



St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora St Patrick's,

Here we go, term three is underway. I have enjoyed listening to all the cool things our students have been up to over the break. I am hopeful you all had a lovely break full of fun.

This term we have a couple of very important things happening which will shape the future of St Patrick's school for the next few years:

1. Triennial Board of Trustee Elections
2. Strategic Plan Development

1. This Sunday all school families will receive an email asking for names of people who would like to be elected to join the Board of Trustees. Currently we have a shared Board of Trustees with John Paul II. We are hopeful we will have permission for a dedicated Board (which just looks after St Patrick's School) before Sunday. Either way we still need Board members to provide governance for our school.

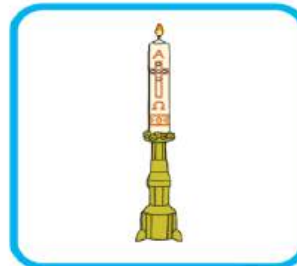
Parents can come onto the Board as parent representatives or a proprietor representative. Proprietor representatives represent the Parish and Diocese interests on our Board providing a special faith based perspective to our conversations.

Further information on becoming a Board of Trustee member can be found here:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>

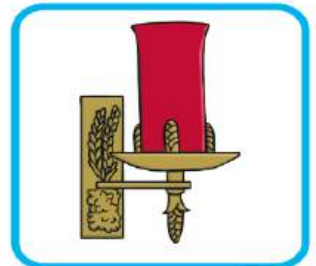
2. Our current Strategic Plan ends at the end of 2025. Prior to the end of the year we need to consult with our school community to identify the direction of our school for the next three years. Our current plan has served us well and seen very positive gains for our school.

We will be circulating a survey and offering meetings, emails and chats to enable us to hear your thoughts and ideas. From this we will synthesize common themes and draft up a new strategic plan for you to review. The requirement



Paschal Candle

This is a special candle that reminds us that Jesus loves us.



Sanctuary Lamp

This lamp reminds us that Jesus is present in a special way in the tabernacle.

Praying with Your Five Fingers

The Sick and the Weakest

The ring finger is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick and those who are experiencing difficulties.

Pray for Yourself

The smallest finger reminds us to pray for ourselves once we have prayed for everyone else.

Those Who Lead Us

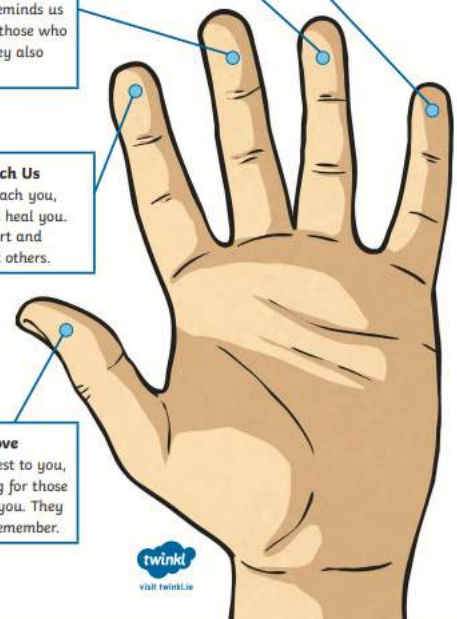
The tallest finger reminds us of our leaders and those who have authority. They also need guidance.

Those Who Teach Us

For those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need support and wisdom to direct others.

Those Who We Love

Your thumb is closest to you, so begin by praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.



from the Ministry of Education is that the new Strategic Plan is in place by the end of 2025.

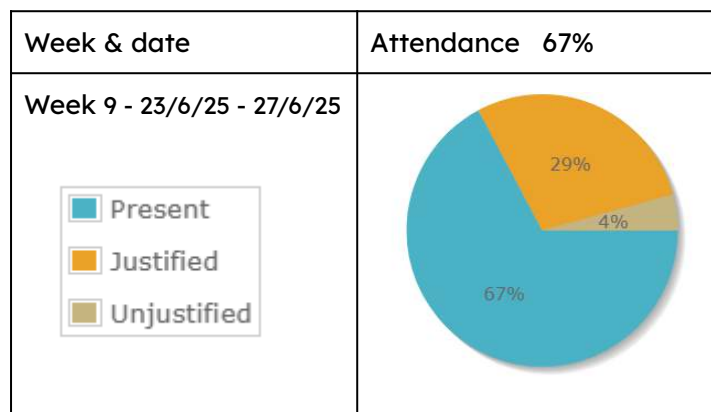
As you can see above there is a great opportunity for all of you to contribute and help us set up for the future of St Patrick's School. We look forward to hearing from you.

Nga mihi nui

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West Coast School Kapa Haka Festival 2025
Our year 5-8 Kapahaka team is heading to the 2025 Kapahaka Festival at Westland High on Monday 15th September. In order for us to attend we need some parent help. At this stage you will be required for the whole school day and can either join us on the bus or meet us there. If you are available please let Samantha Doig know by emailing her at samantha@stpatricksgm.school.nz
Nga Mihi
Samantha Doig

Camp Survey for Year 4-8 parents/caregivers.
Thank you to our school community for taking part in this survey.



During Fr Mathew's leave, please note the following

CHANGE Of Schedule for Weekday Masses

Weekdays: No Masses Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for July

Mass will be available on Fridays at 12.10pm 4th, 11th, and 18th July

First Friday Adoration will take place on 4th July. Thank You to Fr Dan O'Connor.

Weekends: July 5/6, July 12/13, July 19/20 – Fr Michael Mahoney

July 26/27 – Fr Peter Head

August – Fr Peter Costello

Emergency Contacts & Pastoral Support

For any urgent pastoral needs, here are the designated contact points:

- **Funerals:** Fr Peter Head will be available throughout July (021 724 323).
- **August:** Fr Peter Costello will be the resident priest throughout the month.
- **Hospital visits or anointing of the sick:** Please contact Margaret, our secretary (021 253 9734) and you will be guided to the right priest.

Office landline after hours: If calling outside working hours, please leave a clear message with your phone number.

Confession: Please approach the priest celebrating weekend Masses and arrange an appointment.

From July 25, Fr Peter Head will be available.

From August 1, Fr Peter Costello will be available.

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



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





Nimmo Photography - St Patrick's School photos 2025 are booked for Thursday 21 August. A link will be shared after the photos are taken, this will be where you can view and order your photos. All students will have an individual photo taken and all families will have a family photo taken on this day. We ask that all students wear the correct school uniform to school on this day, no sports uniforms please. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nimmo Gallery (03) 768 6499 or email gallery@nimmophoto.co.nz



Our Māori word for the week:

Hararei

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



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 22 July 2025
@3.00pm at school

Jack and Gia Louise were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



Congratulations Austin, Amelia, Mason, Georgia along with Malachai who were baptised during a school Mass last term. May this Sacrament surround them, their parents and godparents with many graces.





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



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

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 3	14/7/2025	19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	17/12/2025 midday

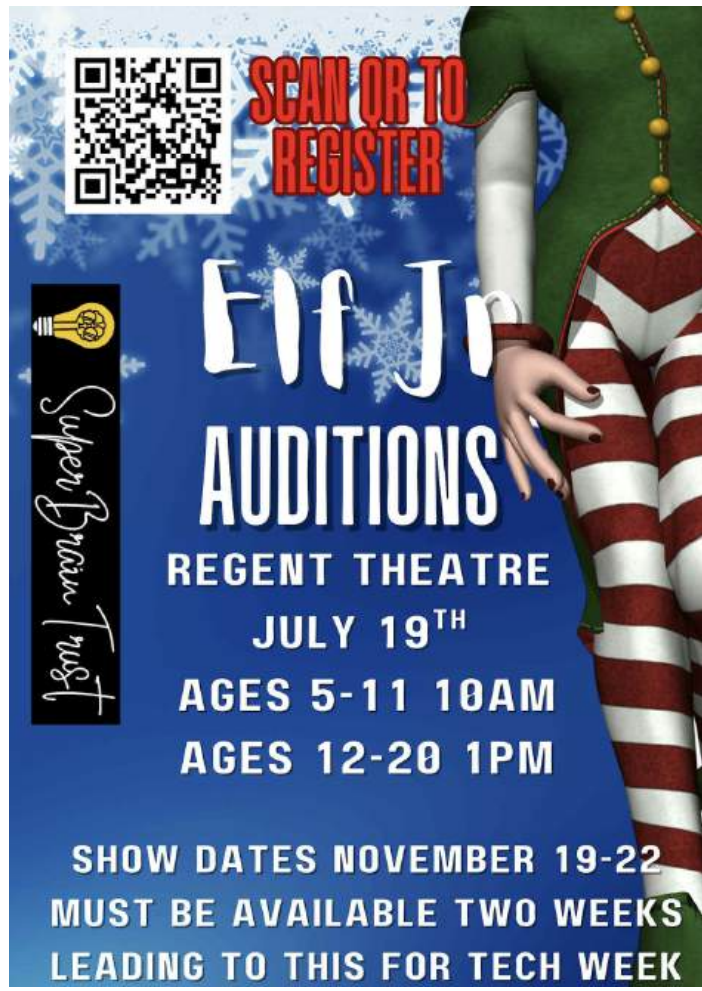


All unnamed lost property is taken to St Vincent de Paul. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.



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



Zion's creations with boxes at the end of last term. They look amazing.

Whanau group

Samaria, Nazareth, Cana & Jerusalem & Capernaum	Thursday
Eden, Bethlehem & Galilee	Friday

	Monday, Tuesday & Friday Various bakery items Please ensure students bring the correct amount for lunch orders, as the school is unable to provide change. Thank you for your understanding
	Thursday \$6.50 Please ensure students bring the correct amount for lunch orders, as the school is unable to provide change. Thank you for your understanding
	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

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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.

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	Wednesday Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you