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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 will start this week with a big thanks to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). As you may have seen on our Facebook page we took delivery of our first batch of picnic tables this week. The PTA has purchased these for the students via funds they have raised with your support. The students are really happy sitting out and eating together at breaks seated comfortably.

This week will also see the students completing their term one assessments which will enable teachers to set learning goals. The data we gain from the various assessments enable us to baseline learning so we can review our progress as a school in the middle and at the end of the year. Please congratulate your child on their focus and commitment to do their best on these assessments.

On Thursday we have our swimming sports which many of the students are looking forward to. This is for Year 4 to Year 8 students. We hope to see you at the pool watching your young ones if possible.

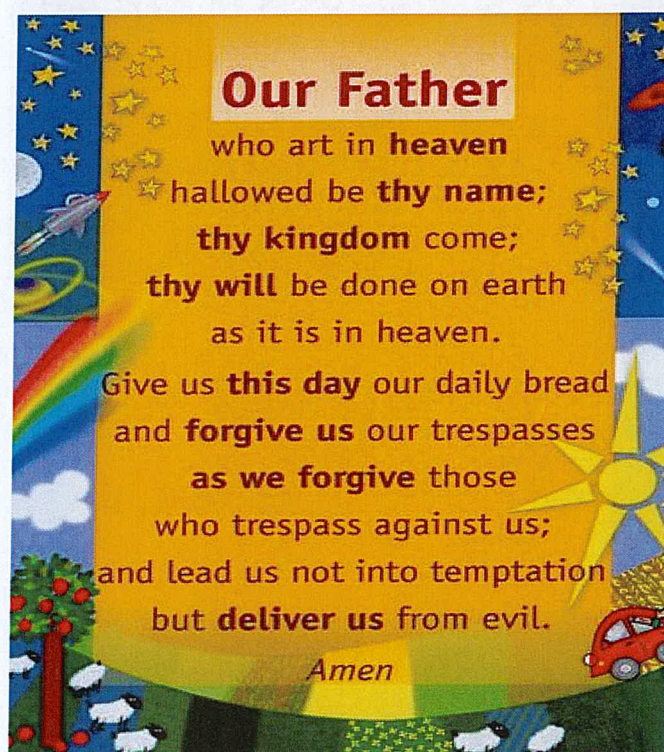
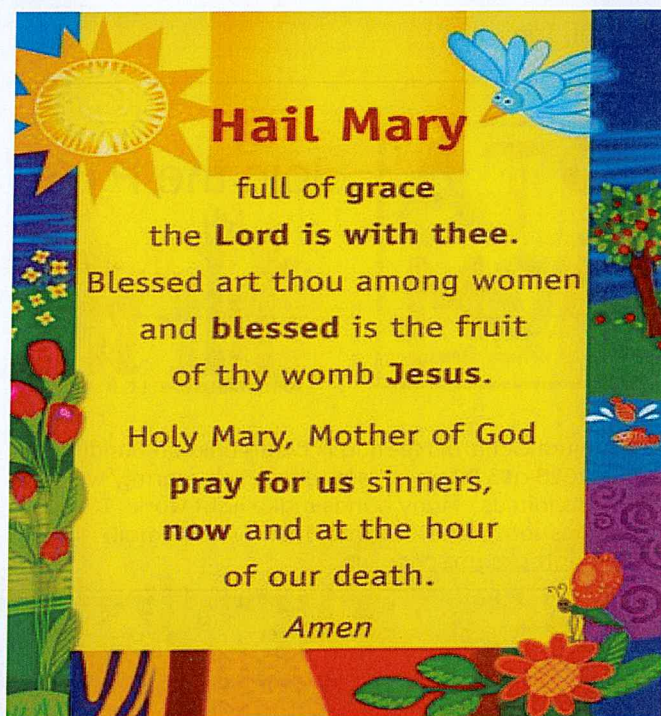
Yesterday afternoon all teachers completed the taught part of our annual Catholic professional Development. This year's topic is Catholic social teaching. We now just have our assignments to complete.

I have included an overview of what Catholic social teachings are for your information. When we work with the students here at St Patrick's our approach is driven by the principles of Catholic social teachings.

What is Catholic social teaching (CST)?

"CST principles guide us how to live in just love: Human Dignity, Common Good, Subsidiarity, Solidarity, Participation, Preferential Care for the Poor, Distributive Justice, Promotion of Peace and Stewardship." (p.67 To Tatou Whakapono Our Faith)

These teachings are based upon Gospel values and were taught by Jesus to his disciples so they could spread the news of the kingdom of God to the masses. The kingdom of God on Earth is not a matter of food and drink but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14.17).

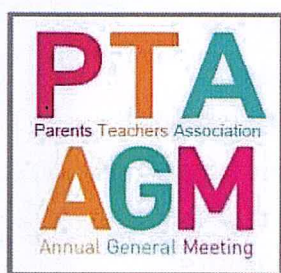


Within CSI people are seen as equal in the world and those who live gospel values should strive to demonstrate them and use them within their daily lives. This brings CST into the everyday World.

Linkage to this aspect is present throughout the Bible and more recently in *Rerum Novarum* (of new things) (1891) written by Pope Leo XIII. More recent Popes have also continued to link CST to everyday life within their writings such as *Laudato Deum* (Praise God) (2023) by Pope Francis.

God Bless,

Ngā mihi, Ian



Join the PTA!



PTA Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday 2 March 2025 at 3.00pm at Monteith's. We warmly welcome you all to join us. Many hands make light work. If you have questions please contact the PTA via email pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz



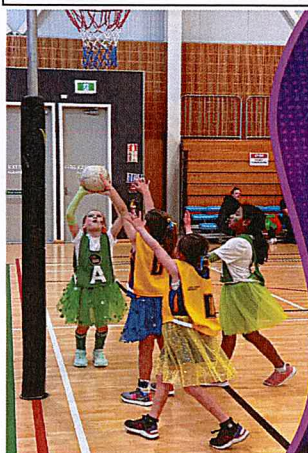
The Catholic Parish of Greymouth, St Patrick's Church

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



Olie and Zaidee were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



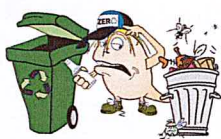
St Patrick's School Netball

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 csnetball@gmail.com



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.





Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Early symptoms may include:



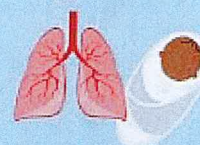
Slight fever.



Mild or occasional coughing.



Runny nose.



A pause in breathing in babies.

After the first or second week, symptoms may include:



Prolonged, repeated or violent coughing episodes.



Whooping sound when inhaling.



Vomiting.



Exhaustion due to prolonged coughing.



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



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



Our Māori word for the week:

Whakawhetai koe

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. For any further information please collect information sheet from the school or the Parish Centre

2025 Timeline

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 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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whanau group

Marist

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



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



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.

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	
Year 4 - Year 8 swimming sports	27/2
Year 7 & Year 8 cricket	28/2
PTA AGM @ Monteith's 3.00pm	2/3
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
West Coast Swimming	19/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/3



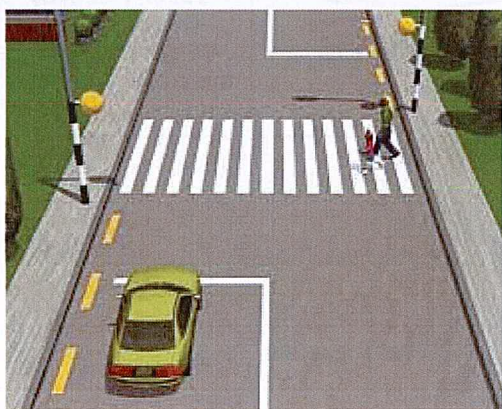
	Starting date	Ending date
Term 1	03/02/2025	11/04/2025
Term 2	28/04/2025	27/06/2025
Term 3	14/7/2025	19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	18/12/2025 (TBC)

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.

St Patrick's School netball Future Ferns and Junior grades 3.15pm at school	21/3
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
<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>	

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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

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



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

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.



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

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



