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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

Many thanks to all our parent helpers. We were really lucky to get our cross country completed last week without the rain joining us and the football festival in Hokitika this week was a big success. We could not have attended or run these events without our helpers, so thanks for making a difference.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) disco is on this Friday in the school hall. The start time is 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Please be aware students are NOT allowed to bring mobile phones to this event. We need students to be collected from the hall door promptly at the end of the disco. To assist with this the gate by the hall will be open. It should be a super evening of boogying down!

You will see below that we are supporting Rotary with their "can for a cause" event. Pretty much anything in a can will be collected and then Rotary will share them out to families in need. Can collection will take place between the 9th and the 16th of June in the office.

Colder mornings are here now so please check that your child has their jacket and fleece - the Barber has joined us again and it is always a little colder here than parts of town away from the river.

Nga mihi, Ian



Rotary
Combined Districts of
New Zealand

**ROTARY
CANS FOR A CAUSE**

Many families across New Zealand are struggling to put enough food on the table for their whānau and are in urgent need of support.

The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand are committed to collecting 1 million cans of food to support local food banks in our communities.

You can help!

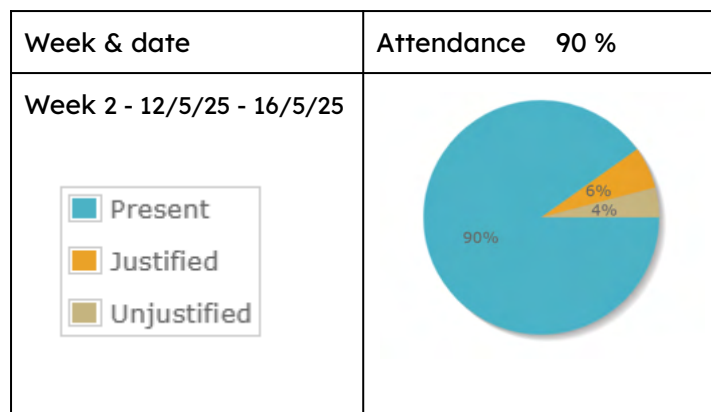
Donate your food items between 9th - 16th June to help us collect a million food items.

A community project organised by:

Items most in need:

- Canned fish
- Baked Beans and Spaghetti
- Canned veges
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Spreads
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereals

Attendance Matters Every student. Every day.



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



Hadlei and Aniella were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



Lunch orders - Bakery, Sushi and Subway
 Please ensure students bring the correct amount of money for lunch orders, as the school is unable to provide change. Thank you for your understanding



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.

Our Māori word for the week:

Kia manawanui

Every child who comes and sees Mrs Harrison-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





Chairperson: Anjelica Crampton

Secretary: Briana Herlihy

Treasurer: Rebecca Barber

Committee: Sacha Ryan, Serena Moles,
Levi Fraser, Bridie Jackson, Jennifer Dash,
Amy Symmers & Shanna Jones

pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz

**Next meeting: Tuesday 13 May
3.00pm at school**



**SCHOOL DISCO this
Friday 23 May
5.30pm - 7.00pm in
the school hall. The
PTA requires parent
helpers for the school
disco. If you can
help please call
Anjelica 027 4388704
or let the school
office know. Students
are to be collected
from the hall.**



Our baptismal programme has started. We are able to offer a Baptismal Mass with Fr Mathew and Bishop Michael for our baptismal programme students and their families on Thursday 26 June 2025, at 9.15am. Our school will be attending this Mass. Please let the school office know if you would like to take part in this event or if your preference is to have a private family baptism. 037687830 or office@stpatricksgm.school.nz



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 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

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.



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

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



	Starting date	Ending date
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)



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

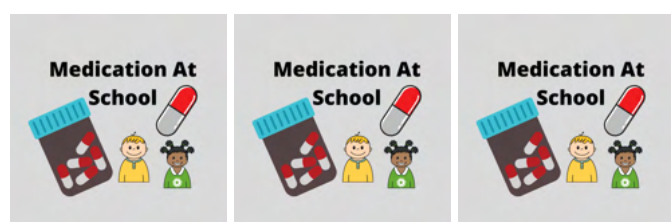


St Patrick's School Policies can be viewed on the [SchoolDocs](http://stpatricksgm.schooldocs.co.nz) website, using the below login details:

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

Username: stpatricksgm

Password: patrick



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

	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	
Assembly in hall 10.00am	23/5
PTA Disco @ school hall	23/5
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	26/5
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	28/5
Class Mass for Samaria & Galilee at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	28/5
Assembly in hall 10.00am	30/5
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	30/5
West Coast Cross Country	4/6
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	4/6
Class Mass for Bethlehem & Nazareth at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	4/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	3/6
PTA Pies to be collected from school office	5/6
School Mass in hall 10.00am	6/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	6/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	9/6
Teacher only day - School closed	9/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	10/6
Class Mass for Cana at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	11/6
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	11/6
Assembly in hall 10.00am	13/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	13/6

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

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	Wednesday Price increase Please ensure students bring the correct amount for lunch orders, as the school is unable to provide change. Thank you for your understanding

Oral Assessment Programme / NZ Speech Year 3-8 students

Our school is pleased to announce our students will again have the opportunity to participate in the oral assessment programme prepared by the New Zealand Speech Board. The aim is to increase children's communication skills, culminating in a friendly and relaxed assessment at the end of the unit of work. This programme specifically meets the needs of the new English curriculum. Some of the areas covered are preparing and presenting a talk, creative drama, storytelling and developing discussion skills through a range of stimulating activities.

The oral assessment programme will be running in all the classrooms and all children will be involved. Although the actual assessment at the completion of work is optional, it does give the children a wonderful sense of accomplishment as well as a goal to work towards.

A qualified Speech and Drama Assessor conducts the assessment in a supportive environment with small groups of children. Assessments will take place at school during the second week of term three. Each student will receive a report based on their presentation and a certificate. Successful students will also receive a NZSB badge.

This assessment is beneficial to all children. Those who are confident communicators will be extended and challenged while those who lack confidence will develop their skills and gain further self-esteem.

PTA Meeting (note change of date) 3pm	13/6
School Mass at St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	14/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	16/6
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	18/6
Matariki - School closed	20/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	23/6
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	25/6
Baptismal Mass 9.15am whole school	26/6
U52kg Bernie Stewart Rugby festival	26/6
Assembly in hall 10.00am	27/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby (date to be confirmed)	27/6
Revolution camp - Christchurch	27/6
Last day for Term 2	27/6
First day for Term 3	14/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	14/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	21/7
Year 5-8 Futsal (TBC)	24/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	28/7
Netball Fun day Year 5 & 6 (TBC)	29/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	4/8
West-a-Maths - Hokitika	6/8
ASB Netball Year 7-8	11/8
St Patrick's Parish mid winter social 11am - 2pm	31/8
Teacher only day - School closed	22/8
PTA Pizza & Cake lunchday	12/9
<i>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.</i>	

There is a cost for sitting the exam, which covers assessment fees, examiners travel and the badge. Below is a list of the fees for each level.

Year 3 Karaka	-	Introductory / Karaka	\$46.00
Year 4 Kowhai	-	Advanced Introductory / Kowhai	\$53.00
Year 5 Kakariki	-	Elementary / Kakariki	\$60.00
Year 6 Kikorangi	-	Advanced Elementary / Kikorangi	\$67.00
Year 7 Kahurangi	-	Junior / Kahurangi	\$73.00
Year 8 Waiporoporo	-	Advanced Junior / Waiporoporo	\$79.00

These exams will take place at school on the week commencing 21 July. Please complete the permissions on Skool Loop or email the school office@stpatricksgm.school.nz Entries close on Thursday 29 May 2025. Payment of the examination fee is to be made directly to the school bank account 12-3168-0043139-02 or to the school office. No late entries will be accepted. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. We thoroughly recommend this most worthwhile programme and assessment.

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