



Term 4 Week 3

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fakaalofa lahi atu (Nieuan greeting)

Strike

This Thursday, tomorrow, Teachers and Teacher Aides will be on Strike and we are all really aware that this has implications for you as families. Please note, it is not a decision we have taken lightly. The reason behind this action is that we currently feel the government is not offering enough support for schools in terms of funding, but also in terms of resourcing. We want to be able to deliver the very best for our tamariki, but currently we don't have what we need. We are hoping for a quick resolution that values the important work we do. Thank you so much for your support.

New Staff

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Junior Syndicate Leader, Michelle Clarke, for next year. Michelle is an experienced educational leader and will be a great fit for our team.

Have a great week (and try not to get blown away)

Fakaaue lahi (Thank you)

Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Today is the feast day of St John Paul II.

Saint John Paul II was the first and only pope to visit New Zealand. He came to Christchurch on the 24th Nov 1986. Here he is with our Dunedin Bishop at the time, Bishop Len Boyle.

Some other fun facts about St John Paul II - who was one of the most loved popes in history. He inspired millions with his kindness, courage, and deep faith in God.

- 👤 Born Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920 – he grew up during difficult times of war but never lost his faith.
- ⚽ He loved sports! As a young man, he played soccer as a goalie, hiked, skied, and loved the outdoors.
- 🎭 Before becoming a priest, he was also a theatre actor and poet.
- 🙏 He became pope in 1978, the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years.
- 🌍 He travelled to over 120 countries, more than any other pope before him, spreading a message of peace, hope, and God's love.
- 💬 He often said, "Do not be afraid!" – encouraging people to trust God in all things.
- 👦 He started World Youth Day, bringing together young Catholics from around the world to celebrate faith and friendship.
- ❤️ He had a special devotion to Mary and his motto was "Totus Tuus" – *Totally Yours*, meaning he gave his whole life to Jesus through Mary.
- 🕊️ He helped bring peace and freedom to countries suffering under communism, including his own homeland of Poland.
- ✙️ St John Paul II died in 2005 and was canonised (made a saint) in 2014.

A Thought to Share:

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." – *St John Paul II*

PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Harlow Heathcote

Room 14

Brooklyn Ronald

Room 10

Aiden Subin

Room 6



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 14

Kia ora i te Whānau

Wow, what a great start to Term 4. The students have settled quickly into their work and routines and it has been great to have the new students in the class. Everyone is looking forward to camp day on Friday.

This month we have been doing the Rosary every day and learning about the Mysteries and the life of Jesus. It is so special to be able to use the Rosary beads as we say each Hail Mary.

Amanda and Paul

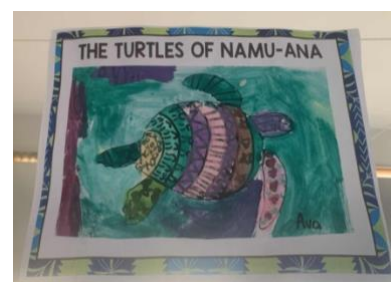


LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

To continue our celebration of the Fijian Language Week, we learnt a traditional legend about the giant sea turtles. We created some beautiful artwork during our reading rotations and even performed a drama piece for Room 2!

We are also busy preparing for Market Day. Our class has decided to sell second-hand toys because it's affordable for everyone and great for the environment. This week, we visited all the classes to share our advertising campaign and made colourful posters on the iPads to promote our stall.

Children who bring in clean, used toys to Room 10 - before or after school, or at lunchtime - will go into the draw to win a \$15 gift voucher to spend at our stall. So far, donations have been steady, but we'd love to see even more!



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 6

Over the weekend, the St Patrick's Sparklers gymnastics team had an opportunity to strut their stuff at the Gymnastics Festival. All of the girls made Mrs. Tree extremely proud, especially given the tight timeframe and limited practices. Congratulations to Gypsy-Rae Kelly, Faith Johnstone, Jayde Mahon, Zoey Service and Indie Burgess for achieving an A grade across their 3 gymnastics routines (Vault, Floor and Beam). A huge thank you to the whānau of these lovely ladies for being so supportive, and helping the girls prepare for the day.



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

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

Thursday, 23 rd	Teacher's Strike day
Wednesday, 29 th	Board of trustees meeting at 7pm

November Whiringa-ā-rangi

Monday, 6 th	First of Term 4
Friday, 28 th	Night Market 4pm to 7pm.

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
Tuesday	Sandwiches	Chicken burgers	
Wednesday	Butter Chicken & Rice	Creamy coconut chicken	All tamariki with special diets will be catered for.
Thursday	Spaghetti buns	Sandwiches	
Friday	Pizza	Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	<i>Menu could change without prior notice</i>



Kitchen Whānau



We're looking for a volunteer to help run our School Breakfast Programme, Monday to Friday, 8:30–9:00am, starting Monday, 9th February 2026.

If this sounds like you (or someone you know), please get in touch with the school office.

NIGHT MARKET

Our St Patrick's Night Market is on Friday 28th November 4pm to 7pm, the children are already busy planning their classroom stalls and we can't wait for another wonderful community evening

As part of our Night Market the Friends of the School will be running a Tombola

Over the next 4 weeks we are asking for a donation from families of the following items, these items can be brought to school anytime during the week and will be collected from classrooms

20th - 24th October - A Bottle of Drink

27th - 31st October - A Packet or a Box of Food or Drink

3rd - 7th November - A Can or Jar of Food or Drink

10th - 14th November - An Unused and Unwanted Gift

We will also need some helping hands on the day - if you are able to help out for 20 minutes on a stall please fill out the Google Form that will be on Class Dojo or come and see us in the school office to put your name down there.

We thank you for your support around this and can't wait for an amazing night with our community.



She is
not
your
rehab

Breaking *the cycle.*



“ One man’s journey
to *healing* and
the global
anti-violence
movement he
inspired. ”

A FREE EVENT BY TICKET

JOIN US FOR TWO EXCITING EVENTS
THAT PROMISE TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE AND SPARK CHANGE.

SHARING HIS OWN POWERFUL STORY, MATAIO SPEAKS WITH HONESTY AND
HOPE AS HE CHALLENGES TOXIC MASCULINITY AND INSPIRES COMMUNITIES
TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE INITIATING A MOVEMENT ACROSS
AOTEAROA AND BEYOND.



THUR 6 NOV
6:30-7:30PM
INVERCARGILL CIVIC THEATRE
FRI 7 NOV
10:30-11:30AM
TRANSPORT WORLD



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