



St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was a week of celebrations:

Gaining our own St Patrick's School Board of Trustees: As many of you will know we have been working on this for a number of years and we are very excited to have a Board solely focussed on our school and tamariki.

We will be welcoming our Board members at our first meeting this week. We are very grateful to them and all of you who have participated in the consultation process along the way.

Jubilate: Our choir performed brilliantly at this event alongside students from JPPII and St Mary's. Ken Joblin was amazing as always. What a fantastic hour it was at church.



Firewise: Last week was the 25th anniversary of the Firewise program. Galilee and Cana celebrated by singing happy birthday and eating cake with the firefighters. Our school has been involved with the program for many years so it was super to be able to celebrate this milestone with the firefighters.

Prayer to Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

St Thérèse,

Give us the heart of a child who wonders at life and embraces everything with loving enthusiasm.

Teach us your delight in God's ways so that divine charity may blossom in our hearts.

Little Flower of Jesus, bring our petitions (mention in silence here)

before God, our Father.

Amen.



Act Justly,
LOVE MERCY
AND
Walk Humbly
with your GOD.
Micah 6:8



The Catholic Parish of Greymouth, St Patrick's Church

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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



New staff member: We have now completed our appointments process. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Sandra Quick who will join us at the start of 2026. Sandra comes to us with lots of experience and knowledge. We look forward to her arrival in the new year. Thanks to Fr. Matthew, Kim and Tanya for their assistance in the process.

This week we started our end of year testing to measure student progress over the year. Testing will be completed by the end of week three. Staff will then start working on reports to share with you at the end of the year.

We finish this week with a Parent Teacher Association mufti day. We are asking for a non-perishable grocery item donation from students.

Strike action important information:

You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa members recently voted to take strike action on 23 October. Many of our teaching and support staff (as well as myself as principal) are NZEI Te Riu Roa members and will be joining the strike.

I want you to know this decision was not made lightly.

Throughout our collective agreement negotiations (where we negotiate for improvements to our working terms and conditions) we have raised several issues that would make a big difference to support our students' learning, but we don't feel that the Government is listening to us or is understanding what schools and students really need.

This includes recognising that our learners need more support, including a teacher aide for every classroom. We are also asking the Government to value all school staff for the work they do. We want to attract and retain great people in our classrooms, rather than seeing them leave for Australia.

A strike means a day without pay, but that is a sacrifice we are making to try and get the Government to hear us and give us what we need to support all students.

St Patrick's School will be closed on Thursday 23 October 2025

Nga mihi

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

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

Username: stpatricksgm

Password: patrick

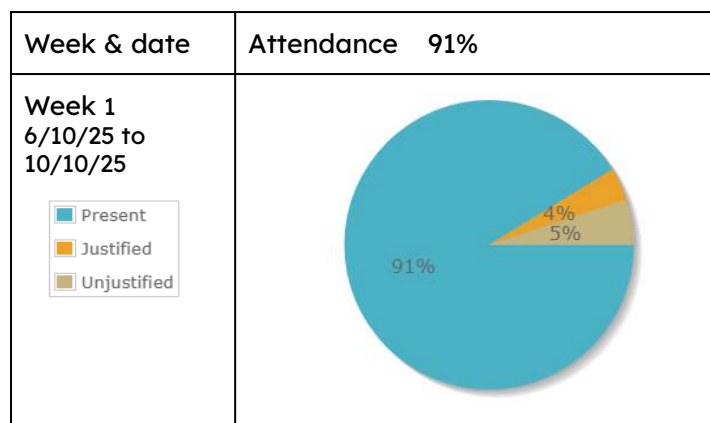


**were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good.
Keep up the good work.**



Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
South African Cultural week	13-17/10
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	15/10
Mass - Capernaum & Galilee 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	15/10
Save your teddy day - St John's Y0 - Y4	16/10
Mufti day PTA - please bring a grocery item for the PTA to use in their Christmas raffle. Thank you	17/10
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	20/10



St Patrick's School Board of Trustees Staff and Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected to the St Patrick's School Board of Trustees

- Kate McKenzie
- Verity McRoberts
- Mark Naish
- Kathryn Ruddle
- Blair Shrimpton
- Kim Harrison-Hines - Staff representative

Signed *Tanya Whitmore*

Tanya Whitmore, Returning Officer



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



PTA Calendar Art orders close off for second round of ordering	20/10
BoT Special Character meeting	21/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	22/10
Mass - Zion & Cana 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	22/10
School Closed - NZEI strike action	23/10
Mission Market Day	24/10
Labour Day - School closed	27/10
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	28/10
Mass - Samaria, Eden & Bethlehem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	29/10
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	29/10
West Coast Athletics	29/10
All Saints Day	1/11
All Souls Day	2/11
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	3/11
Mass - Nazareth & Jerusalem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	5/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	5/11
CHCH Music Festival Year	6-7/11
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	10/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	12/11
BoT Special Character meeting	18/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	19/11
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	25/11
Book Week	17-21/10
Book Character day	21/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	26/11
Canterbury / WC Athletics	26/11
Westland Anniversary day	1/12
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	3/12
Year 8 treat day	15/12
EOY Mass & Prizegiving 6pm @ St Patrick's Church	16/12

Sadly we have a large number of basketball tops from our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 players that have not returned to school. We ask you to please return these so next season all our players are able to have a school basketball top to wear. Thank you



Nimmo Photography
Your gallery is ready to be viewed.

<https://nimmophotography.shootproof.com/gallery/28343227/>

Use the following password to access your photos: SP25

This gallery will expire on 12/12/2025.

Nimmo Gallery (03) 768 6499 or email galler@nimmophoto.co.n



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.

Our Māori word for the week:

kaitiaki

Every child who comes and sees Mrs Harrison-Hines or Mr Johnson and uses this word in a conversation will get a caught being good card!



St Patrick's School is closed on the following dates:
NZEI Strike action Thursday 23 October 2025
Labour Day 27 October 2025
Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025

Last day of term four @ midday	17/12
2026	
2026 Year 7&8 camp Livings Springs	10-13 February
2026 Year 6 camp Westport	11-13 February
<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>	

	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

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

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





	Starting date	Ending date
Term 4	06/10/2025	17/12/2025 midday



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

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

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: TBA



School Camps Year 6,7 & 8 - 2026

Year 7 & 8 - Living Springs Camp , Lyttelton Christchurch - leave school Tuesday 10 February 2026 and return to school Friday 13 February 2026. We have been able to reduce the cost to \$385.00 per student. This will be amended on your school invoice. Payment options are available, please see either Mr Johnson or Mrs Whitmore.

Year 6 - Westport camp - leave school Wednesday 11 February 2026 and return to school Friday 14 February 2026. Cost is \$125.00. Payment options are available, please see either Mr Johnson or Mrs Whitmore.

Camp notices, invoices and requests for parent helpers have been shared with our current year five to year seven students. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper please either email the school office or complete the form on Skool Loop by Friday 12 September. Thank you for supporting our school camps.

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