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# St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora St Patrick's,

As I write today a large group of students are representing St Patrick's at the Grey District swimming schools swimming competition. Good luck to all involved.

Our school was also well represented at the West Coast league tournament. A third place was gained. By all accounts it was a hard day out and our teams showed heaps of character and St Patrick's spirit. We are very proud of them.

Here at school we have completed our term one assessments with good results. Teachers are working with students to identify their learning goals in preparation for our 3 way conferences with you early next term.

Next Monday 17 March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. We encourage all our students and staff to wear **GREEN** mufti to school on this day.

This week we will begin reporting our weekly attendance data as the Ministry of Education is wanting us to raise awareness. More time at school leads to greater learning outcomes for students. Every day really does count.

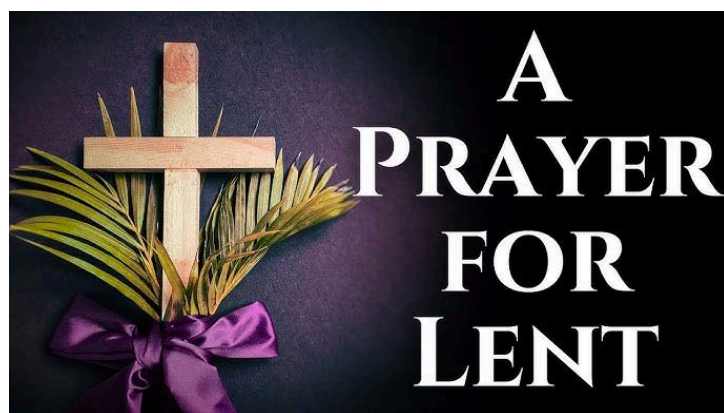
St Patrick's School places a high value on attendance at school. Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning, establishes positive daily routines, and promotes well being by connecting them to their peers.

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

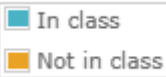
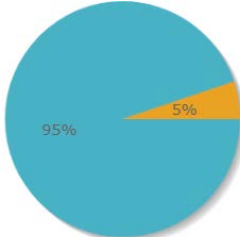
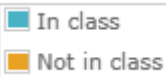
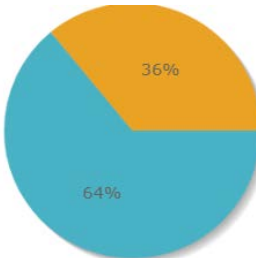
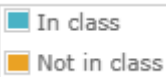
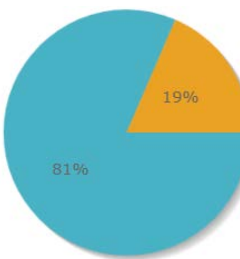
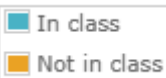
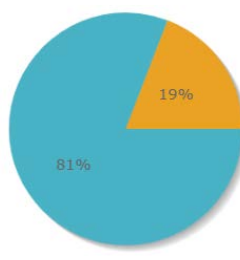
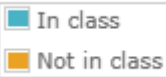
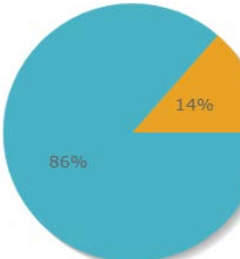
# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

*May the wisdom of God instruct us  
May the hand of God protect us  
May the word of God direct us*

# **Attendance Matters** Every student. Every day.

## Attendance for Term 1 - 2025

| Week & date                                                                                                          | Attendance %                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1 - 3/2/25 - 7/2/25<br><br>     |    |
| Week 2 - 10/2/25 - 14/2/25<br><br>   |   |
| Week 3 - 17/2/25 - 21/2/25<br><br> |  |
| Week 4 - 24/2/25 - 28/2/25<br><br> |  |
| Week 5 - 3/3/25 - 7/3/25<br><br>   |  |

## 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.

**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 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 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.






**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 cscnetball@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.

#### 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:**

**Ahiahī pai**

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

**Whanau group**

**Marist**

**Mercy**

**McAuley**

**Champagnat**

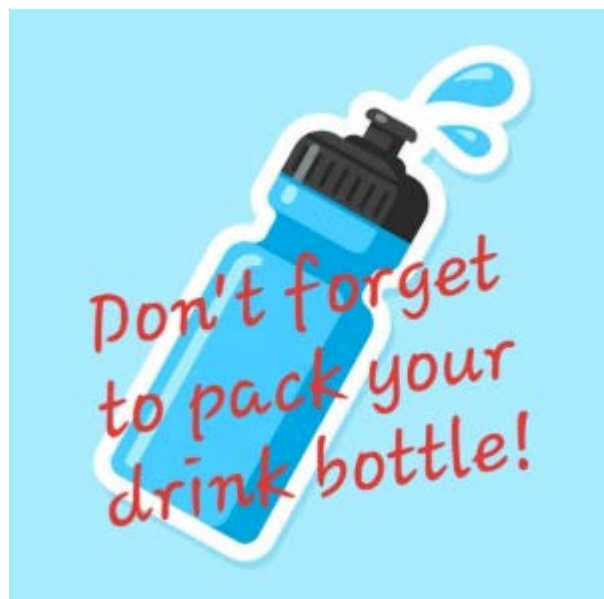


St Vincent de Paul shop- 109 Mackay Street (next to Ellery's and Carpet Court). They are in need of clean clothes, shoes and household items (not electrical). If you have any to donate, please feel free to drop off to the new shop or to school. Thank you.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | <b>Monday, Tuesday &amp; Friday</b><br><b>Various bakery items</b><br>We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you  |
|  | <b>Thursday \$6.50</b><br>We ask you to please send the correct monies to school for lunch orders. Thank you                                             |
|  | <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack</b><br>We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you |

#### Dates to remember:

|                                                                           |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 2025 dates                                                                |      |
| Grey District Swimming                                                    | 12/3 |
| Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day                                             | 12/3 |
| Zion & Eden Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am                             | 12/3 |
| St Patrick's Day - students are to wear green mufti to school on this day | 17/3 |
| PTA Easter Raffle to go home to families                                  | 17/3 |
| West Coast Swimming Hokitika                                              | 19/3 |
| Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day                                             | 19/3 |



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.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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        |
| 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        |
| PTA raffle - New World 9.00am -6.00pm                                                                                                                                  | 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         |
| 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        |
| Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day                                                                                                                                          | 21/5        |
| PTA Disco @ school hall                                                                                                                                                | 23/5        |
| <b>Teacher only day - School closed</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>9/6</b>  |
| <b>Teacher only day - School closed</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>22/8</b> |
| 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> |             |



|        | 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.



### 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.



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



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





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



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          |



## Wednesday Morning Blessings



May this Wednesday morning be filled with God's love and favor.

May His presence guide your steps, His wisdom illuminate your path, and His peace envelop your heart. May blessings abound as you embrace the day with faith and gratitude. Amen.

