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St Patrick's School

Faith, Good Works and Striving for Excellence
Learn, Create, Share

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Kia ora St Patrick's,

On Monday 17 February we had our meet the teacher open evening from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. It was a lovely evening and great to see so many of you taking the opportunity to come in and visit your children's classes and our awesome teachers.

Just a reminder that our teachers are available from 3.00pm until 3.30pm each Wednesday in their classrooms for casual visits, you don't need an appointment to visit at this time.

Both of our camps were a wonderful success with lots of new experiences for the students. The weather definitely helped the smile factor! A huge shout out to our staff and our awesome parent helpers who made the camps such a roaring success.

Yesterday Years 4 to 8 had their swimming sports practice. The session went well and we were able to do some work on starts, turns and dives for the older students whilst the younger ones practiced their events ready for the real thing on Thursday 27 February starting at 9.00am.

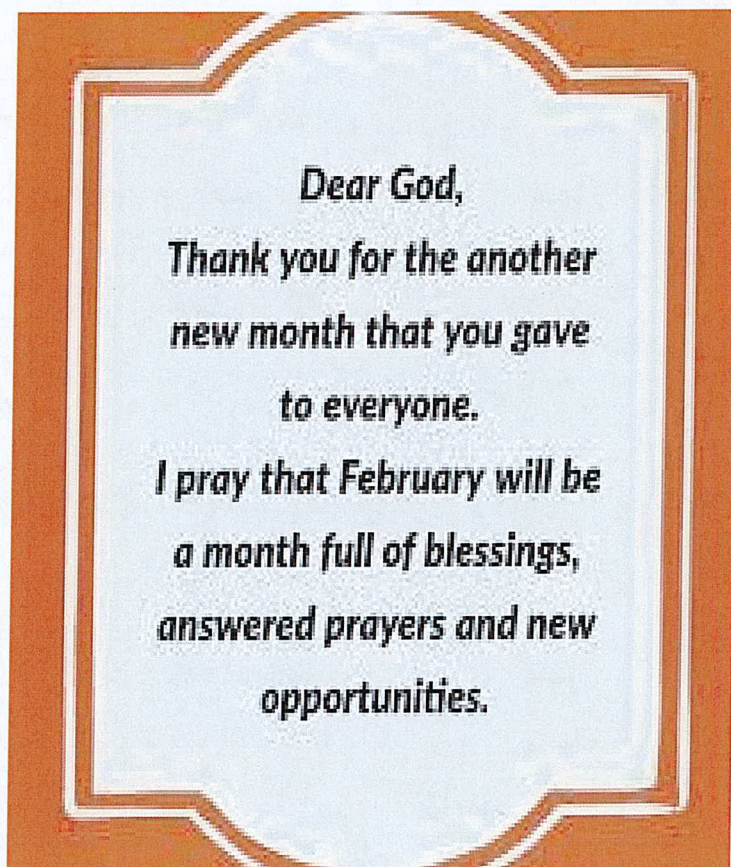
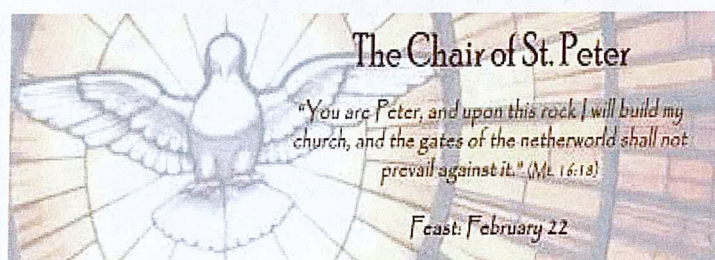
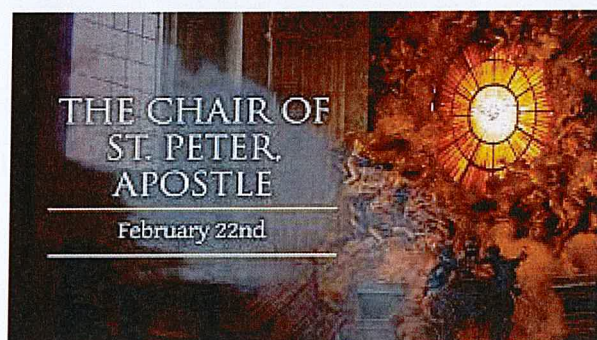
We are very pleased with our great start to 2025 here at school. Many of the activities we undertake are supported by our brilliant Parent Teacher Association (PTA). As you can see below their AGM is coming up please consider joining them. A little help goes a long way towards helping our students and school.

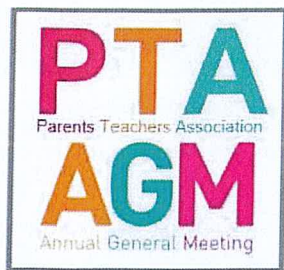
Reminders for parents and caregivers:

- Please do not park in the staff car park at the start or end of the day
- Please wait for your children by the adventure playground at the end of the day. This enables teachers and students to finish their school day routine without distraction

God Bless,

Ngā mihi, Ian





Join the PTA!



PTA Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday 2 March 2025 at 3.00pm at Monteith's. We warmly welcome you all to join us. Many hands make light work. If you have questions please contact the PTA via email pta@stpatricksgm.school.nz

Daily Timetable

8.30am	Classrooms open for students from 8.30am
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:

Kaiako

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



First Holy Communion

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

If you wish to enrol your child they need to be a baptised Catholic, eight years old at the beginning of the school year and be in Year 4 upwards at school. Older children who have not made their First Holy Communion are most welcome. Please notify the Parish Office or a priest to enrol your child. For any further information please collect information sheet from the school or the Parish Centre

2025 Timeline

Sunday 23 February - Enrolment and Presentation of Bible 9.30am St Patrick's Church
Sunday 9 March - Second parent meeting 5.00pm
Sunday 16 March - Presentation of the Creed and 10 Commandments 9.30am St Patrick's Church
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 planning to start during Term one. If you would like your child / children to



We are very excited to share with you that our wonderful PTA is organising for our school picnic tables for our students. Please continue to support our PTA to enable them to support all our wonderful students at St Patrick's School. We are looking forward to receiving these in the near future.



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

School Camps - Year 5-8 - PTA subsidy

We would like to thank our wonderful PTA for their continuing support of our school camps. The PTA subsidizes our school camps each year of \$15.00 per night per student. We are truly grateful for this. We ask our school community to please continue to support our PTA so they are able to continue to support your child / children. We are truly blessed with our wonderful PTA and their commitment to our school.



Bus children need to wear their fluoro vests in the

take part in this programme please let the school office know. This programme will be led by Mr Johnson during school time. Please make contact with the school as to your intentions around celebrating this sacrament as per the letter that has been emailed to you.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

Te Tai o Poutini West Coast

School Based Immunisation Programme 2025 – Yr 8 Students

Te Whatu Ora is once again offering a School Based Immunisation programme to Yr 8 students. This includes MMR + HPV + Boostrix, for children who have not yet received them at their GP.

Protect your child against serious diseases

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, they will be offered free immunisations at most schools to help protect them against serious diseases such as **measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, whooping cough and more** caused by **MMV**.

Your child will bring home a Parent Consent Form which has more information. To make sure your child receives their school immunisations, remember to sign and return this consent form to school.

For more information:
Visit health.govt.nz/schoolimmunisation



The Consent Form will be sent home to parents soon.
Whether you choose to accept or decline this offer,
Please return the form to school promptly.

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 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.

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.



	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



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

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Dates to remember:

2025 dates	
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/2
Year 5 & Year 6 Cricket	21/2
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	25/2
Cana - Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	26/2
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	26/2
Year 4 - Year 8 swimming sports	27/2
Year 7 & Year 8 cricket	28/2
PTA AGM @ Monteith's 3.00pm	2/3
Whole school Ash Wednesday Mass at St Patrick's Church @ 9.30am	5/3
Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby League	5/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	5/3
Grey District Swimming	12/3
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	12/3
Zion & Eden Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.00am	12/3
West Coast Swimming	19/3
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	19/3
Science in a Van visit to school	24/3
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
PTA raffle - New World	29/3

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.



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



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

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



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

PTA raffle - New World	30/3
Board meeting @ 5.30pm	1/4
Kids Lit Quiz	2/4
Jerusalem JPIIHS tech for day	2/4
Canterbury Swimming sports	3/4
Grey District Athletics	9/4
Capernaum JPIIHS tech for day	9/4
PTA raffle @ New World	10/4
Last day of term one	11/4
PTA raffle @ New World	12/4
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.	

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	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

Access to Period Products - Ministry of Education

A new initiative from the Ministry of Education to provide ākonga / students with access to period products and reduce stigma around periods. Periods are a fact of life yet they can be the cause of much anxiety, particularly for students who have difficulty accessing period products, like tampons and pads. The initiative is currently being rolled out to all schools and kura across New Zealand. The research suggested schools and kura should create systems that allow students to access period products easily, discreetly and when they need them (See Mrs Winter or Mrs Whitmore at any time). St Patrick's School recognises that access to period products is a necessity, not a luxury. We have placed an order for period products and will have these available for our students in the very near future. Mrs Winter and Mrs Whitmore are available throughout the school day, so please feel free to pop in at any stage and they will ensure access is available discreetly.

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:

King's Birthday 2 June 2025

Matariki 20 June 2025

Labour Day 27 October 2025

Westland Anniversary Day 1 December 2025



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.

COBDEN SCHOOL

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Greymouth 7802

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www.cobden.school.nz



OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES 2025

All classes are held at Cobden School after 3pm Monday to Thursday. This is a Ministry of Education funded scheme that provides professional tuition with our Music Tutor Jeremy Ewan.

Children need to be 9 years and above.

Registrations: To register your interest in an Out of School Music Class please telephone Cobden School 768 7465 stating the students Name, Instrument, which school they attend, contact phone number and email address. **Registrations close on 28th February 2025** The Tutor will contact parents to advise the day and time of lessons.

Drums

Drum students will need to purchase a pair of 5A drumsticks, these can be purchased from the Tutor - price \$20.00.

Guitar

There are instruments available for use if your child needs one.

We will not be offering Keyboard or Bass Guitar in 2025

Classes will start on the 3rd March 2025.

Nga mihi
Noula Markham
Principal
Cobden School



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.

Protect your child against serious diseases

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, they will be offered **free** immunisations at most schools to help protect them against serious diseases such as **diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and most cancers caused by HPV.**

Your child will bring home a Parent Consent Form which has more information. To make sure your child receives their school immunisations, remember to sign and return the consent form to school.

For more information:
Visit health.govt.nz/schoolimmunisations



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



Protect yourself, please

We encourage our students to apply sunscreen before they come to school during the hot summer months

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

