



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to Term 3 and to hopefully some warmer weather as the term progresses. Lots to look forward to this term with swimming, Polyfest and plenty of new learning. We welcome Briarn Eade as a new Teacher Aide, Colleen Hillis back as a Teacher Aide, Paul Forde who has joined our teaching team in Room 14 and Jessie Giles who joined our Kitchen Crew late last term.

Next week we have Parent Teacher interviews, which are a great way for you to be involved in your child's education. If you haven't signed up for one yet I encourage you to do so.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, we will be having our last Teacher Only Day for the year on Mathematics. These are part of the Ministry of Education's roll out of the new curriculum. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Last term, we recognised and celebrated Wikin te Taetae ni Kiribati - Kiribati Language Week. It was a special opportunity to honour the Kiribati language and culture, and to reflect on the importance of respect, connection, and identity in our everyday lives.

Ngā mihi nui  
Callan



NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Finn Harris, Ivy Dream Buchanan Beckham  
And Caleb Cordero

Enjoy your time here at school

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Christopher O'Brien	Room 3
Thea Collie	Room 7
Indie Burgess	Room 6



## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will be held next Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

School will be finishing at 12.30pm this day and there will be **NO School Lunches**. Please make sure you have made arrangements to have your child picked up.

Please book your child's interview time by going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and using the following code **8vr2b**.

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

Loving God, at the beginning of this new term remind us to: love as you love us,  
look to Jesus for guidance as a role model of compassion and aroha,  
and to share the light and love of Jesus wherever we go.  
Amen.

This term children are working through the Kia Noho Hāhi - Being Church theme.

### Our Junior Syndicate tamariki focus on:

- that people in the world are like one big family.
- about ways that children of our age can give our love to people and respond to love we receive from people.
- how the Catholic Church is a special part of God's big family.
- that the parish church is a special holy building where God is present and the Catholic family gather to pray and worship God.
- that there are special things people do when we gather in the church because it is a holy place and a house of prayer.
- about the symbols, words and actions that are used in the Sacrament of Baptism that welcomes people into God's Catholic family.



### Our Middle Syndicate tamariki focus on:

- about the significance of water, oil, touch, flames and our name in everyday life.
- the meaning and significance of these symbols and rituals as part of the Catholic Church and sacraments.
- that participating in the sacraments is an important way that people grow in relationship with God.
- that through the Sacraments of healing we experience God's forgiveness, mercy and healing.
- that sin is a word used by the Church to describe broken relationships with God, self and others.
- about good choices, bad choices and their consequences for me, others and our world.
- about what happens in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
- about what happens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Our Senior Syndicate tamariki focus on:

- what Catholic Social Teaching is.
- how to apply the principles of CST to our daily lives.
- about the See, Judge, Act process of making a decision about social justice.
- to apply the See, Judge, Act process to a situation.
- about Catholic organisations or groups who put CST into practice.
- that prayer is more than words.
- that doing good towards others is a prayer, an offering to God.

## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

We've had a great start to Term 3 in Room 3. It's going to be a busy and exciting term with Polyfest and swimming coming up!

In Religious Education, we've been learning about how we are all part of God's family. We listened to the story of Abraham and Sarah and talked about how God promised them a family as countless as the stars - just like us!

Yesterday, we were lucky to watch a performance by the New Zealand Playhouse called The Boy Who Cried Wolf. It was absolutely hilarious and reminded us how important it is to always tell the truth.

We're looking forward to all the learning and fun still to come this term!



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 7

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break! This term is packed with exciting learning opportunities. One highlight is our Syndicate trip to town on **8th August** as part of our Mahinga Kai unit. We will require parent helpers for this trip - please let me know if you're available to lend a hand.

Swimming will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> August with our class swimming on Monday to Wednesday.

We are also looking forward to **Fiafia Night**, which leads into **Polyfest** - more information is provided below.





## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing break over the holidays. It's great to see our tamariki back, ready to learn and take on the exciting challenges ahead.

This term is shaping up to be a busy one! We're looking forward to our swimming programme which is always a highlight, as well as our formal speech competitions - a great opportunity for students to build confidence and express their ideas.

Just a friendly reminder about our school uniform expectations. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. If there are any issues or challenges with this, don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Classroom teacher - we're here to help.

## SWIMMING SCHEDULE

We will be heading to Splash Palace for swimming lessons this term. Each class will take part in six swimming sessions, beginning **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30am until 12.30pm**

The school will be split into two groups:

**Group 1** will swim for 2 weeks on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. They are Rooms 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14

**Group 2** will swim for 3 weeks on Tuesday and Wednesday starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August until Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. They are Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 13

## MASS TIMETABLE – MASS STARTS AT 9.30 AT THE CHURCH – ALL WELCOME

Week 1: Wednesday 16 July	<b>NO CLASS MASSES - WEEK 1</b>
Week 2: Wednesday 23 July	Rooms 1 and 2 and 6
Week 3: Wednesday 30 July	Rooms 14 and 12
Week 4: Wednesday 6 August	<b>SCHOOL MASS St Dominic's Day</b>
Week 5: Friday 15 August	<b>SCHOOL MASS Feast of the Assumption</b>
Week 6: Wednesday 20 August	Rooms 4 and 8
Week 7: Wednesday 27 August	Rooms 3 and 5
Week 8: Wednesday 3 September	Rooms 10 and 11
Week 9: Wednesday 10 September	Rooms 7 and 13
Week 10: Wednesday 17 September	Rooms 3 and 5

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July / Hōngongoi:

Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of the School meeting in the Staffroom @ 7pm
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Board of Trustees meeting in the Staffroom @ 7pm
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent / Teacher Interviews. School finishes 12.30pm
Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	DISCO - details to come

### August / Here-turi-kōkā:

Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Teacher Only Day
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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU THIS TERM

	Weeks 1,3, 5, 7, 9	Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8,10	<p>Sides:</p> <p>Fruit, fruit salad, yoghurt, Grainwaves</p> <p>All tamariki with special diets will be catered for.</p> <p><i>Menu could change without prior notice</i></p>
Monday	Nachos	Mince casserole	
Tuesday	Mouse traps	Mouse traps	
Wednesday	Creamy coconut chicken	Crumbed chicken tenders with pea, potato & gravy	
Thursday	Sandwich & carrot sticks	Sandwich & carrot sticks	
Friday	Spaghetti buns	Pizza	