



St Patrick's School

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Kia ora whanau!

A big thank you to all of you who came to the colour run on Friday afternoon! Although the weather was cold, the tamariki had a blast and the smiles said it all! Our wonderful PTA and volunteers did a great job at running it and it was awesome to see so many people there supporting our school.

First Holy Communion is a special time in a person's life where they share the food of life at the Lord's table. Congratulations Bonnie, Toby, Saxton, Nate, Rhian, Mariella, Charlotte, Serah, Gracie, Agnello, Alphons and Sophia on your First Holy Communion. God bless you and may Jesus fill your hearts!

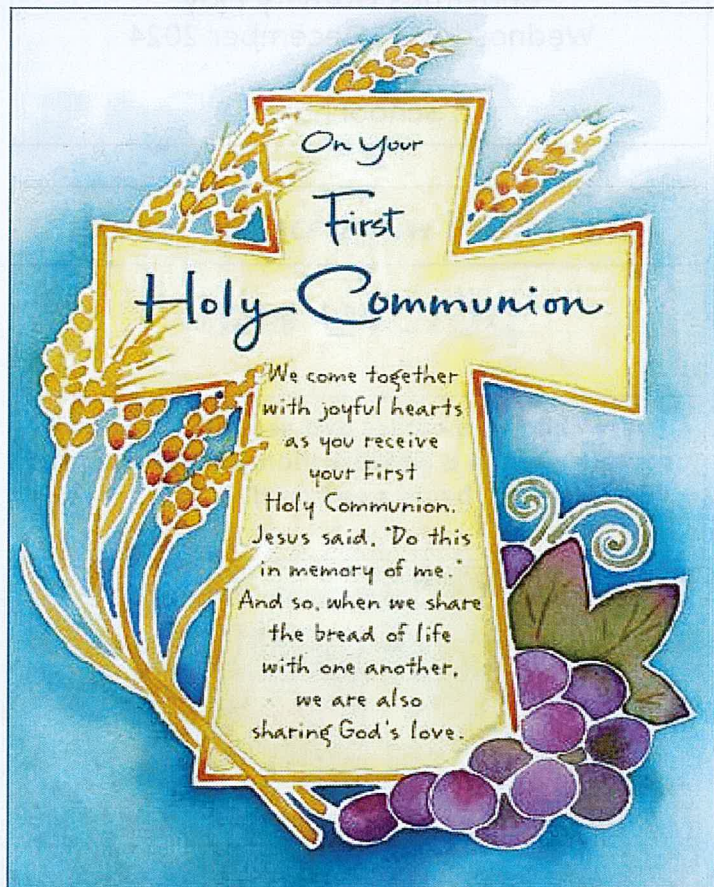
As we begin to plan ahead for 2025 I wanted to make you aware that on Friday 7th February (the day after Waitangi Day) our kura, along with all schools in the Kahui Ako will be closed for instruction. Pop this date into your calendar now and enjoy an extra long weekend!

All camp notices should have made their way home last week. Please ensure that these are filled in correctly and returned to either myself or Ms Shannahan by Friday so we can complete the paperwork for camp early next year!

Enjoy your long weekend, may the sun shine.

Noho ora mai ra,

Kim



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Bonnie, Toby, Saxton, Nathaniel, Rhian, Mariella, Charlotte, Serah, Gracie, Agnello, Alphons and Sophia who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.





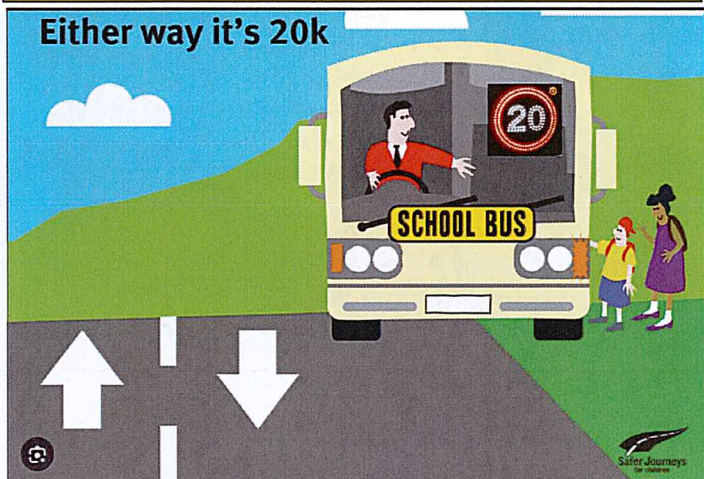
Junior School Year 0-3
Christmas Nativity Play
Wednesday 11 December 2024
10.00am
School hall

Our Māori word for the week:

pātara wai

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

Either way it's 20k



We have a lot of lost property not named at school currently. Please ensure you name your child / childrens clothes. Any items not named will be taken to St Vincent de Paul at the end of this school year



St Patrick's Parish 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. Weekday Masses 5.30pm Tuesday, 9.00am Wednesday and Thursday, 12.10pm Friday.



Rain, Aditi and Bentley were the winners of our Catch Me Being Good. Keep up the good work.



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.

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.

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.

Class	Sports uniform
Eden and Bethlehem	Monday
Samaria, Nazareth, Cana & Galilee	Thursday
Galilee & Cana	Thursday
Capernaum & Jerusalem	Friday



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.



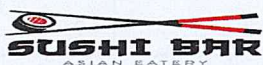
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Various bakery items

We ask you to please send the correct money to school for lunch orders. Thank you. Note price increase as at 2 September



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

Marist

Mercy

McAuley

Champagnat



Welcome to
John Paul II High School



Year 9 2025 Orientation

Tuesday 3 December at JP II

9am – 3.10pm Meet in the Office

Meet your classmates

Meet your teachers and Peer Support Leaders

Choose your option subjects

Check out some Year 9 classes

Have a BBQ lunch

Remember to come along in your uniform, bring Snacks, Water bottle & pen



St Vincent de Paul are in need of good clean clothing, linen, bedding, blankets, as well as crockery in good condition, and food items. Please drop off items to their shop on Mackay Street, Greymouth



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 for parking. We would also ask you not to 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



Please make contact with the school office for a consent form if medication is to be given during school hours. All medication is to be handed into the school office, this includes panadol.

School events

Year 4 (2025) Chromebook information evening 5.30pm at school	27/11
PTA raffle drawn and winners notified	27/11
School library books to be returned	29/11
Westland Anniversary day - school closed	2/12
Whanau Assembly	6/12
Year 8 Treat Day	10/12
Junior school Year 0-3 Christmas Nativity Play in school hall 10.00am	11/12
Mufti day for whole school	12/12
EOY swim for Year 4 - Year 8 - students to bring their swimming togs and towel to school	12/12
EOY Mass and Prizegiving @ St Patrick's Church for the whole school . Students are to wear their school uniform to Mass and Prizegiving	12/12 6.00pm
EOY fun day Year 0 - 3 students	16/12
Last day of term four 2024 - midday finish	17/12
2025 dates	
School office open 8.30am to 1.30pm	29/1



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

Westland Anniversary day - Monday 2 December 2024

Waitangi Day - Thursday 6 February 2025

Day after Waitangi Day - Friday 7 February 2025



Gifts for Christmas Children helping Children

This Christmas we are encouraging children to bring a gift for another child less fortunate than themselves. These gifts will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society and Sisters of Mercy to distribute to local children in need. Please label the gift boy/girl and the age the gift is suitable for and leave at the school office. Thank you

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





	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	17/12/2025 (TBC)

First day for Term 1 2025- Monday	3/2
Waitangi Day - School closed	6/2
Day after Waitangi Day - School closed	7/2
Year 7 & 8 camp to Teapot Valley	11/2-14/2
Year 5 & 6 camp to Arthur's Pass	12/2-14/2
<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>	

