



St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the information we have shared regarding our current school closure.

We will update you via Skool Loop and direct emails with further updates as soon as we have them.

Nga mihi

Ian

School closure update for Saint Patrick's School whanau 19.11.25.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

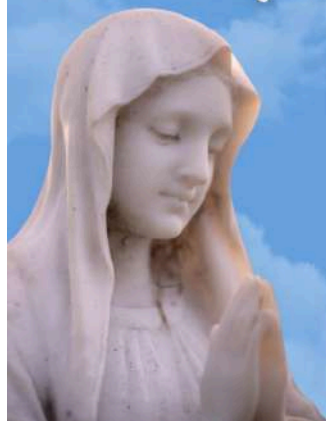
Our Board of Trustees and I have been working together to provide you with this update. This is an unprecedented and challenging situation for all of us. Our actions are based upon a safe return to school as soon as we are able.

We will continue to provide updates to you when we have any further information via email and Skool Loop.

Next steps:

- **Timeframe** We have obtained a timeframe from the asbestos testers and cleaners. Testing to be completed hopefully by Tuesday next week (25 November) and results by Friday next week hopefully (28 November). The provider is very busy with many school closures due to this but they are prioritising schools
- As it stands it is unlikely we will be able to reopen until Tuesday 2 December (due to Westland Holiday on 1 December). This is contingent on testing going ahead on schedule and **no** contamination being found
- **If contamination is found** there is no current timeline on how long it will take to deep clean or what areas of the school may or may not be open. We will be able to plan for this hopefully at the end of next week when we have the testing results available
- **If no contamination** is found may open fully on the Tuesday 2 December

The Presentation of Mary



Blessed are those
who hear the
word of God and
observe it.
-Luke 11:28

Prayer for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

She is the flower of the field
from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.

Through her birth,

The nature inherited

From our first parents

Is changed.

- Saint Augustine -



- If **partial contamination** is found we will open as many areas of our school as deemed safe by our asbestos tester/ cleaner
- In the meantime we are looking for alternate options to provide learning spaces/ opportunities for students and will communicate these as soon as we are able to draw a plan together
- We cannot access many of the schools resources or Chromebooks left behind due to the contamination risk

What can you do at home:

Guidance from the Ministry of Education released overnight provides guidance on personal decontamination and can be found at this link:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/news/asbestos-coloured-sand>

As far as we know the last time the sand was used was two weeks ago. Based on the above guidance I suggest that you treat any exposure as a historic one. The information provided by the Ministry of Education suggests the following:

If sand use was historical and clothing has been washed

The risk of residual contamination is very low to negligible. Any remaining particles are likely to have been removed through washing.

We are very conscious it is difficult for you having children at home especially in the lead up to Christmas. If you cannot provide care for your children during school hours please could you email me directly:

ian@stpatricks.school.nz Please use this option as a last resort.

For now our school remains closed to all students.

The Board and I will be meeting daily to review the situation. We will communicate any updates as soon as we have them.

Closing the school is not taken lightly but balanced against the risk no matter how small of wellbeing for students and staff.

God Bless
Ian



The Catholic Parish of Greymouth, St Patrick's Church

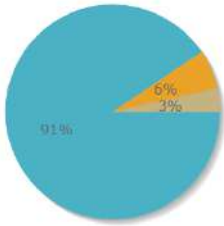
st_patricksgreymouth@hotmail.com 037685263

*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*



Ethan, Caleb and Lorenzo were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



Week & date	Attendance 91 %
Week 6 10/11/25 to 14/11/25	 ☐ Present ☐ Justified ☐ Unjustified



Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers from St Vincent de Paul who have supported our school with grocery and uniform vouchers as well as donations to go towards assisting our families in many ways.. Your generosity is hugely appreciated.

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.

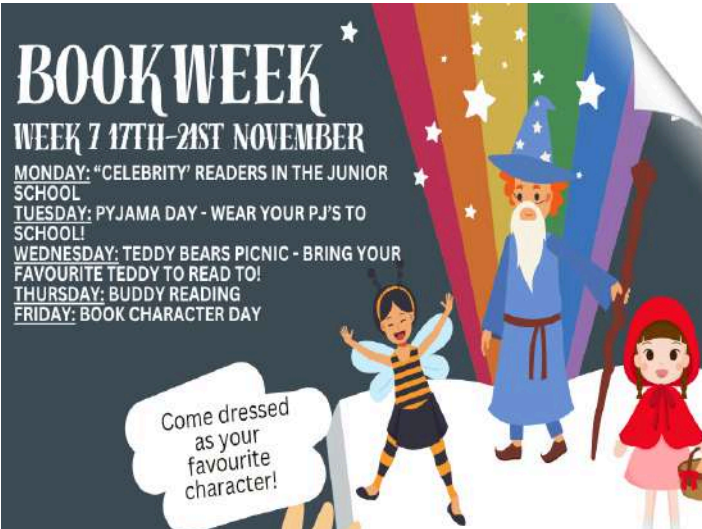



sold or unsold tickets together with money are returned to school by Tuesday 2 December 2025. We thank you for your support for this wonderful fundraiser for our school.

BOOK WEEK

WEEK 7 17TH-21ST NOVEMBER

MONDAY: "CELEBRITY" READERS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
 TUESDAY: PYJAMA DAY - WEAR YOUR PJ'S TO SCHOOL!
 WEDNESDAY: TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - BRING YOUR FAVOURITE TEDDY TO READ TO!
 THURSDAY: BUDDY READING
 FRIDAY: BOOK CHARACTER DAY



Come dressed as your favourite character!



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

Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Book Week Monday Celebrity readers in the Junior School Tuesday Pyjama Day - wear your PJ's to school Wednesday Teddy Bears Picnic Bring your favourite teddy to read a story to Thursday Buddy reading Friday Book Character Day, come to school dressed as your favourite character!	Postponed New date to be confirmed

Westland Funeral Services  Super Brain Trust 

Elf JR

The Musical

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN and BOB MARTIN Music by MATTHEW SKLAR Lyrics by CHAD BEGUELIN

NOVEMBER 19-22
REGENT THEATRE
GREYMOUTH

\$30 OR
PAY WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD!



Grey District creative COMMUNITIES nz

<https://events.humanitix.com/elfjr>

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum
 Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).



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



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

Nimmo Photography Your gallery is ready to be viewed.
<https://nimmophotography.shootproof.com/gallery/28343227> Use the following password to access your photos: SP25 This gallery will expire on 12/12/2025. Nimmo Gallery (03) 768 6499 or email gallery@nimmophoto.co.nz



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

Book Character day	TBC new date
Canterbury / WC Athletics	26/11
Board meeting 5.00pm (venue tbc)	26/11
PTA Christmas Raffle sheets to return to school	2/12
Westland Anniversary day school closed	1/12
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	2/12
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	3/12
JPIIHS EOY Mass and Prizegiving 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church	4/12
Whanau Assembly	5/12
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	7/12
PTA Christmas raffle drawn	9/12
Assembly @ 10.00am	12/12
Year 8 treat day	15/12
Junior school fun day	15/12
Whole school to wear mufti to school	16/12
Senior school fun day - bring a packed lunch and your swimming togs and towel	16/12
EOY Mass & Prizegiving 6pm @ St Patrick's Church	16/12
Last day of term four @ midday	17/12
2026	
2026 Year 7&8 camp Livings Springs	10-13 February
2026 Year 6 camp Westport	11-13 February
<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 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

free to drop off to the new shop or to school. Thank you.

Our Māori word for the week:

Te ra

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



St Patrick's School is closed on the following dates:
Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



	Starting date	Ending date
Term 4	06/10/2025	17/12/2025 midday



School Camps Year 6,7 & 8 - 2026

Year 7 & 8 - Living Springs Camp , Lyttelton Christchurch - leave school Tuesday 10 February 2026 and return to school Friday 13 February 2026. Year 6 - Westport camp - leave school Wednesday 11 February 2026 and return to school Friday 14 February 2026. Cost is \$125.00. 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 - Westport Camp- Aaron Williams, Jordan Baty, Amy Symmers, Lea Delaporte, Joel Greene, Kirsten Norton Year 7 & Year 8 - Living Springs Claire Shrimpton, Kate Johns, Jeremy Ruddle, Peter Nicholls, Luchi Jumamil, Martin Greaney



Wednesday
Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack

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



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

Class	Sport uniform day
Zion	Monday
Samaria, Nazareth, Cana & Jerusalem & Capernaum	Thursday
Eden, Bethlehem & Galilee	Friday



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



Chairperson: Anjelica Crampton
Secretary: Briana Herlihy
Treasurer: Rebecca Barber
Committee: Sacha Ryan, Serena Moles, Levi Fraser, Bridie Jackson, Jennifer Dash, Amy Symmers & Shanna Jones
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Next meeting: Friday 5 December @ 3.00pm @ school