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22 October 2025

St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

As you are hopefully aware, school is closed on Thursday this week due to strike action. More information is shared below.

We also have the long Labour Day weekend to look forward to. School is closed on Monday 27 October.

When we return we will be looking for all students to be wearing their sunhats so please remind your young ones about our expectations. Hats are to be worn at all times outside.

Many thanks to those of you who supported the Christmas raffle via mufti day. A good variety of items were shared and the students had a great time out of uniform.

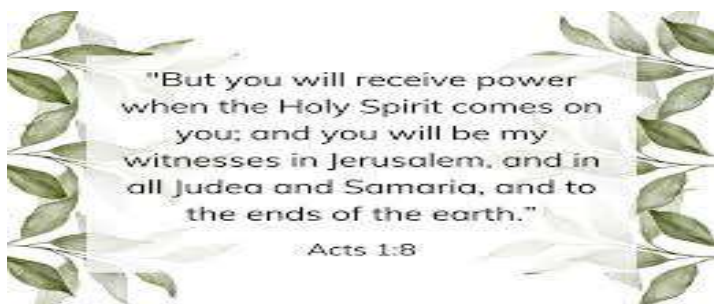
End of Year testing will be completed by the end of this week and we will start to analyse the results ready to share with you via reports.



Liturgy was full on Monday!

Nga mihi

Ian



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



MISSION SUNDAY
PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION



"God doesn't call you to be successful, He calls you to be faithful."

— Bernard Williams

Strike action important information:

You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa members recently voted to take strike action on Thursday 23 October. Many of our teaching and support staff (as well as myself as principal) are NZEI Te Riu Roa members and will be joining the strike.

I want you to know this decision was not made lightly.

Throughout our collective agreement negotiations (where we negotiate for improvements to our working terms and conditions) we have raised several issues that would make a big difference to support our students' learning, but we don't feel that the Government is listening to us or is understanding what schools and students really need.

This includes recognising that our learners need more support, including a teacher aide for every classroom. We are also asking the Government to value all school staff for the work they do. We want to attract and retain great people in our classrooms, rather than seeing them leave for Australia.

A strike means a day without pay, but that is a sacrifice we are making to try and get the Government to hear us and give us what we need to support all students.

St Patrick's School will be closed on Thursday 23 October 2025

Nga mihi

Ian



Week & date	Attendance 90 %
Week 2 13/10/25 to 17/10/25	Present Justified Unjustified



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



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



Reagan & Liam were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good for week one. Keep up the good work.





School Trophies and Cups

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

St Patrick's School Board of Trustees
Staff and Parent Election Results Declaration
(no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected to the St Patrick's School Board of Trustees

- Kate McKenzie
- Verity McRoberts
- Mark Naish
- Kathryn Ruddle
- Blair Shrimpton
- Kim Harrison-Hines - Staff representative

Signed *Tanya Whitmore*

Tanya Whitmore, Returning Officer



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



Basketball

Sadly we have a large number of basketball tops from our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 players that have not returned to school. We ask you to please return these so next season all our players are able to have a school basketball top to wear. Thank you

Reeve & John were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good for last week. Keep up the good work.



Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
New Board first meeting 5pm @ school	22/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	22/10
Mass - Zion & Cana 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	22/10
School Closed - NZEI strike action	23/10



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 gallary@nimmophoto.co.n



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.

Our Māori word for the week:

Taraiki

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:

NZEI Strike action Thursday 23 October 2025

Labour Day 27 October 2025

Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



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

Mission Market Day	24/10
Labour Day - School closed	27/10
Mass - Samaria, Eden & Bethlehem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	29/10
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	29/10
West Coast Athletics	29/10
All Saints Day	1/11
All Souls Day	2/11
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	3/11
Mass - Nazareth & Jerusalem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	5/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	5/11
CHCH Music Festival Year	6-7/11
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	10/11
PTA Christmas raffle to be sent home to families to sell	10/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	12/11
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	13/11
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	14/11
BoT Special Character meeting	18/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	19/11
Book Week	17-21/10
Book Character day	21/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	26/11
Canterbury / WC Athletics	26/11
PTA Christmas Raffle sheets to return to school	28/11
Westland Anniversary day	1/12
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	3/12
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	2/12
PTA Christmas raffle roster @ New World	7/12
PTA Christmas raffle drawn	9/12
Year 8 treat day	15/12
EOY Mass & Prizegiving 6pm @ St Patrick's Church	16/12



Previous attachment

WEST COAST RUGBY GIRLS SKILLS DAY

AGES 11-15 YEARS OLD



Open to all girls who play rugby and all girls who are wanting to give rugby a go. Come and join us for some drills, skills and meet some like-minded girls with a passion for rugby.

Westland High School

18TH OCTOBER 10-11:30AM

25TH OCTOBER 10-11:30AM

2ND NOVEMBER 10-11:30AM

No registration required. Just turn up with mouthguard, drink bottle, rugby boots (if you have them) and training shoes just in case it rains as we will go indoors.

For any questions please contact:
oscar@westcoastrugby.co.nz 0279491222
Or Jess - 0273564071

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

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
	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



Bookings close 29th October!!

JINGO MUSICAL BINGO

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER | 6.30PM | PAROA HOTEL

\$20pp - includes game pack, dabber & nibbles

FUNDRAISING FOR PAROA PARK REDEVELOPMENT
raffles and chocolate wheel - bring your coins!

children communication committee
fundraising
pupils **PTA** school
staff parents rewarding events organisation ideas teachers

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: Friday 5 December @
3.00pm @ school**



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. We have been able to reduce the cost to \$385.00 per student. This will be amended on your school invoice. Payment options are available, please see either Mr Johnson or Mrs Whitmore.

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.

Camp notices, invoices and requests for parent helpers have been shared with our current year five to year seven students. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper please either email the school office or complete the form on Skool Loop by Friday 12 September. Thank you for supporting our school camps.