



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mālo ni. Happy Tongan Language Week

Wow, what a week of wild weather we have weathered! The school did sustain some minor damage, though thankfully no one was hurt. Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone in our community that has suffered any damage.

This week at our Board meeting I will be presenting a report on our participation in sports, which makes for great reading with the following sports represented. Touch, Miniball, Netball, Water Polo, Hockey, Table Tennis, Squash, Futsal, Football, Gymnastics, and Cricket. This is a credit to Vanessa and all the hard work that she does in this space!!

Have a great week and keep safe

Tōfā

Callan

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Bria Patel	Room 4
Zoe Miller	Room 8
Jezia Madavana	Room 6



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Bethany Pule	Room 1
Marshall Burgess	Room 11
Grayson Ladbrook	Room 12

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Saturday and Sunday we celebrate two important feast days in the Catholic Church. Saturday, 1st November is All Saints Day and Sunday, 2nd November is All Souls Day.

What is a saint?

A saint is a person, described as a "holy person," who loved God and others and lived a life of faith.

What is All Saints Day?

It is a day to celebrate "heavenly friends" and learn about people who were faithful, good, kind, and brave. It's a time to remember and give thanks for all the saints, both the famous ones and those we may not know.



What is All Souls Day?



On All Souls' Day the Catholic Church remembers all those who have died - not just the great and the good, but the ordinary and especially those loved ones. It reminds us of our connectedness to the faithful and all those special to us, who have died. All of them are honoured by the church.

During the whole month of November, the Church traditionally remembers those whom God has called through death to eternal life. As a whanau you may wish to pray this traditional prayer to remember all your loved ones who have gone to be with God.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

Kia ora i te Whānau

We have been busy little bees in Room 1 over the last few weeks. We have welcomed new friends and have been helping them learn all about our wonderful school. Last Friday was Camp Day which was very exciting and a nice treat after the awful storm on Thursday. We had a lot of fun playing in our tents and experiencing a little of what it is like to go camping (inside this time!). We are thinking of our whānau who are still without power and send them our aroha.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

Kia ora from Room 11 Middle Syndicate. Wow what a week and weekend it has been with the wild weather! We had fun in Room 11 last week learning information about Niue for their language week. We looked at different patterns, designed them, decorated them and coloured their flag.

We have also been making a visual Pepeha. We have drawn our river, mountain, whānau, pets, and things we enjoy doing at school and our name. We will then share our visual Pepeha with others.

We are doing lots of planning around our Market night that is coming up and look forward to seeing lots of people there. In Religious Education, we will be learning about All Saints and All Souls Day this week.

Have a great week from the Middle Syndicate and stay warm and dry.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

What a busy start to the term it's been! The class has been working hard and settling quickly back into routines. We are very lucky to have Miss Wilson, a second-year student teacher, joining us for the next three weeks. She has already been getting to know the students and jumping into classroom life. We're looking forward to learning alongside her and making the most of this busy and exciting term!

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

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
Wednesday, 12 th	School Photos
Friday, 28 th	Night Market 4pm to 7pm.

December - Hakihea

Friday, 5 th	School Kapahaka performance from 5pm
Friday, 12 th	Last day of school. School finishes at 12.30pm

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



We're looking for a volunteer to help run our School Breakfast Programme

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 9:00am

This starts on 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

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.