



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bula Vinaka! Bula vinaka! Keitou sa marau ni veitalanoa kei kemuni ena neitou i vola ni tukutuku.

Happy Fijian Language Week

This week, as we welcome everyone back to the last term of the year we are celebrating Fijian language. The tamariki will be learning a bit about Fiji and some Fijian language this week.

Term 4 promises to be a fun filled and exciting term, with the night market on Friday 28th November, Syndicate trips to the beach, learning about advent in the run up to Christmas, plus all the regular wonderful learning opportunities.

On Thursday, 23rd October, teachers and support staff across the country will be going on strike. This is due to the government not providing an offer that addresses the key concerns of schools, from pay rates, to resourcing, through to issues around attracting and retaining staff. This means that the school will not be open for instruction on that day. We would appreciate parents keeping children home that day. We do understand that this is tough on working families, so we will be providing a limited supervision service that day for parents that need it.

Vinaka vaka-levu
Callan





Kia Ora ki nga taurira

Xander & Ella Anfone, Jack Wäst, Bethany Pule, Kean Villarosa, Raelynn George

Enjoy your time here at school

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Welcome back to Term 4!

Gracious God,

Thank you for the beauty and renewal of spring and the promise of summer. We are grateful for the longer days, warmer weather, and the new life that surrounds us. Bless our school community as we move into this season. May our classrooms be filled with the joy of learning, and may our students and teachers find inspiration and energy for their work. We pray for those who may find this time challenging. Grant us a safe and productive term, filled with opportunities for growth, Friendship and service.
Amen



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. On Tuesday it was the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The word *rosary* comes from Latin and means a garland of roses. The rose is a flower used to symbolise Mary the mother of Jesus. The rosary is a form of meditative prayer that can be done individually or in groups such as a class. Prayer beads are used to count prayers. It is prayed by meditating on events in the life of Jesus and Mary, known as "mysteries," while praying the Hail Mary, the Our Father and other specific prayers.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Lyla Mortimer	Room 3
Isaac Smith	Room 7
Flynn Robinson	Room 12



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a great break with your whānau and are ready for an exciting and busy term ahead. With the hopefully sunshine returning, don't forget that sun hats are a must-have this term so everyone can enjoy playing and learning outside safely.

This week we're also celebrating Fijian Language Week, taking time to learn a little about the language and culture of Fiji.

October is the Month of the Rosary and Room 3 have been starting each day with prayer. We've been learning about the rosary and praying a decade together each morning - it's been a calm and special way to begin our day before jumping into all our learning. We're looking forward to all the fun, celebrations, and adventures that Term 4 will bring!



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 7

Bula Vinaka! We have had a great start to term 4. On Monday for Macawa no Vosa vakaViti - Fijian Language week, the whole school came together and raised the Fijian Flag, in honour of this special week. We were lucky enough to have Phoebe teach us part of a Fijian Meke yesterday and today she is going to teach us a Fijian prayer that we can say before we eat.



We have started learning about money, adding money and giving change, this will help us with our stall, we will run for the night market later in the term. We have a very busy term and lots of learning to look forward to including:
 Week 2 - Hato Hone (St John) Sessions. Week 4 - Buddy Class Mass.
 Week 6 - Convent Cup. Week 8 - Middle Syndicate Mass & Night Market.
 Week 9 & 10 - Life Education Truck. Syndicate Fun Day - date yet to be confirmed.

LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Kia ora i te Whānau

We hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing holiday break. Term 4 is always a special and exciting time in our Senior Syndicate, and we're looking forward to the weeks ahead together.

Some highlights this term include the Catholic Cup and our Night Market—both fantastic opportunities to come together and celebrate the spirit of our school community.

We also want to take a moment to acknowledge our incredible Year 6 students. This will be their final term with us here at St Patrick's before they begin the next stage of their journey at high school. We wish them every success and look forward to making their last term a memorable one.

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

Week 2: Wednesday 15 October	Rooms 1, 2 and 6
Week 3: Wednesday 22 October	Room 4 and 8
Week 4: Wednesday 29 October	Room 7 and 13
Week 5: Wednesday 5 November	Room 12 and 14

Week 6: Wednesday 12 November	Room 10 and 11
Week 7: Wednesday 19 November	SENIOR SYNDICATE MASS
Week 8: Wednesday 26 November 1st Sunday of Advent 30/11	MIDDLE SYNDICATE MASS
Week 9: Wednesday 3 December Advent	JUNIOR SYNDICATE MASS
Week 10: Thursday 11 December	SCHOOL MASS 1.30pm End of year Mass

DATES TO REMEMBER

October Whiringa-ā-nuku

Wednesday, 29 th	Board of trustees meeting at 7pm
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November Whiringa-ā-rangi

Monday, 6 th	First of Term 4
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December - Hakihea

Friday, 12 th	Last day of school. School finishes at 12.30pm
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February / Huitānguru

Tuesday, 3 rd	First day of school 2026
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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU THIS TERM

	Weeks 1,3,5,7,9	Weeks 2,4,6,8,10	
Monday	Nachos	Mince casserole	Sides: Fruit, yoghurt, Grainwaves, banana cake All tamariki with special diets will be catered for. <i>Menu could change without prior notice</i>
Tuesday	Sandwiches	Chicken burgers	
Wednesday	Butter Chicken & Rice	Creamy coconut chicken	
Thursday	Spaghetti buns	Sandwiches	
Friday	Pizza	Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	



Kitchen Whānau

INVERCARGILL ROCK'N'ROLL JUNIOR LESSONS

MONDAY NIGHTS 5.30PM-6.30PM
157 BALMORAL DRIVE



\$50 PER PERSON

STARTS ON THE 13TH OF OCTOBER AND
GOES TILL THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER.
(6 WEEKS SKIPS LABOUR DAY)

PLEASE CONTACT WENDY BUTLER FOR
ANY MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROL

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