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This week our school will be attending St Patrick's church to participate in Ash Wednesday mass. Please join us at church at 9.30am if you are able. Ash Wednesday is a traditional day of repentance for Christians.

On Tuesday we had rugby training sessions at school with a special visit by Rob from West Coast Rugby so students could continue developing their skills and knowledge of the game.

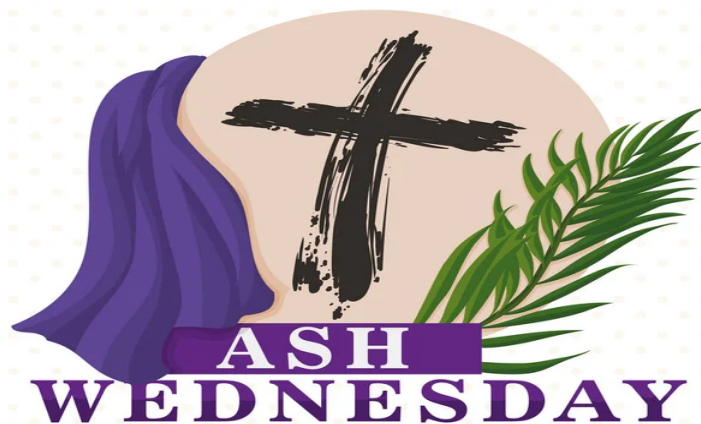
On Monday our teaching team met with teachers from all over Greymouth to continue developing our digital skills with a particular focus on artificial intelligence (AI) in schools. Teachers are also receiving three full teacher only days this year to enhance our familiarity with the new maths curriculum. Dates for these have been added to the calendar and a school loop note has been sent out

Swimming sports ran smoothly thanks to Ms. Shannahan and her team of parent helpers. There were some great performances by our students with a good number qualifying for the West Coast swim meet. The manu contest was hotly contested, Kudos to Phoenix for taking the win!

We have a slight adjustment during the start of the day. Students arriving before 8.30am have been asked to wait outside Eden. This is so they have more shelter and a place to sit with the new picnic tables.

God Bless,

Ngā mihi, Ian



ASH
WEDNESDAY



Remember that
you are dust, and to
dust you shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20

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!



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.



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 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.

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.



	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

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.



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

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Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
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
Westside Blitz basketball visit to St Patrick's School 9.00am to 11.00am	6/3
7 year old eye tests	11/3
Grey District Swimming	12/3

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 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.

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
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



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

Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	21/5
PTA Disco @ school hall	23/5
Teacher only day - School closed	9/6
Teacher only day - School closed	22/8
PTA Pizza & Cake lunchday	12/9
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.	

Wild Places Education

SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

Nature-based early childhood education
 Ages 2 to 6
 Free for 3-5 year olds using 20 hours ECE scheme
 Teacher led, with Tim and Michelle
 Based in Paroa, Māwhera / Greymouth
wildplacesnz.com admin@wildplacesnz.com

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	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.

Medication At School

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

School Hat Reminder

No hat
 No outside play

Protect yourself, please

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