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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 Whānau,



After many years with a shared Board of Trustees, we are thrilled to be establishing a dedicated Board of Trustees just for St Patrick's School. Our new Board will help guide our school into the future. We would like to extend a special invitation to you to become part of this exciting journey.

The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in shaping the future of St Patrick's School and we are looking for passionate and committed parents to join us.

Serving on the Board is an incredible way to contribute directly to your child's education and the wider school environment. It's about bringing your unique perspective, skills, and ideas to the table to help us achieve our shared vision of faith, good works and striving for excellence. You do not need to have a background in education; you simply need to care about our school and our children.

If you have ever wanted to make a tangible difference, this is your opportunity. Your voice and input are invaluable and being a Board member is a rewarding experience that helps ensure our school continues to thrive.

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 -



"Mary means
Star of the
sea, for as
mariners are
guided to port
by the ocean
star, so
Christians
attain to glory
through Mary's
maternal
intercession."

- St. Thomas Aquinas





our performance students must be at school no later than 7:50am, if late they will miss the bus.

8am Bus to Westland

8:30am Get changed and warmup

9:10am Performance

9:30 Rest and Morning tea

10:10-11:50 Watch other schools perform

11:50-12:30 Lunch at Westland

12:30 Bus to Active Explorers

1pm Perform and play at Active Explorers

2:30 Bus to school

Students are to wear their **school uniform** to school as per usual, tracksuit jackets will be worn for the day and kapahaka uniforms will be changed into once at Westland High.

Lunch- Students are to bring their school bag as per usual with morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. Students will not be allowed to purchase any food from stalls at the competition.

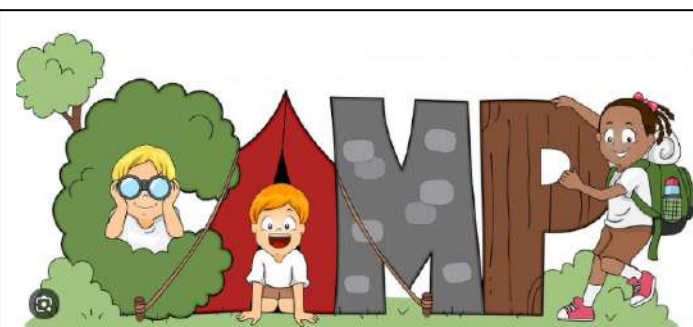
Girls hair - Half up in a pony tail, half out naturally, all hair back off face, hair sprayed if possible - We want to be uniform so please have hair done as below. If unable Miss Doig can support getting this done the day of.

Boys- Black or Navy tight skins/shorts or something close to Hair tidy and off face

No nail polish on fingers or toes (performance done barefoot)

If students wish to wear light makeup they may. This could include a light foundation, nude coloured eyeshadow and mascara. Black lipstick will be provided and shared appropriately. Any questions or concerns please contact Samantha Doig

samantha@stpatricksgm.school.nz



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.

Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

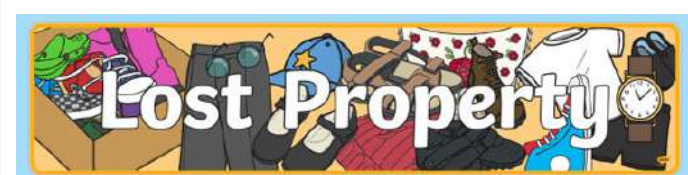
McAuley

Champagnat

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Assembly @ 10.00am in the hall	12/9
School Kapahaka group performing at Assembly @ 10.00am in the hall	12/9
Pizza and Cake Day - PTA	12/9
Final day for parent helpers names for camp	12/9
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	17/9
Last day of Term three	19/9
First day of Term four	6/10
Loving for Life Year 7 & 8	6-7/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	8/10
Grandparent Mass time TBC	8/10
Jubilate @ St Patrick's Church time TBC	9/10
PTA meeting @ school 3.00pm	14/10
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	15/10
Mass - Capernaum & Galilee 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	15/10
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	22/10
Mass - Zion & Cana 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	22/10
Labour Day - School closed	27/10
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	28/10
Mass - Samaria, Eden & Bethlehem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	29/10

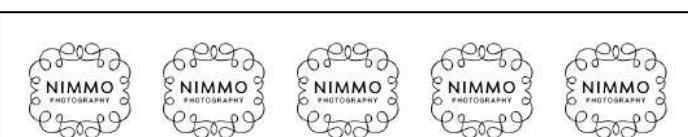
Camp notices, invoices and requests for parent helpers have been shared with our current year five to year seven students. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper please either email the school office or complete the form on Skool Loop by Friday 12 September. Thank you for supporting our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

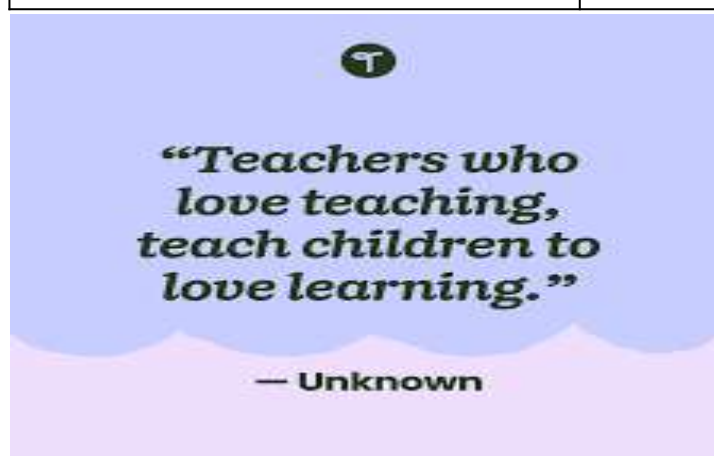


Nimmo Photography - St Patrick's School photos 2025 have been taken. When the link for the photos is available we will share it with you. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nimmo Gallery (03) 768 6499 or email gallery@nimmophoto.co.nz



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.

Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	29/10
West Coast Athletics	29/10
Mass - Nazareth & Jerusalem 9.00am @ St Patrick's Church	
All Saints Day	1/11
All Souls Day	2/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	5/11
CHCH Music Festival Year	6-7/11
Jerusalem - Technology @ JPIIHS	12/11
Capernaum - Technology @ JPIIHS	19/11
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	25/11
Scholastic Book Fair	24-27/11
Book Character day	28/11
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 Living Springs, Christchurch	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>	



Our Māori word for the week:

Aotearoa

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:

School holidays 20 September to 5 October

Labour Day 27 October 2025

Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



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



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

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Wednesday
Sushi, rice tray, spring rolls kids pack

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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

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Kia ora koutou,

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori language week) is coming up next week, running from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th September! It is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of Aotearoa and a taonga (treasure) that connects us to the whenua (land), to the history, and to each other.

This year's focus is all about making te reo Māori visible, and making te reo Māori more present and heard in everyday life. Whether it's at home, in the lunchroom, in the classroom, or out in the community, everyday use of even a few kupu (words) helps build confidence, understanding, and a sense of shared identity.

A fun idea - challenge yourself and your whānau to learn one new kupu Māori related to kai or wellbeing each day this week. Words like huarākau (fruit), inu (drink), or hauora (wellbeing) are simple but meaningful ways to start weaving the language into your daily routine.

Looking for inspiration?

Head over to reomaori.co.nz. It's full of practical resources, from easy phrases and posters to ideas for home and work. You might be surprised how much you already know!

Here's some kupu for kai and items commonly found in the kitchen to get you started

Āporo	Apple
Maiika/ panana	Banana
Parāoa	Bread
Pata	Butter
Uhi-karamēa/ Kāreti	Carrot
Kānga	Corn
Kawhe	Coffee
Miraka	Milk
Riki/ Aniana	Onion
Hinu	Oil
Riwal	Potato
Kūmara	Sweet potato
Tote	Salt
Kapu	Cups
Ponka	Fork
Naihi/ māripi	Knife
Pereti	Plates
Koko/ pūnu	Spoon
Ti	Tea

What other items can you spot in your kitchen? Get your tamariki involved in a little "kitchen hunt" to look around, name what you find, and discover the te reo Māori word for each one at maoridictionary.co.nz. It's a simple way to build vocabulary together, one item at a time!

Ngā mihi nui,
Beyning





	Starting date	Ending date
Term 3		19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	17/12/2025 midday



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 COMPETITIONS SOCIETY 109TH

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF DANCE

ADULT
 \$25 Season Pass
 \$10 Day Pass
 \$5 Session

GOLD CARD / CHILD
 \$15 Season Pass
 \$5 Day Pass
 \$3 Session

PRE-SCHOOL
 Free

19 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2025
 REGENT THEATRE, GREYMOUTH

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you are
BRAVER
 than you believe
STRONGER
 than you seem
SMARTER
 than you think
AND LOVED
 more than you know