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Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora St Patrick's

I am very pleased to see so many families attending the three way conferences being held this week. Students and teachers have been enjoying sharing the learning which has taken place so far in 2025 and sharing goals for the year.

Linking with our three way conferences some of you may be aware of the new parent portal which has been launched by the Ministry of Education this week. Here is the link:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

The portal is designed to help you understand what your child is learning at school and how they are progressing against the curriculum, and what you can do to support them at home.

We will be holding an exploration evening on Wednesday the 14 May at 6.00pm to help you gain familiarity with the portal in room 0. Please come along and have a chat.

Sadly we are not sending a group to the upcoming hockey festival as we have not had enough student interest to even get close to forming up a team.

We are also really struggling to get enough parent help for many of our events. We really appreciate parents helping with transport and the running of the events. It would be really disappointing to have to not attend events due to a lack of parent helpers. Even if you can only spare an hour it all helps so please put your hand up. Huge thanks to those parents who turn up time and again to help.

I mention parent help as we have a lot on the calendar this term with chess, basketball, rugby and rippa rugby all coming up.

It has turned a bit more chilly and it is good to see the students well wrapped up in the mornings. The bus students are doing a wonderful job with their high vis which becomes even more important for the next two terms with the darker nights and mornings. Please check in and congratulate your child if they are on the buses.

Thursday sees us host the West Coast primary chess tournament in our hall tomorrow morning and on Friday seniors are off to Grey Main for their chess

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

Pray the Rosary

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.
- 2 Recite the Our Father.
- 3 Recite three Hail Marys.
- 4 Recite the Glory Be.
- 5 Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.
- 6 Recite ten Hail Marys.
- 7 Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
- 8 Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.
- 9 After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X



God Bless, Ian



Week & date	Attendance 95%								
Week 1 - 28/4/25 - 2/5/25 Present Justified Unjustified	A pie chart illustrating the attendance distribution for Week 1. The chart is divided into three segments: a large blue segment representing 'Present' at 95%, a small orange segment representing 'Justified' at 4%, and a very thin grey segment representing 'Unjustified' at 1%. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Present</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Justified</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unjustified</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Percentage	Present	95%	Justified	4%	Unjustified	1%
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A message from the Diocese regarding attendance dues:

Thank you for your patience as we transition to the CathConnect system. While we had hoped to be in a position to invoice the 2025 Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions by now, we have had some delays. It is likely that invoices will not be issued until June, at which point we will be able to advise you of the new bank account details and referencing required for payments. In the interim can you please continue with any payment plans you have in place. We will be working closely with your parish to ensure these payments are correctly applied to your account once the invoice is issued. All payments made to the parish for these costs will be transferred to the diocese in due course. Amounts for 2025 are as follows: Attendance Dues \$500 + GST – total of \$575 Special Character Contributions \$60 Once again thanks for your patience – if you have any questions regarding this please get in contact with the team via email dues@cdoc.nz or phone Lydia 03 378 3642 or Petro 03 353 0758. Ngā mihi nui Janice Rennell – on behalf of the Attendance Dues team.



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



Edward and Landon were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



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



Ensuring Student Safety During Drop-Off and Pick-Up

As we continue to prioritise the safety of our students at St Patrick's School, we kindly remind all parents and caregivers to exercise caution when dropping off and collecting children from school, particularly on wet days. The increased congestion during these times requires everyone to follow safe and responsible driving practices to ensure the well-being of all students.

To help maintain a safe environment for our children, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Do not park on yellow lines - These areas are designated as no-parking zones for a reason. Parking here obstructs visibility and creates hazards for pedestrians and other vehicles.

Do not stop on or near the pedestrian crossing - It is crucial that the crossing remains clear at all times. Stopping on or close to the crossing to collect children poses a serious risk as other students may still be crossing.

Use designated parking areas - There are parking spaces available in the Grey District Council car park on the left-hand side next to the grass. We strongly encourage parents to use this space to ensure the safe and smooth flow of traffic.



Do not park in the school staff car park - The school staff car park is reserved for school staff only and is not to be used for dropping off or collecting students. Parking in this area is unsafe as children are often walking through, increasing the risk of accidents.

Be patient and considerate - We understand that school drop-offs and pick-ups can be busy, but we ask for your cooperation in following road rules and being mindful of all children's safety.

Your support in following these guidelines is essential in keeping our students safe. Please discuss these safety measures with anyone who may be responsible for dropping off or collecting your child from school.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to ensuring a safe school environment for everyone.

PTA Marlow pies fundraiser for 2026 camp students. Students from Year 4 to Year 7 have been given a PTA Marlow pies fundraising order form. This fundraiser will generate funds for your child's camp for 2026. If you would like to take part in this fundraiser and your child is not a Year 4 to Year 7 student, please see the office for an order form.



Our baptismal programme has started. We are able to offer a Baptismal Mass with Fr Mathew and Bishop Michael for our baptismal programme students and their families on Thursday 19 June 2025, time to be confirmed. Our school will be attending this Mass. Please let the school office know if you would like to take part in this event or if your preference is to have a private family baptism. 037687830 or office@stpatricksgm.school.nz



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 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

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.

Payment Required for School Uniform Items



We would like to let you know about an important update regarding the purchase of sports uniforms, sunhats, beanies and school jackets. To help us manage our uniform distribution efficiently, payment will now be required before these items can be collected. How to Make a Payment: Payments can be made via online banking St Patrick's School Board of Trustees 12-3168-0043139-02 Please include your child's name and item(s) being purchased as a reference. Once payment has been received, your child's uniform items will be issued.

Need Assistance? We understand covering uniform costs upfront may be challenging for some families. If you need support or would like to discuss a payment plan, please get in touch with the school office either by phone call 037687830 or email office@stpatricksgm.school.nz and we will be happy to help. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Life Education at school	5/5-13/5
Chess Tournament Juniors	8/5
Assembly in hall 10.00am	9/5
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	12/5
PTA Pie orders to be returned to school	12/5
PTA meeting @ school 3.00pm	12/5
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	14/5
Class Mass for Capernaum & Eden at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	14/5
Adoration in hall 10.00am	16/5
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	19/5
Football tournament Hokitika	20/5
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	21/5
Class Mass for Jerusalem & Zion at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	21/5
Assembly in hall 10.00am	23/5
PTA Disco @ school hall	23/5
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	26/5
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	28/5
Class Mass for Samaria & Galilee at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	28/5
Assembly in hall 10.00am	30/5
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	30/5



Lunch orders - Bakery, Sushi and Subway
Please ensure students bring the correct amount of money for lunch orders, as the school is unable to provide change. Thank you for your understanding



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:

Whaea

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



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.



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 13 May
3.00pm at school**

West Coast Cross Country	4/6
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	4/6
Class Mass for Bethlehem & Nazareth at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	4/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	3/6
PTA Pies to be collected from school office	5/6
School Mass in hall 10.00am	6/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	6/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	9/6
Teacher only day - School closed	9/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	10/6
Class Mass for Cana at St Patrick's Church 9.00am	11/6
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	11/6
Assembly in hall 10.00am	13/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby	13/6
PTA Meeting (note change of date) 3pm	13/6
School Mass at St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	14/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	16/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	17/6
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	18/6
Matariki - School closed	20/6
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	23/6
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 10's tournament	24/6
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	25/6
U52kg Bernie Stewart Rugby festival	26/6
Assembly in hall 10.00am	27/6
Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby (date to be confirmed)	27/6
Revolution camp - Christchurch	27/6
Last day for Term 2	27/6
First day for Term 3	14/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	14/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	21/7



Bus children need to wear their fluoro vests in the morning and afternoon. This is not an option, it is compulsory.



	Starting date	Ending date
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)



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



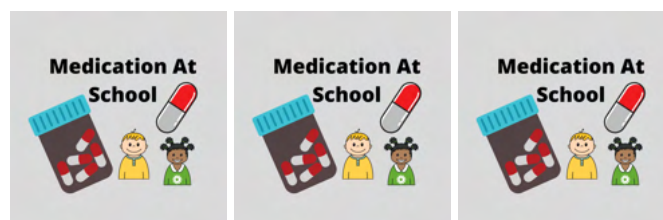
Life Education Learning With Harold is visiting St Patrick's School this week. Harold merchandise can be purchased from the school office.. Should your child wish to make a purchase please make sure they have the correct amount of money for the item being purchased

Year 5-8 Futsal (TBC)	24/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	28/7
Netball Fun day Year 5 & 6 (TBC)	29/7
Year 5&6 / 7&8 Basketball	4/8
West-a-Maths - Hokitika	6/8
ASB Netball Year 7-8	11/8
St Patrick's Parish mid winter social 11am - 2pm	31/8
Teacher only day - School closed	22/8
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>	

	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



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.

Class	Sport uniform day
Eden	Friday

St Patrick's School Greymouth

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the St Patrick's School Greymouth Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

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



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

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

Username: stpatricksgm

Password: patrick

Bethlehem	Friday
Samaria	Thursday
Nazareth	Thursday
Zion	Monday
Cana	Thursday
Galilee	Friday
Capernaum	Thursday
Jerusalem	Thursday

Minimizing disruptions during the school day regarding

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 the start of break times: morning tea 10:40am and lunch starts at 12:50pm. That way we can have your child/children waiting for you at reception. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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

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

