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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,

Wow, a sea of green greeted us at Saint Patrick's School yesterday. Celebration of our patron Saint started early with staff drawing strange looks in Robert Harris as we were all in our fancy dress at breakfast. Liturgy was completed after our fancy dress parade hosted by Miss Hines and Ms Shannahan. After lunch the juniors all played cricket in the hall whilst the seniors enjoyed fun classroom activities. This was all rounded off by the PTA team with jelly for every student.....green of course. A big thanks to the team of jelly makers.

Next up we have the West Coast swimming competition in Hokitika tomorrow. We wish those who have qualified luck. Many thanks to the parents/caregivers who are providing transport to and from this event.

As we begin to look towards term two we are thinking of our Friday afternoon clubs which run from 1.30 until 2.30pm on a Friday afternoon. Teachers and support staff select one of their own interests and run sessions on it for three week blocks.

The students sign up for a block and work with that staff member. Activities in the past have included chess, drawing, lego, clay, dance, football for example. The idea is to create connections between staff and students whilst also experiencing varied activities.

If you have an interest you would like to share with the students on Friday afternoons we would love to hear from you.

Yesterday our bus wardens received their training. The aim for these students is to encourage good behaviour on the buses and also report below the line behaviour to teachers so we can follow up. If your child is a bus user please remind them to listen to and respect their driver and bus wardens. Please encourage them to speak to their warden if they have any challenges on the buses.

God Bless,

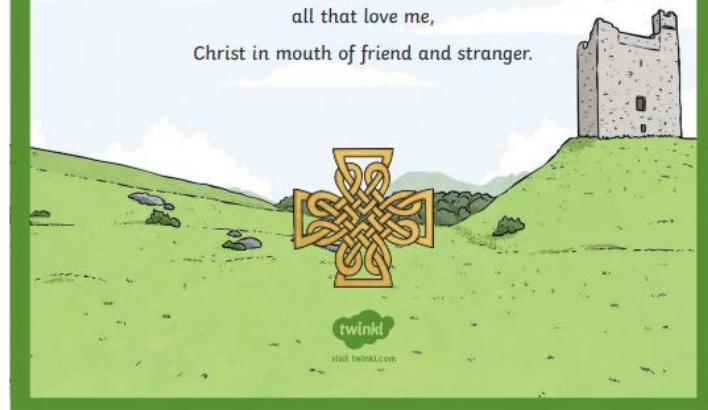
Ngā mihi, Ian



St. Patrick's Breastplate

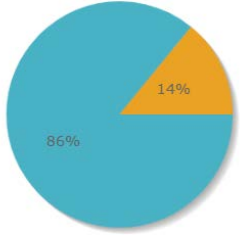
Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of
all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

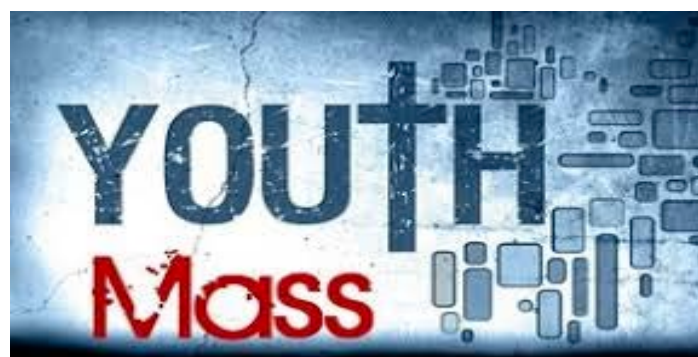
Week & date	Attendance 86%
Week 6 - 10/3/25 - 14/3/25	 86% In class, 14% Not in class

Sri Lankan Cultural Week starting Monday 24 March



Monday 24 March we will be participating in Sri Lankan Sport in the afternoon. Students can wear school sport uniforms to school on this day.

Friday 28 March (next week) to conclude our Sri Lankan Cultural week, students can come to school in cultural attire or in red, orange, yellow, green (colours of the flag)



Our students and their families are invited to celebrate the Youth Mass on Saturday 22 March 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church



The Catholic Parish of Greymouth, St Patrick's Church
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



St Patrick's School Netball
Future Ferns and Junior Grades

All interested players aged between 7 (turning 8 in 2025) and 13 please put your name down at the school office.

We will have a skills session on **Friday 21st March** 3:15pm at the school courts.

Any questions please email csnnetball@gmail.com



Sophia and Hudson were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.




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.

Daily Timetable

8.30am	Classrooms open for students
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

Our Māori word for the week:

he panui

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

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




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

2025 Timeline

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

School Hat Reminder



**No hat
 No outside play**

Congratulations to the students below who have received an award for displaying our school virtues and students who have received a Merit certificate awarded at our school assembly. Week 4 and Week 6 of Term 1 2025

Class	Award	Student	
Eden	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Aniella Ava Sienna Paulinus	Adam Penelope Austin Evlin
Bethlehem	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Willow Sonny Frankie Beauden	Sheann Zen Edward
Samaria	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Aranea Rosemary Bodhi	Lottie Jensen Amelia Maya
Nazareth	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Isla Paulo Akindhu	Tait Adamson Nathan Bodhi
Zion	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Willa Lorenzo Shaun Sophia	Gavin Elsa Kamille Roisin
Galilee	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Zola Tana Sadie Kayde	Zaira Brodie Pera Alara
Cana	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Benji Bria Ethan Paula	Chloe Gracie Lucan
Capernaum	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Alex Hudson Anderson Danniel	Meah Lexi Gian
Jerusalem	Kindness Merit Faith Faith	Amelia Paul Jake Troy	Peyton Mackenzie Theo Olie

St Patrick's School - Forms and Permissions - Activities outside of school eg Chess, Kids Lit, Sports, Choir etc we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring forms are completed on Skool Loop by the required date. This enables us to put teams together and source assistance in a timely manner. We are not able to accommodate late entries. We thank you for your support on this.



Our baptismal programme is starting week one of term two. 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 Ms Shannan our Director of Religious Studies and Mr Johnson during school time. It is too late to register for this programme.

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.



**Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Various bakery items**

We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you



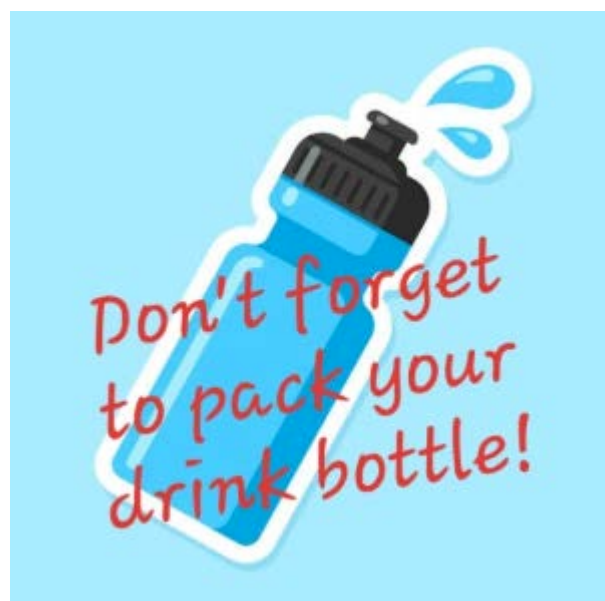
Thursday \$6.50

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**Wednesday
Sushi, rice tray, spring
rolls kids pack**

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Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
West Coast Swimming Hokitika	19/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/3
Commissioning Mass for staff Hokitika	19/3
Donations of Easter Eggs/Chocolate to school for PTA raffle	21/3
St Patrick's School netball Future Ferns and Junior grades 3.15pm at school	21/3
Youth Mass @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	22/3
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 9.00am -6.00pm	29/3
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Board meeting @ 5.30pm	1/4
Kids Lit Quiz	2/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	2/4
Canterbury Swimming sports	3/4
School Mass Saturday 5 April 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church	5/4
PTA Easter Raffle to be returned to school sold or unsold	7/4
Grey District Athletics	9/4
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	9/4
PTA raffle @ New World 9.00am -6.00pm	10/4
Last day of term one	11/4
PTA raffle @ New World 9.00am -6.00pm	12/4
First day of term two	28/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	30/4
Life Education at school	5/5-13/5
Chess Tournament Juniors	8/5
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	7/5
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	14/5
Football tournament Hokitika	20/5

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

Chairperson: Anjelica Crampton

Secretary: Rebecca Barber

Treasurer: Briana Herlihy

Committee: Sacha Ryan, Serena Moles,
 Levi Fraser, Bridie Jackson, Jennifer Dash,

Amy Symmers & Shanna Jones

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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.



	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.

Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	21/5
PTA Disco @ school hall	23/5
Teacher only day - School closed	9/6
Teacher only day - School closed	22/8
PTA Pizza & Cake lunchday	12/9
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.	

	Monday, Tuesday & Friday Various bakery items We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders.
	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



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.



Protect yourself, please

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



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:

School holidays 12 April to 27 April
 King's Birthday 2 June 2025
 Teacher only day 9 June 2025
 Matariki 20 June 2025
 School holidays 28 June to 13 July
 Teacher only day 22 August 2025
 School holidays 20 September to 5 October
 Labour Day 27 October 2025
 Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025

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IS ONE SIZE
Fits All



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	Thursday
Zion	Monday
Cana	Thursday
Galilee	Friday
Capernaum	Thursday
Jerusalem	Thursday