Term 4 Week 1

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to the final term of the year, it what it always a busy but exciting term. A special welcome to Stacey Materoa who has joined us as a Teacher Aide for the term.

In Term 4 we have lots on with the Junior camp day, beach visits, Convent Cup, Syndicate fun days, Year 6 Leaver celebrations as well as plenty of new learning in the classroom.

With Term 4 we also welcome back the sun (well hopefully) which means sun hats are compulsory for all children. Please make sure these are named and packed in the bag every day.

Have a great week.

Manaakitanga
Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER



October is the month 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. At the centre of the devotion, is the Hail Mary. It is repeated 150 times during the prayer.

Rosary beads are used as counters to help maintain the rhythm as the prayers are prayed in sequence.

Here's a simple breakdown:

1. **Structure**: The rosary has a chain of beads—usually 59 in total. There are groups of ten beads (called "decades") separated by a single bead.
2. **Prayers**: Each bead represents a specific prayer. The main prayers are the "Our Father," "Hail Mary," and "Glory Be."
3. **Meditation**: As you pray, you focus on specific events or "mysteries" from the lives of Jesus and Mary. There are different sets of mysteries, typically divided into Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous.
4. **Purpose**: The rosary is meant to help people reflect, find peace, and connect with their faith.

In essence, it's a way to pray and meditate on important aspects of Christianity using a structured format.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Avani Morgan - Rangitoheriri	Room 2
Kaia Bray	Room 13
Moana Penalosa	Room 12



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Grayson Young	Room 3
Braelyn Ah Fook	Room 10
Lucy Tokona	Room 6

SHARING FROM THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

It's been a busy start to Term 4 in Room 3! In Maths, we are becoming measurement experts as we explore weight, volume and capacity. Through hands-on investigations with scales, buckets and everyday objects, the tamariki will be busy predicting, comparing and testing their ideas.

We have also started learning about mahika kai, exploring the different foods traditionally gathered and grown by Māori here in Murihiku. The tamariki are discovering where these foods come from and the different environments that provide us with kai.





SHARING FROM THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Room 10 has had a lovely start to this term as we are all excited to be back and enjoying seeing our friends. At the end of last term we made our chocolate house raffle for the Jump jam team and learnt lots about marketing and money and measuring at the same time. It was a great learning experience and on Monday we were very excited and grateful as our generous winner returned it to school and we got to eat most of it as a treat. It tasted delicious. The children are also enjoying our art focus on beach material and have been sketching and modelling different things found on the seashore.





SHARING FROM THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Welcome back to all our students and whānau! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Term 3 holiday and is ready for another busy and exciting term at St Patrick's.

Term 4 is always a special one, with plenty happening across the Senior Syndicate. We are looking forward to our annual Convent Cup, where our Year 5 and 6 students will represent St Patrick's in a range of sports against other Catholic schools. We also have our Swimming Sports coming up, giving our students another opportunity to get involved, challenge themselves and represent their House.

This term is particularly significant for our Year 6 students, as they begin their final term at St Patrick's. Over the coming weeks, we will celebrate their achievements, leadership and contribution to our school community as they prepare to take the next exciting step in their education.

There is plenty to look forward to, and we are excited to finish 2026 on a positive note. We encourage everyone to continue showing our St Patrick's values of Mana, Aroha and Pono throughout the term.

MASS IS AT 9.30AM (UNLESS STATED) AT THE CHURCH ALL WELCOME

Week 1: Wednesday 14 October	**NO CLASS MASSES - WEEK 1**
Week 2: Wednesday 21 October	Rooms 4 and 7
Week 3: Wednesday 28 October	Rooms 2 and 6
Week 4: Wednesday 4 November	Rooms 11 and 10
Week 5: Wednesday 11 November	Rooms 1, 12 and 14
Week 6: Wednesday 18 November	Rooms 13 and 8
Week 7: Wednesday 25 November	**SENIOR SYNDICATE MASS**
Week 8: Wednesday 2 December	**MIDDLE SYNDICATE MASS**
Week 9: Wednesday 9 December	**JUNIOR SYNDICATE MASS**
Week 10: Tuesday 15 December	**SCHOOL MASS 1.30pm (tbc)**

SCHOOL CALENDAR



November / Whiringa-ā- rangi

Wednesday, 11th	Board of Trustees gathering from 5.30pm
Friday, 13th	Secondary Schools visit for Year 6's
Friday, 20th	Catholic Cup at ILT Stadium

December / Hakihea

Wednesday, 2nd	Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday, 15th	End of Year Mass at 1.30pm
	Senior Prize giving - (time tbc)
Wednesday, 16th	Last day. School finishes at 12.30pm

February / Huitanguru

Tuesday, 2nd	School starts back

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU THIS TERM

	Weeks 1,3,5,7,9,11	Weeks 2,4,6,8,10	
Monday	Nachos & chips	Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas & gravy	**Sides:** Fruit, carrot sticks, yoghurt, banana cake
Tuesday	Chicken burgers	Sandwiches	All tamariki with special diets will be catered for.
Wednesday	Butter chicken & rice	Lasagne	
Thursday	Sandwiches	Spaghetti buns	
Friday	Pizza	Mince casserole & rice	***Menu could change without prior notice***