



St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

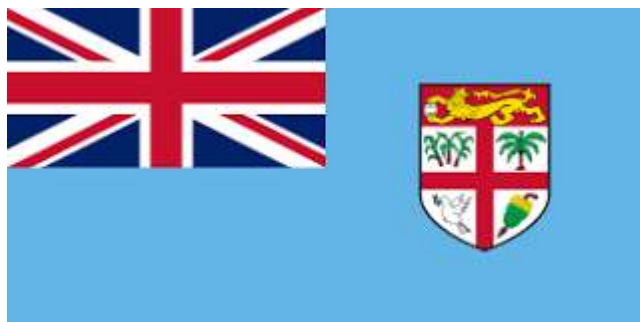
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Ni sa bula Parents and Whānau,

Welcome to term four and Fijian language week. I trust you all had an awesome holiday break with your children.

We have started our term with a lovely sunny day which saw the return of the sunhats which was awesome to see.

On Monday we welcomed four new teacher aides who will be providing support to students throughout our school. Sarah, Hannah, Becks and Lea will be completing their induction over the next week or so.

We feel very blessed to have had such a large pool of applicants to select from. The four successful candidates have lots of experience and qualifications to share with us.

Last term we completed a review on our behaviour management procedure which I am pleased to be able to share with you in the attachment accompanying this newsletter. The key changes are:

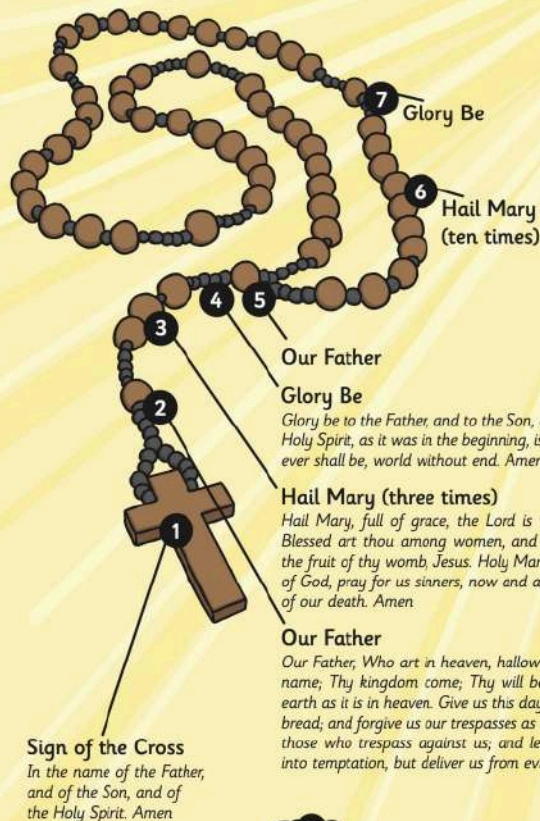
- The replacement of the red bench and the introduction of a reflection bench within the administration area
- Greater clarity for staff and families on the process for managing behaviour

Have a read over the document with your young ones and please drop us a line with any questions, queries or comments.

We have our Jubilate concert on Thursday night at 6pm at our church. JP II and our school choir will be joining together in a wonderful celebration with Ken Joblin our Diocesan musical director. It is a fantastic hour with lots of variety. I encourage you all to attend.

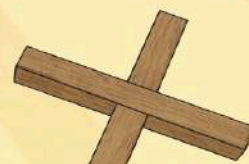
Kiwihoops basketball started on Monday night from 3.30 to 5.30pm down at the recreation centre which

How to Pray the Rosary



Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.



was great to get our younger players out and building their skills.

Strike action important information:

You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa members recently voted to take strike action on 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

Bula vinaka,

Ian



Week & date	Attendance 89%
Week 10 15/9/25 to 19/9/25	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



Kristian & Amelia were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



Whanau group

Marist

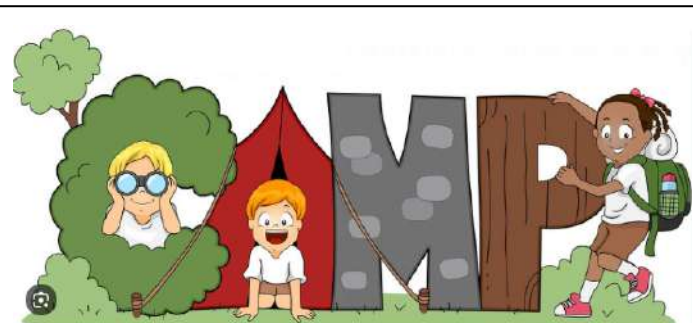
St Patrick's School Board of Trustees
Staff and Parent Election Results Declaration
(no voting election required)

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



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

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
First day of Term four	6/10
Loving for Life Year 7 & 8	6-7/10
Board nominations close of St Patrick's School Board of Trustees	8/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	8/10
Jubilate @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	9/10
FireWise celebration with Cana & Galilee	10/10
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	13/10
South African Cultural week	13-17/10
PTA meeting @ school 3.00pm	14/10
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	15/10
Mass - Capernaum & Galilee 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	15/10
Save your teddy day - St John's YO - Y4	16/10
Mufti day PTA - please bring a grocery item for the PTA to use in their Christmas raffle. Thank you	17/10
Kiwi Hoops Year 3 & 4 Westland Recreation Centre 3.30pm - 5.30pm	20/10
PTA Calendar Art orders close off for second round of ordering	20/10
BoT Special Character meeting	21/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	22/10
Mass - Zion & Cana 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	22/10
School Closed - NZEI strike action	23/10
Mission Market Day	24/10
Labour Day - School closed	27/10
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	28/10

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.

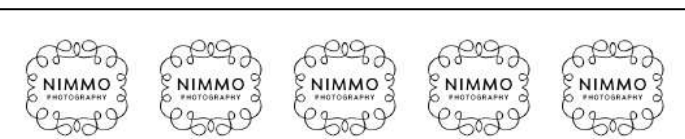
Camp notices, invoices and requests for parent helpers have been shared with our current year five to year seven students. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper please either email the school office or complete the form on Skool Loop by Friday 12 September. Thank you for supporting our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



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



Basketball
Reminder to all players to please return their basketball tops to school. These are very overdue. Thanks



Nimmo Photography
Your gallery is ready to be viewed.

<https://nimmophotography.shootproof.com/gallery/28343227/>

Use the following password to access your photos: SP25

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
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	12/11
BoT Special Character meeting	18/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	19/11
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	25/11
Book Week	17-21/10
Book Character day	21/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	26/11
Canterbury / WC Athletics	26/11
Westland Anniversary day	1/12
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	3/12
Year 8 treat day	15/12
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
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.	

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

Our Māori word for the week:

Karakia

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



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



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

GREYMOUTH
JUNIOR ATHLETIC CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

4th Oct 2025 - 28th Feb 2026
Anzac Park

Be there by 9.15am for the
first race starting at 9.30am.

No need to register for the first meet.

COME ALONG
AND HAVE A GO

Like our facebook page for
further details and updates.

/GreymouthJuniorAthleticClub



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: Tuesday 14 October
@ 3.00pm**

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

JINGO MUSICAL BINGO

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER | 6.30PM | PAROA HOTEL

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

DM Paroa Hotel, email marketing@paroa.co.nz
or call/text 027 2626 327 to book



St Patrick's School

Behaviour Management Framework



Conflict Resolution in
playground at breaktime

Is it MINOR or MAJOR? If unsure discuss with your Hub Leader/SLT

Peer Mediators
Beyond their scope?

no

Complete
process,
provide
written
summary to
DP for
monitoring/
identifying
trends

yes

Refer to
duty
Teacher

MINOR
Swearing
Exclusion of Others
Lying
Backchat
Teasing
Defiance / Disrespect
Inappropriate Language
Intimidation
Refusing to Follow instructions
Disruptive to Others Learning
Lateness After Interval/
Lunch/Morning
Inappropriate Personal Items
Spitting
Throwing Stones
Out of Bounds
Annoying Others
Telling Tales
Leaving Classroom Without
Permission
Inappropriate uniform

MAJOR
Fighting
Racism
Theft / Vandalism
Lying
Harassment
Defiance / Disrespect
Bullying
Inappropriate Language
Intimidation
Repeated Refusal to
Follow Instructions
Repeated Lateness After Interval
/ Lunch / Morning
Dangerous Personal Items
Out of Bounds
Physical Abuse
Physical Against Others
Punch/Kick/Pinch/ Bite/Hit/Slap
Cheating
Leaving Classroom
Without Permission

Use classroom management
/ PB4L strategies

Problem-solve / conference
with student

Determine outcome

Reinforce expectations

Record incident at
class/teacher level

Follow up with student within a
week to reinforce expectations.

YES

Does student
have 3 minor
incidents?

NO

If a behaviour of a similar nature occurs/behaviour trend appears Teacher to refer to
SLT/Principal to create a Restorative Plan in collaboration with whānau.

Ensure safety

De-escalate student in designated space (ie.
office spaces, sick bay) using [de-escalation
strategies](#): ie. Regulate, Relate, Reason

Complete PB4L form on Etap, Refer to:

Reflection Bench
Restorative
conversation prior
to reflection time

SLT

Principal

To conclude Reflection
Time staff member
involved is to:
- revisit the restorative
conversation with
students to confirm
expectations and
outcomes.
- Inform whānau

Investigate incident
Conference with student and
those affected
Complete [Restorative Process](#)
Consider students PB4L data
on Etap
Agree on outcome and inform
staff involved
Contact whānau
Update Etap with outcome



Behaviour Management Framework 2026 implementation guide

Aim: To give stakeholders a clear scaffold for supporting students to enhance their behaviour at school based upon restorative practice and supporting student and staff wellbeing.

Audience: Parents, teachers, support staff and Board of Trustees members

Implementation guide: *Moving from left column to right*

Bottom left- classroom management/ PB4L strategies:

- Relies on class treaty and behaviour expectations and will vary slightly class to class
- Once three minor behaviours have occurred the response moves to the major column
- Teachers should do follow ups with the student concerned to reinforce expectations
- If reflection bench is used the staff member placing the student on the bench is responsible for revisiting students at the end of their reflection with a coaching conversation which reinforces expected behaviour
- No student should be placed on the reflection bench without knowing why they are there
- If a student is placed on the reflection bench the class teacher **must** contact parents and inform them of why
- Targeted caught being good awards may also be used to encourage the desired behaviour
- Class teachers are responsible for notifying emergent patterns of behaviour to SLT
- Behaviours of concern can be uploaded to ETAP at any time
- Support from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) can be accessed at any time a staff member needs support

Right column- major (including three recurring behaviours):

- Initial focus is on safety of students and de-escalation
- Appropriate member of SLT should be approached in the first instance (Junior school leader, DRS, DP and principal as a last resort)
- Outcomes from the major column may include stand down or suspension

De-escalation space:

This space is outside or inside the principal's office, Executive Officers space or sick bay depending on situation and availability

A student may only be placed in de-escalation **with** SLT's knowledge

When the student has de-escalated the process within the major column should be utilised

Contact/ inform whanau:

- When contacting whanau plan (script) your conversation/ have a colleague check your email for clarity prior to sending
- If you are going to have a conversation have your script next to you and annotate responses
- If you are meeting with whanau and feel that it could be challenging ask a colleague or someone from SLT to come in with you
- Keep an open mind as the conversation may not go the way you planned. You can always say 'can we schedule another time to meet about that' or 'I will need to check with leadership on that point and come back to you'
- After the contact is completed make sure you write it up in Etap under caregiver meetings and also make sure to follow up on anything you have agreed to and send whanau and email to let them know you have done so
- If the matter cannot be resolved offer a meeting with someone in SLT

Guidance for Board of Trustees (BOT) members:

Behaviour management conversation can lead to concerns and complaints being raised

- Complaints and concerns raised with the BOT in most cases should be directed back to the principal for resolution in the first instance by the presiding member
- Complaints and concerns should not be discussed at BOT level until the principal has attempted to resolve them
- The BOT supports and adheres to the schools guidelines