Holy Communion for 2025 will happen on Sunday 22 June at 9.30am at St Patrick's church.



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



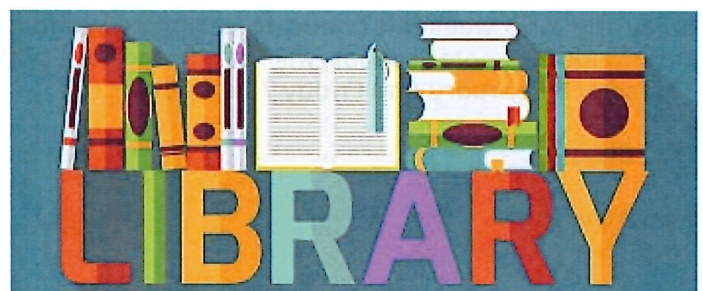
Our baptismal programme is planning to start during Term one. If you would like your child / children to take part in this programme please let the school office know. This programme will be led by Mr Johnson during school time. Please make contact with the school as to your intentions around celebrating 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.

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.



	Starting date	Ending date
Term 1	03/02/2025	11/04/2025
Term 2	28/04/2025	27/06/2025



Library news from our librarian Ms Raphael ...
Any parents/caregivers with a little time on your hands in the next few weeks, we have recently spent some time completely transforming the non-fiction collection into 'Subject Lounges' at the combined library of St Patrick's School and John Paul II High

Term 3	14/7/2025	19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	18/12/2025 (TBC)



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.

Access to Period Products - Ministry of Education

A new initiative from the Ministry of Education to 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.



St Patrick's School Policies can be viewed on the [SchoolDocs](#) website, using the below login details:

School, and now need to get each subject quickly stickered with their new icons. Please email me if you have any spare time after school between 3.00pm and 4.00pm would be ideal, the kids can have a read whilst we sticker. I can also accommodate other times, just let me know rachel@stpatricksgm.school.nz

A great chance to come in and have a chat and a cuppa, and get to see the library.



Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat



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.



Reminder to our parents/caregivers of students heading into a digital classroom for the first time next year, please advise the office of your payment plans.



We had a lot of lost property not named at school currently. This has been taken to St Vincent de Paul

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.



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

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Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Waitangi Day - School closed	6/2
Day after Waitangi Day - School closed	7/2
Year 7 & 8 camp to Teapot Valley	11/2-14/2
Year 5 & 6 camp to Arthur's Pass	12/2-14/2
Bethlehem & Samaria - Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	12/2
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
Grey District Swimming	12/3
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	12/3
Zion & Eden Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	12/3



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

Waitangi Day Thursday 6 February 2025

Friday 7 February 2025

(extra long Waitangi weekend)

King's Birthday 2 June 2025

Matariki 20 June 2025

Labour Day 27 October 2025

Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



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



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.



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 th

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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

