



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mālō e levee - Happy Tongan Language Week

Paid Union Meetings

On Wednesday, 27th August there are Paid Union Meetings for our staff during the school day. We have two times for Invercargill and would normally split the staff across the two times to keep things running at school. However this is one of our swimming days so we will be limited around how many we can send to the morning meeting. Given that most of our staff will be going to the afternoon meeting we would encourage anyone who is able to pick their children up at lunch time. For those unable to do so we will keep a skeleton staff on board to supervise them for the afternoon. What a great day we had on Monday for our Year 4,5 and 6 students who participated in our school.

Pick up is from **12:40pm** and children will have lunch provided on the day. Please note we are happy to supervise those we need to as we realise that finding care can be tricky.

Thanks for your understanding.

Polyfest

Last Thursday, our Pacific Island group gave an outstanding performance that made us all proud. Well done to every student involved, and a huge thank you to the Culture Group for their dedication and hard work in preparing for it. The group will be performing again at Polyfest this Friday, and we wish them all the best. We look forward to seeing many of you there to cheer them on.

Farewell to Allie Hape

This week we say a heartfelt farewell to Allie Hape, who has been an important part of our St Patrick's School whānau for many years. Allie has given so much to our school – not only as a wonderful teacher, but also through her leadership as Junior Syndicate Leader and SENCo.

Her dedication, kindness, and care for our tamariki have touched many lives, and her commitment to supporting both students and staff has been truly valued.

Allie, you will be deeply missed, and we thank you sincerely for everything you have contributed to St Patrick's. We wish you all the very best for the next chapter ahead.



SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Sunday 2pm at St Patrick's Church, 26 of our children will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. You are all invited to join with us in this celebration. Please remember these tamariki in your prayers this week by praying this prayer for them.

Loving Father,

We thank You for these children in our care who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

You have created each one of them with love and purpose.
You have called them to walk in the light of Christ.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon them,
to guide their hearts and minds with wisdom and courage.
May the gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, right judgment,
courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder—
grow strong within them.

As they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time,
fill them with peace and joy.
May they always treasure the gift of Your Son
and seek to follow Him with love and faithfulness.

Bless their parents, sponsors, godparents, families, teachers, and all who support them.
Help our whole community to grow together in faith,
and to be a source of encouragement and light to these young disciples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Luke 18:16



NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Elijah Blair and Ella Te Tua Eynon

Enjoy your time here at school

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Riley Kemp	Room 14
Brenn McQuinn	Room 10
River-Grace Winsloe	Room 5



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Isla Conway	Room 4
Cooper Ayres	Room 8
Libby Te Tua Eynon	Room 5

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Malo e lelei from the Junior Syndicate, where we are having a lot of fun celebrating Tongan Language Week.

Rooms 4 and 14 had a great time learning new skills during school swimming. They were all very excited to get in the pool, and as Spring and Summer approach, now is a good time to keep their confidence up by taking them to the pool regularly or enrolling them in lessons.

The Junior PI group have been busy practicing for Polyfest. We can't wait to see them performing on stage this Friday at the stadium. We know they will be amazing!

LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 8

Wow, we can't believe it's already Week 6! Good luck to all our tamariki performing at Polyfest this Friday we are so proud of you. We also send our best wishes to the Sacrament tamariki as they celebrate this special occasion on Sunday.

LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 12

What an amazing last couple of weeks it has been in Room 12! We've been making a splash at swimming, with students showing fantastic progress and confidence in the water.

A big congratulations to our PI performers - you were outstanding in last Thursday's performance and we wish you all the best for Friday's showcase.

Last Thursday, the Senior Syndicate went to town for a day full of learning and fun. We explored Invercargill with a 360° tour, enjoyed the Te Poho walk and experienced the creativity at He Waka Tuia. It was a fantastic trip, and we'd like to give a huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers - your support made the day a great success!



MASS TIMETABLE – MASS STARTS AT 9.15 AT THE CHURCH – ALL WELCOME

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

August / Here-turi-kōkā:

Friday, 22 nd	Polyfest 11.40 to 12noon St Patrick's PI Groups at the ILT Stadium. Gold coin koha entry
Tues 19 th & Wed 20 th Tues 26 th & Wed 27 th Tues 2 nd & 3 rd Sept	Swimming at Splash Palace for Rooms 1,2,3,5,6,10 & 13 Leave school at 10.10 & return by 12.30

September / Mahuru:

Monday, 8 th	Friends of the Schol meeting at 7pm in the staffroom
Friday, 19 th	Last day of school term

October Whiringa-ā-nuku

Monday, 6 th	First of Term 4
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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU THIS TERM

	Weeks 7, 9	Weeks 6, 8, 10	Sides: Fruit, yoghurt, Grainwaves All tamariki with special diets will be catered for. <i>Menu could change without prior notice</i>
Monday	Butter chicken & rice	Tomato pasta bake	
Tuesday	Spaghetti buns	Chicken burgers	
Wednesday	Crumbed chicken tenders with pea, potato & gravy	Creamy coconut chicken	
Thursday	Sandwich & carrot sticks	Spaghetti buns	
Friday	Nachos	Mince Casserole	

POLYFEST PROGRAMME FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

PolyFest is almost here! We'll be performing at **11:40am**, so make sure you arrive at least 20 minutes early to get a good spot and cheer us on. We can't wait to see you there! Starts at 9am

09:00	Donovan Primary Pasifika
09:20	Paradise Early Learning Centre
09:30	Otautau School Kapa Haka
09:50	Hato Hōhepa Teina
10:00	BestStart Kelvin Street
10:10	Hato Hōhepa Tuakana
10:30	Drummond Rural Kindergarten
10:40	St Gerard's Kapa Haka
11:00	Waverley Park School Tuakana Kapa Haka
11:20	Hauroko Valley Primary School
11:40	St Patrick's Pasifika
12:00	James Hargest College-Junior Pasifika
12:10	East Gore School - Te Kura o Ōnuku
12:30	BestStart Rugby Park
12:40	Te Kura o Mataura
13:00	Ascot Senior Rōpū

13:20	Verdon College Filipino Cultural Group
13:30	Lighthouse Childcare
13:50	Verdon College Sri Lankan Dance Group
14:10	St Theresa's Keraleeyam Kerala India
14:20	Hato Terehia
14:40	Blue Duck Winton
15:00	A'oga Amata Preschool
15:10	Te Kapa Haka Tuākana ō Hēmi Hākena