Term 4 Week 3

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mālō nī

This week we celebrate Tokelau Language Week

Last Friday it was wonderful to see the Junior Syndicate having so much fun on their camp day. The sun was shining and the tamariki all were really engaged with the experience.

We wish our Year 5/6 Jump Jam team all the very best as they head off this week to represent our school at the National Jump Jam competition in Christchurch. Well done to everyone involved and a big shout out to Vanessa and Mr Collie for all their mahi in this space.



As a school community we extend our sympathies to the Pasco whānau on the passing of Tui last week. Tui and the whole Pasco family have had a long association with St Patrick's school and parish as well as Catholic Education in the Diocese. Moe mai rā i roto i te rangimārie - Rest in peace dear Tui.

Tōfā nī
Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. As we enter the last week of October we are reminded that Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for the Month of October is for mental health ministry. "Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

But what does this mean for us as a Catholic school community?

Mental health is an important part of our overall wellbeing. As a Catholic school community, we are called to treat every person with dignity, compassion and love, ensuring that no one feels ashamed, judged or alone because of mental health challenges.

We can put this into practice by listening without judgement, showing kindness, offering support and creating communities where everyone feels safe, accepted and valued.

This month, let us pray for all those experiencing mental health challenges, for their families and for those who support them. May our Catholic school communities continue to be places of hope, understanding and compassion, where we recognise the dignity of every person and remind one another that we are loved by God.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aleksander Daclan	Room 3
Aleya Codo	Room 8
Braylen Crooks	Room 5



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Carl (CJ) Paglingayen	Room 14
Kyneiah Ah Kuoi	Room 13
Calum Strachan-Coupe	Room 12

SHARING FROM THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 14

Fakamālo atu kia te koutou uma (Greetings to all) for Tokelauan Language Week

We have welcomed seven new students from Room 1 into Room 14 this term and we have all enjoyed getting to know each other over the last couple of weeks. It's been a very busy but great time. Some of the highlights have included working with Heron from Active Southland who has taught us some new games to help improve our ball skills and learning about life in Jesus' time as part of our Religious Education topic, Good News - Te Rongopai.
We got a good feel for what it would have been like by dressing up in clothes similar to those that Jesus and his friends would have worn and eating food that they would have eaten back then. We had lots of fun and came to realise that they ate incredibly healthily with all whole foods all those years ago!

Last Friday the Junior Syndicate had a fabulous camp day in the sunshine. The field was packed with tents, gazebos, camp chairs, sports equipment, a barbeque and most importantly, happy campers! It was an action-packed day that ended with a camp style singalong and many tamariki keen to go 'real camping'!







SHARING FROM THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 13

Malo ni for Tokelau Language Week from room 13. We look forward to learning about Tokelau this week.
This term has started with a hiss and a roar. We have been busy with our sea creatures sketching and modelling with clay and also using adjectives writing about shells. We will be learning about elections and voting over the next 2 weeks before the General Election. It has been fun learning some new games like poi rakau and whano whano.
We continue praying the rosary every day during the month of October. Please remember sunhats every day this term.
Tofa ni

My shell is curved and medium sized and smells like the beach.

It has stripes.

My shell is a blow horn.

By Lincoln



My shell is super smooth. My shell looks like a person. My shell is a little bit small.

My shell is hard on the outside. My shell's colour is white. My shell is a little bit smelly. My shell is a little bit like a square.

My shell reminds me of a snail. My shell is the shiniest shell I have ever seen in my life.

By Aden



My shell is bumpy on the inside and oval. It has a hole and curly and sand. It is rainbow and white at the end.

By Kyneiah

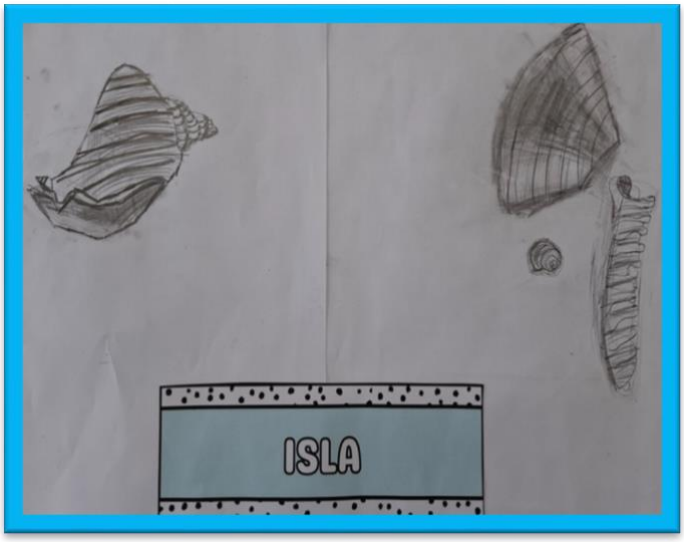


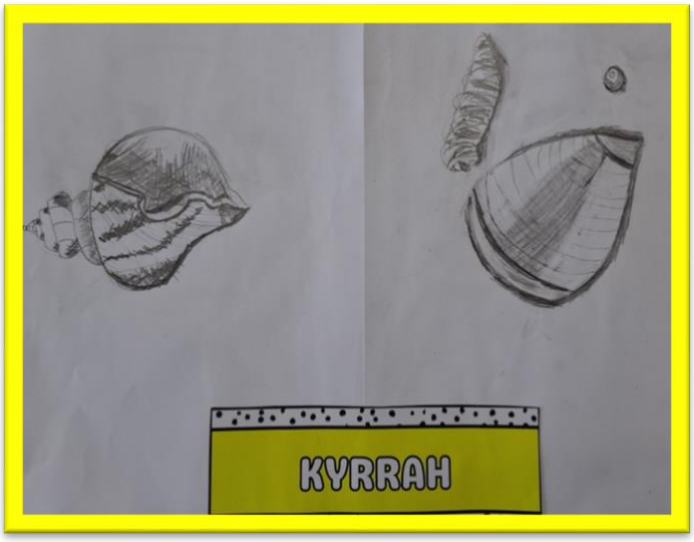












SHARING FROM THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 12

What a fantastic week it has been in Room 12!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all our amazing Room 12 swimmers who competed in the St Patrick's Swimming Sports last week. Everyone gave it their best effort, and we were especially proud to see Room 12 students taking out both the Year 5 and Year 6 titles! What an awesome achievement!

Today, some of our Year 5 students, along with students from Room 5, will be participating in the PIRLS Reading Assessment. We wish them all the very best and know they will give it their best shot!

Finally, a BIG, BIG GOOD LUCK to our twelve Room 12 students heading off to Christchurch tomorrow to compete at the Jump Jam Nationals! You have all worked incredibly hard to get to this stage and we are so proud of your dedication, teamwork and effort. Enjoy every moment, give it everything you've got, and most importantly, have fun!

Go Room 12! Go Ocean Groovers!

SWIMMING SPORTS 2026

A big **thank you to all our parents and whānau** who came along to support our swimmers, helped with transport and assisted with the running of the morning. Your support is greatly appreciated and helped make the event such a success!

Congratulations to our overall placegetters:

Year 4



Athena Aati



Niamh McEvoy



3rd Equal - Hannah Bromell & Tasman Stephens

Year 5



1st Equal – Thea Collie and Devynn McKenzie



Phoebe Koro

Year 6



Remi Peek



Amira Stephens



Harmony Taualofa

Congratulations once again to all our swimmers! You should be extremely proud of your efforts. It was a wonderful morning celebrating our students' swimming skills, determination, and achievements.

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

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