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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,

We are right in the middle of our Cultures of the World week. Lots of art and activities have taken place already. This will be the theme of our float in the Christmas parade. Thanks to all of you who have assisted with this special time.

The touch rugby competition also took place this week. I accompanied 30 students to the festival. Lots of outstanding skills were displayed. No results were recorded as it was a participation event. Our teams played well and showed great sportsmanship. We fielded two girls only teams which was fantastic and a first. The girls played against other female teams which again was a great evolution for this event in my view. Thanks to our parent helpers for transport and encouragement/ expertise on the day.

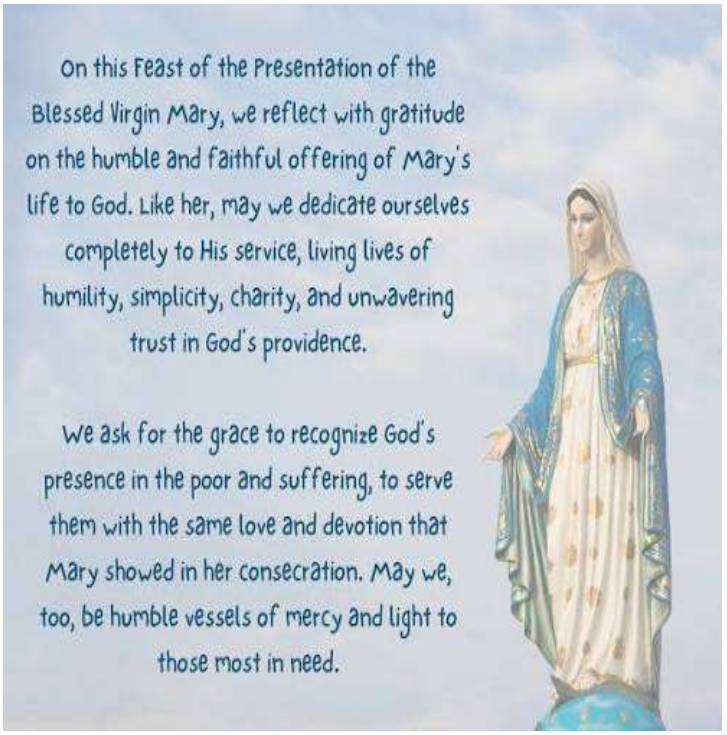
For those of you dropping your children off at school please do use the crossing. I have seen a number of parents crossing the road between parked cars due to our changed entry gate. Please set a good example to your young ones and use the crossing.

You may also have seen that the construction of our additional classrooms has started. This is super exciting and we are ever hopeful that they will be ready for the start of 2027. The students are getting a fantastic opportunity to view the building process. Our always brilliant builders TWB are cracking on with gusto.



Speaking of property development our BOT are aiming to create a school property development committee. They are looking for parent **volunteers** to be part of this. If you have expertise or enthusiasm for developing our site please make contact with me or any other Board member. Our students deserve a fantastic environment to learn and grow in. This is





important for our current students and those who join us in the future.

This Saturday we have our **school mass** at the church starting at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you all there. Our students will be taking key roles in the service so it would be lovely for them to be supported and encouraged by their school mates and parents.

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:

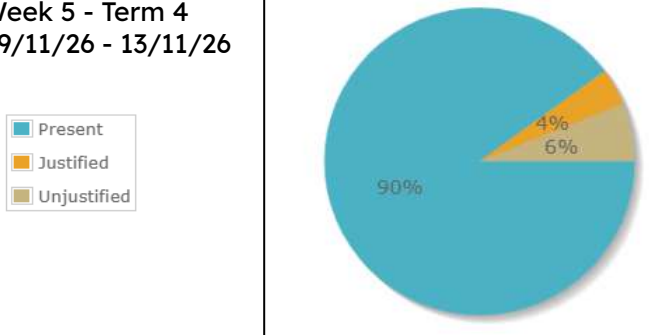
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All unnamed lost property is taken to St Vincent de Paul. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Attendance will be reported to our families each week

Week & date	Attendance 90%
Week 5 - Term 4 09/11/26 - 13/11/26	



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



A friendly reminder to all students and parents due to the recent changes to our school gates, everyone must sign in at the school office when arriving during school hours. Late students are to sign into the office when they arrive at school, they are not to go directly to their class.

This helps us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and allows us to keep accurate records of who is on site.

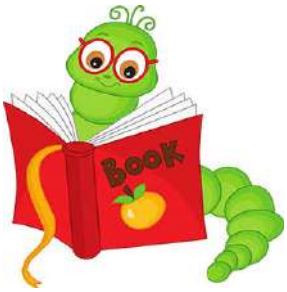
If you are collecting your child/children from school early, please also ensure you check in at the school office before taking them from the school grounds.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Please note there will be no lunch orders available on Friday 20 November. Thank you for your understanding.







Guess the number of book worms in the jar.

During Book Character week when you receive a 'Caught Being Good' you can have a guess at how many book worms are in the Jar on Mrs Winter's desk



Saturday 21 November
St Patrick's Church
6.00pm

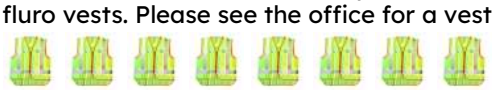


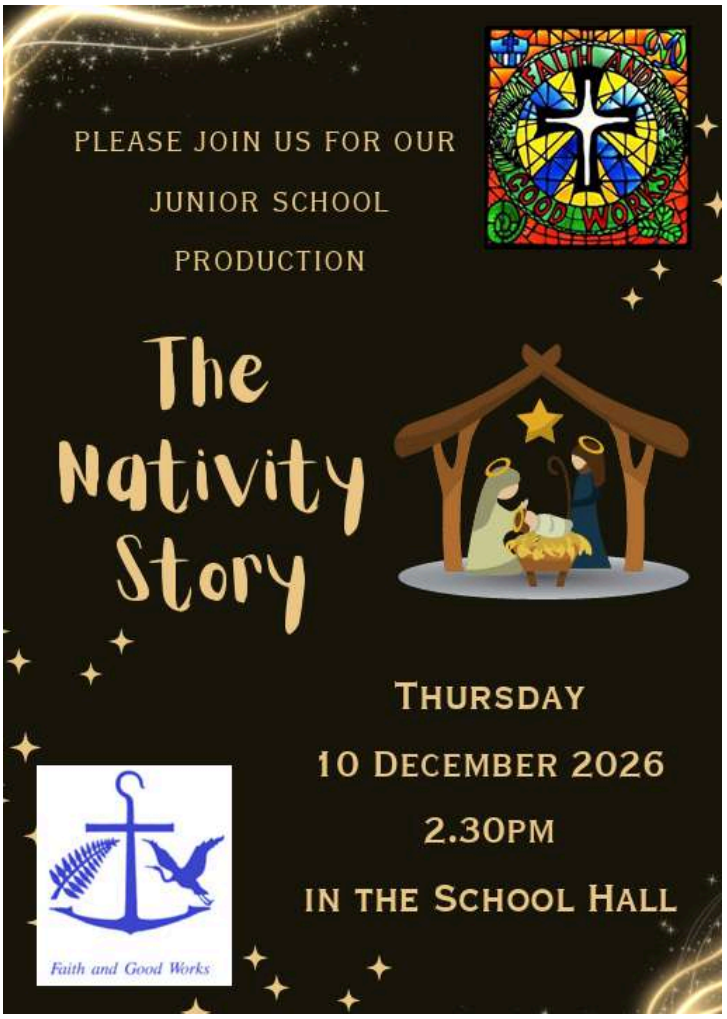




Aditi, Adam & Arathi were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.

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





Friday 20th November – Cultural Dress & Celebrations

Students are invited to wear:

- **The colours of their country's flag.**
- **Clothing representing where they or their family are from.**
- **Traditional or cultural attire.**

Whānau Class Tour – 1:35pm

Whānau are warmly invited to join their child's class and enjoy the cultural presentations.

School Cultural March – 2:30pm

Join us as our students proudly march behind their country's flag to finish our Cultural Week celebrations! Children are welcome to bring something extra to carry in the march, such as a flag.

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.

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

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



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.



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

Westland Anniversary Day - Monday 30 November

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

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



	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

2026	
St Patrick's Junior Youth Group Year 4-6 students @ school 3.05pm	19/11
Capernaum technology @ JPIIHS	25/11
Board meeting	25/11
Canterbury/WC Athletics Y7/8	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 your school uniform to make it Whacky	25/11
Teddy Bears Picnic - Bring your favourite Teddy to school	26/11
Book Character Dress Up Day	27/11
JPIIHS Year 8 Orientation Day	27/11
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
Junior School Nativity Story 2.30pm in hall	10/12
Christmas Parade	12/12

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.

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.






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

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 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.

PTA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are now overdue. Please return to school all sold or unsold raffle tickets. We thank you for your support for this wonderful fundraiser for our school.