

St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence

Learn, Create, Share

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Vanakkam St Patrick's,

This week we celebrate the culture of Sri Lanka here at school. Sport, art and dance will all be used for the students to learn all about Sri Lanka. Come on in and have at the art work on Wednesday between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. We will also be having a themed whanau assembly on Friday with Sri Lankan dancing. You are most welcome to join us. The Youth Mass on Saturday evening was lovely and demonstrated how much our choir has come on with their lovely singing. It was wonderful to see many of you there.

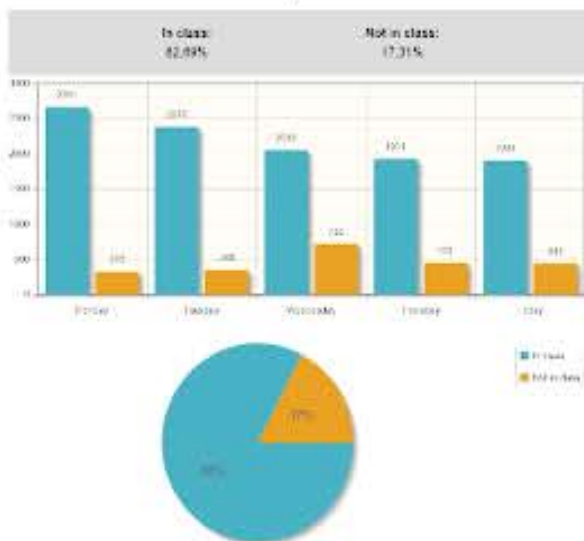
Congratulations to our students who attended the West Coast schools swim meet and thanks also to our parent helpers for getting them there.

We do still need helpers for St Patrick's athletics this Thursday. Please let Ms. Shannahan know if you can help.

Reminder, Toys and balls are not to come into school unless they are requested by the class teacher such as teddy bears picnic for instance.

Our attendance is tracking well this term at 83%. You will notice from the graph below that attendance does decline during each week. It would be really great if we could pull together and keep attendance steady throughout each weekday. More time at school leads to better outcomes for your children.

Viewing in Class



Gihin Ennam, Ian

Lent

Catholic-Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 You have given the human race
 Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of
 humility.
 He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
 And giving His life on the Cross.
 Help us to bear witness to You
 By following His example of suffering
 And make us worthy to share in His
 Resurrection.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Your Son.



Heavenly Father, during
 this Lenten season, give me
 a new and expanded vision for
 my life. Help me to live full of
 faith. Teach me to find hope
 in the face of adversity.



Week & date	Attendance
Week 7 - 17/3/25 - 21/3/25	

Payment Required for School Uniform Items



We would like to let you know about an important update regarding the purchase of sports uniforms, sunhats, beanies and school jackets. To help us manage our uniform distribution efficiently, payment will now be required before these items can be collected. How to Make a Payment: Payments can be made via online banking St Patrick's School BoT 12-3168-0043139-02 Please include your child's name and item(s) being purchased as a reference. Once payment has been received, your child's uniform items will be issued. Need Assistance? We understand covering uniform costs upfront may be challenging for some families. If you need support or would like to discuss a payment plan, please get in touch with the school office either by phone call 037687830 or email office@stpatricksgm.school.nz and we will be happy to help. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Purple Chasuble



A purple chasuble is worn during times of preparation (Advent & Lent).



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO OUR

School Mass

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 6.00PM
ST PATRICK'S PARISH, GREYMOUTH

Sri Lankan Cultural Week starting Monday 24 March



Monday 24 March we will be participating in Sri Lankan Sport in the afternoon. Students can wear school sport uniforms to school on this day.

Friday 28 March (next week) to conclude our Sri Lankan Cultural week, students can come to school in cultural attire or in red, orange, yellow, green (colours of the flag)



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.

Daily Timetable

8.30am	Classrooms open for students
8.55am	Class learning begins
10.40am	Morning break
11.00am	Class learning time
12.50pm	Kai and play time
1.30pm	Class learning time
3.00pm	End of school day

Our Māori word for the week:

parāoa rīpeka

Every child who comes and sees Ms Hines and uses this word in a conversation will get a caught being good card!



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



Cohan & Maira were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed





Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 Basketball

The Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 basketball competition will be starting on Monday 5 May, with weekly games finishing in mid August approximately.

All games will be played at the Westland Recreation Centre (next to the swimming pool). Games will be on a Monday evening from 3.30pm and all players are required to wear a mouthguard on court.

If you would like your child to play in the Year 5&6 or Year 7&8 basketball competition please complete the permission form on Skool Loop by Wednesday 26 March. Late entries will not be accepted.

We will need a coach and manager for each team to participate in this competition, so if you or someone you know is interested please include this on the Skool Loop permission or email lisa@stpatricksgm.school.nz

Nga mihi

Lisa (Sports co-ordinator for St Patrick's School)

St Patrick's School - Forms and Permissions - Activities outside of school eg Chess, Kids Lit, Sports, Choir etc we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring forms are completed on Skool Loop by the required date. This enables us to put teams together and source assistance in a timely manner. We are not able to accommodate late entries. We thank you for your support on this.



First Holy Communion

St Patrick's Parish invites parents to enroll their child/children for the First Holy Communion Programme beginning in February 2025.

2025 Timeline

Sunday 4 May - Presentation of Mass books 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 4 May - Third parent meeting 5.00pm at Parish centre

Sunday 18 May - Presentation of Our Father 9.30am St Patrick's Church

Sunday 25 May - Fourth parent meeting 5.00pm

Sunday 8 June - First reconciliation and Fish and Chip meal - 5.00pm Parish centre and church

Friday 20 June 5.00pm First Holy Communion rehearsal

Sunday 22 June First Holy Communion 9.30am Mass St Patrick's Church



Our baptismal programme is starting week one of term two. If you would like your child / children to take part in this programme please let the school office know. This programme will be led by Ms Shannan our Director of Religious Studies and Mr Johnson during school time. It is too late to register for this programme.

Whanau group

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat



St Vincent de Paul shop- 109 Mackay Street (next to Ellery's and Carpet Court). They are in need of clean



Chairperson: Anjelica Crampton

Secretary: Rebecca Barber

Treasurer: Briana Herlihy

Committee: Sacha Ryan, Serena Moles, Levi Fraser, Bridie Jackson, Jennifer Dash,

Amy Symmers & Shanna Jones

pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz

Next meeting: Monday 31 March @ 3.00pm in multipurpose room at school



Bus children need to wear their fluoro vests in the morning and afternoon. This is not an option, it is compulsory.



Collecting Students During the School Day

We kindly ask, when possible, you avoid picking students up early, as this can impact their attendance and may interrupt classroom learning. If you do need to collect your child/children before the end of the school day, please come to the school office to sign them out. A staff member will then arrange for your child to meet you at the office. To minimise disruptions, please consider planning early pickups around break times: morning tea is from 10:40 am to 11:00 am, and lunch is from 12:50 pm to 1:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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.

	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

Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	26/3
Year 4 - Year 8 School athletics	27/3
Year 4 - Year 8 School athletics PP date	28/3
Mufti day - to conclude our Sri Lankan Cultural week, students can come to school in cultural attire or in red, orange, yellow, green (colours of the flag)	28/3
PTA raffle - New World 9.00am -6.00pm	29/3
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PTA meeting - 3.00pm @ School	31/3
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	1/4
Kids Lit Quiz	2/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	2/4
Canterbury Swimming sports	3/4
School Mass Saturday 5 April 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church	5/4
PTA Easter Raffle to be returned to school sold or unsold	7/4
Grey District Athletics	9/4
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	9/4
PTA raffle @ New World 9.00am -6.00pm	10/4
Last day of term one	11/4



	Starting date	Ending date
Term 1	03/02/2025	11/04/2025
Term 2	28/04/2025	27/06/2025
Term 3	14/7/2025	19/9/2025
Term 4	06/10/2025	18/12/2025 (TBC)

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



Keeping our students safe outside our school.

We appreciate the effort everyone is taking to ensure our students are safe before and after school when being collected or dropped off to school by parents / caregivers.

This is a gentle reminder, the staff car park is not to be used. We would also ask that you not park over any driveways and or on broken yellow lines. These lines have been placed in areas where parking would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users, for example found on an approach to a pedestrian crossing.

PTA raffle @ New World 9.00am -6.00pm	12/4
First day of term two	28/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	30/4
Life Education at school	5/5-13/5
Chess Tournament Juniors	8/5
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	7/5
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	14/5
Football tournament Hokitika	20/5
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	21/5
PTA Disco @ school hall	23/5
Teacher only day - School closed	9/6
Teacher only day - School closed	22/8
PTA Pizza & Cake lunchday	12/9
<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.
	Thursday \$6.50 We ask you to please send the correct monies to school for lunch orders. Thank you
	Wednesday Price increase We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you



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.



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



For the safety of our tamariki after school, please ensure you shut the school gate once you have collected your tamariki. Our tamariki are to stay inside the school playground until they are collected by an adult. We ask that our tamariki do not wait outside the gate. Thank you.



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

School holidays 12 April to 27 April
 King's Birthday 2 June 2025
 Teacher only day 9 June 2025
 Matariki 20 June 2025
 School holidays 28 June to 13 July
 Teacher only day 22 August 2025
 School holidays 20 September to 5 October
 Labour Day 27 October 2025
 Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



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

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



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

