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St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

Learn, Create, Share

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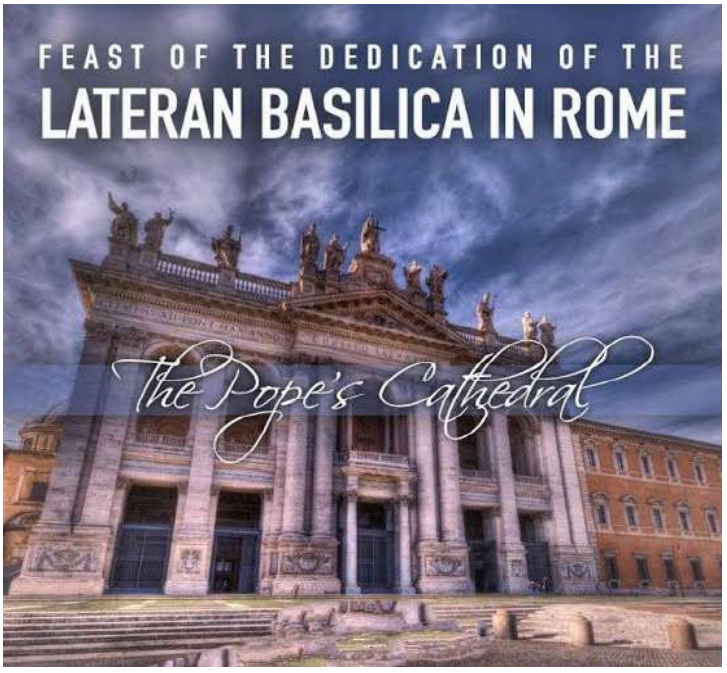
Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

On November 9, 2026, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. It is not a tourist curiosity only; the feast honors the mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world, signifying the unity of the whole Catholic communion.





We had five awesome students representing St Patrick's in the combined Greymouth Choir at the



Art & Architecture

The Facade
The grand Baroque facade was completed by **Alessandro Galilei** in 1735.

The Interior
Redesigned in the Baroque style by **Francesco Borromini**.

The Apostles
Giant, stunning statues of the Apostles are placed in monumental niches along the nave.

The Papal Altar
Features a Gothic Baldacchino, under which relics of **St. Peter and St. Paul** are believed to be housed.

A Sign of Unity

The Feast of the Dedication of this Basilica is celebrated worldwide.

It is a universal celebration, a sign of **unity** and communion with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome.

weekend in the Town Hall in Christchurch. These girls have worked extremely hard to learn some pretty incredible songs in the themed show “Just Dream”. They had a great time and a big thanks to Mrs. Harrison Hines for taking them.

Staff car park: Due to our roll growing we require extra space. Two additional classrooms will be placed in the staff car park. We flagged this as a likelihood around this time last year. Lots of of work has gone on behind the scenes by our BOT the Diocese and myself.

I am extremely thankful to the teachers, and parents who have been making do whilst we worked out the solution. Your patience is a credit to you.

The timeline for completion is the start of term one 2027. The builders will be on site from Thursday this week making the site secure for them to begin construction. At this stage there will not be any impact on parents and students during term four.

Nga mihi nui

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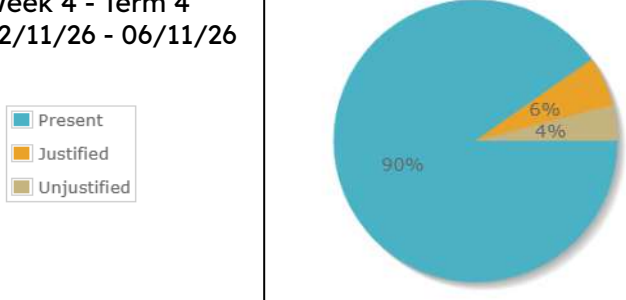
SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

St Patrick’s School Policies & Procedures can be viewed on the SchoolDocs website, using the below login details:

http://stpatricksgm.schooldocs.co.nz
Username: stpatricksgm
Password: patrick

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

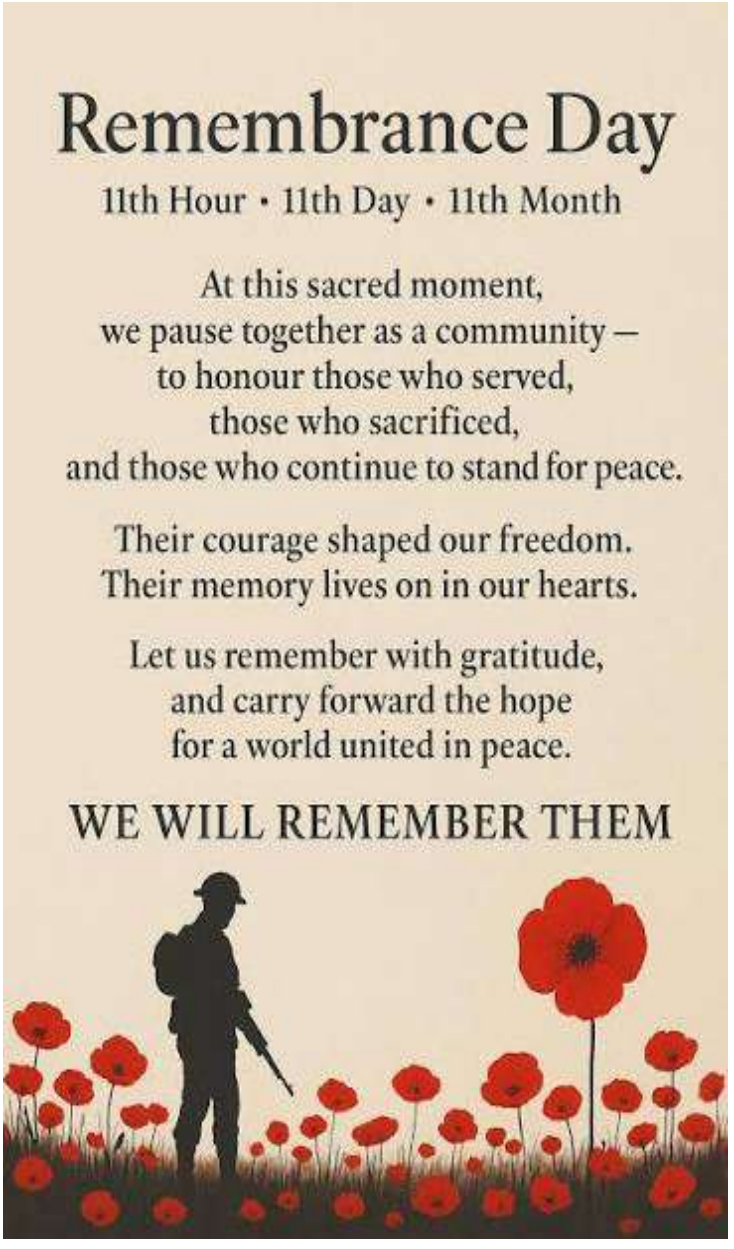
Attendance will be reported to our families each week

Week & date	Attendance 90%
Week 4 - Term 4 02/11/26 - 06/11/26	



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











Solomon, Aeshana and Emi were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.

Bus students - All bus students are required to wear their fluro vests. Please see the office for a vest





School Trophies and Cups
Please return to school any trophies and or cups from last year. Thank you

Dash in Cafe	***Monday, Tuesday & Friday Various items*** We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you
SUBWAY	***Thursday*** Complete your order on-line subwaylunches.co.nz In order for your child/children to receive their order, the order has to be placed on line before 9.00am. This is out of our control, so don't be late. Thank you
SUSHI BAR ASIAN EATERY	***Wednesday Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack*** We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you

Class	Day to wear sports uniform to school
Eden, Jordan, Nazareth, Zion and Galilee	Friday
Bethlehem,Samaria, Cana, Capernaum & Jerusalem	Thursday



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.



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



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

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Scholastic Book Club Orders

If your book order is intended as a gift, please let us know by clearly marking your order as a gift. If no indication is provided, we will assume that the order can be given to your child. Thanks.

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School photos have been taken. Thanks to Mr Nimmo. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nimmo Gallery (03) 768 6499 or email gallery@nimmophoto.co.nz
Link to gallery of photos for St Patrick's School
https://nimmophotography.shootproof.com/gallery/59d61427-40db-4fa3-8a12-7ac339ea123e/
Use the following password to access your photos: SP26
This gallery will expire on 16 Nov 2026.

Gifts for Christmas
Children helping Children

This Christmas we are encouraging children to bring a gift for another child less fortunate than themselves. These gifts will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society and Sisters of Mercy to distribute to local children in need. Please label the gift boy/girl and the age the gift is suitable for and leave at the school office. Thank you



St Patrick's School is closed on the following dates:
Westland Anniversary Day - Monday 30 November



	Starting date	Ending date
Term 4 -2026	12/10/26	15/12/26 midday
Term 1 - 2027	2/2/27	9/4/27
Term 2 - 2027	27/5/27	2/7/27
Term 3 - 2027	19/7/27	24/9/27
Term 4 - 2027	11/10/27	TBC

Dates to remember:

2026	
Capernaum technology @ JPIIHS	11/11
Cricket Festival Y7/8 Arthur Fong Park TBC	11/11
St Patrick's Junior Youth Group Year 4-6 students @ school 3.05pm	12/11
St Patrick's Church Working Bee 9.00am to 12.30pm	14/11
Jerusalem technology @ JPIIHS	18/11
St Patrick's Junior Youth Group Year 4-6 students @ school 3.05pm	19/11
Capernaum technology @ JPIIHS	25/11
Board meeting	25/11
St Patrick's Junior Youth Group Year 4-6 students @ school 3.05pm	26/11
Book Character Week	23-27/11
Celebrity Readers in the Junior Classes	23/11
PJ Day - wear you favourite PJ's to school (PJ's - Pyjamas)	24/11
Whacky Wednesday, add something to	25/11

The PTA needs your help!

Through the efforts of our fundraising and events over the last couple of years, we have been able to provide for our students:

- new sports equipment for the Junior classes
- new sports equipment for general lunchtime use
- new Rugby uniforms
- new Basketball uniforms
- new picnic tables
- contribution towards choir & Canta-maths trips
- camp contribution for every student
- R.E. supplies
- board games for seniors
- bus vests
- sandpit toys

We facilitate camp fundraisers to give students the opportunity to reduce their individual camp bills.

We create fun events for the students that are a highlight on the school calendar:

- discos
- pizza and cake days
- Colour Runs
- St Patricks Day treats



We are a school of 230 students and only have a handful of parents on the PTA, we need more members to continue this good work!

- **1-2 meetings per term**
- **Many hands make light work**
- **Fun group of parents with great banter ;)**
- **Do it for the kids!**

To join, email pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz

your school uniform to make it Whacky	
Teddy Bears Picnic - Bring your favourite Teddy to school	26/11
Book Character Dress Up Day	27/11
Canterbury/WC Athletics Y7/8	25/11
Westland Anniversary Day - School closed	30/11
Jerusalem technology @ JPIIHS	2/12
St Patrick's Junior Youth Group Year 4-6 students @ school 3.05pm	3/12
Mission Market Day	4/12
Christmas Parade	12/12
End of Year Mass & Prizegiving 6.00pm @ St Patrick's Church	14/12
School finishes at midday	15/12
2027	
Start of Term 1 2027	2/2
Waitangi Day	8/2
Y7&8 Camp to Bridge Valley	9-12/2
Y6 Camp to Arthurs Pass	24-26/2
Easter school closed - Good Friday Easter school closed - Easter Monday Easter school closed - Easter Tuesday	26/3 29/3 30/3
Last day Term 1 2027	9/4
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.	

ST PATRICK'S JUNIOR

YOUTH GROUP

FUN. FOOD AND FAITH

Come and join us in Room 0 St Patrick's School on Thursdays at 3:05pm.

STARTING 3:05PM THURSDAYS TERM 3

PARENTS WILL NEED TO FILL IN A PERMISSION FORM ON FIRST SESSION AND NOTIFY WEEKLY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE ON MESSENGER GROUP

EVERYONE YEAR 4-6 WELCOME

Contact: Maria Lockington
St Patricks Youth Worker
thelockykids@gmail.com

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.

Chromebooks
We have noticed that a number of students are arriving at school with their chromebooks either low or flat batteries and therefore not ready for learning at the start of the day.
Could you please ensure that your child / children charge their Chromebook each evening before coming to school? While we do have a small number of charging stations available, there are not enough to accommodate all students. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure students are ready to learn each day.

Parish Christmas Celebration
Sunday 29 November 11.00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Kumara followed by a shared Luncheon from: 12.00pm – 2.00pm at Kumara Hall. Bring your family and friends and a plate to share for lunch. A time of warm gathering to get to know our Parish Community and to share your talent.



Chairperson: Anjelica Crampton, Secretary: Briana Herlihy, Treasurer: Rebecca Barber, Committee: Sacha Ryan, Serena Moles, Levi Fraser, Bridie Jackson, Jennifer Dash & Amy Symmers
pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz
Wednesday 16 September 3.00pm at school

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.



PTA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Christmas Raffle



Please return to school all sold or unsold raffle tickets together with money by Friday 13 November 2026. We thank you for your support for this wonderful fundraiser for our school.



School Camps Year 6,7 & 8 - 2027

Year 7 & 8 - Bridge Valley Camp - leave school Tuesday 9 February 2027 and return to school Friday 12 February 2027.

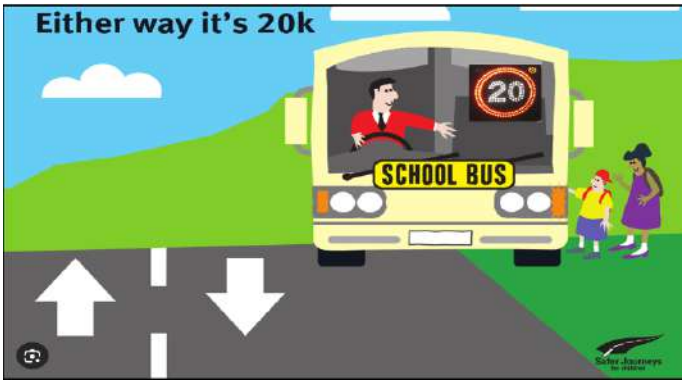
Year 6 - Arthurs Pass - leave school Wednesday 24 February 2027 and return to school Friday 26 February 2026.

Payment options are available, please see either Mr Johnson or Mrs Whitmore.

A big thank you to the many parents / caregivers who offered to go to camp next year. Congratulations to the following parents who will be taking part in our camps.

Year 6 - Arthurs Pass Camp
Jess Travis, Levis Guenole, Phoebe Ginty, Catherine Dee and Kirsten Norton

Year 7 & Year 8 -Bridge Valley Camp
Phil Friend, Josh Green, Blair Shrimpton, Whitney Eade, Jeremy Ruddle, Peter Nicholls & Kate McKinnel



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