Term 4 Week 4

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora e the whānau

Wow, how proud are we of the amazing tamariki that travelled to Christchurch last weekend to compete in and win the South Island Jump Jam competition as part of the Jump Jam Nationals. A huge shout out to Vanessa and Mr Collie who have worked so hard with the team and thanks to everyone that has supported them in any other way.

Next year we have a couple of staffing changes with Mrs Faulknor moving to Salford School and Mrs Sinclair reducing hours. We will farewell Mrs Faulknor properly at the end of the year and wish her all the best. We are delighted to announce that we will have 2 new teachers on board in 2027 with Mr Thomas Collinson and Miss Bree Smillie joining our school whānau.

Mauri ora
Callan



SPECIAL CHARACTER

The start of this week saw two very important feast days in our liturgical calendar. Sunday 1 November was All Saints Day and Monday 2 November was All Souls Day.
All Saints Day is a big, joyful celebration to honour all the saints in heaven. A saint is someone who loved God very much, did extra-special things to help others, and is now in heaven.
All Souls Day is a quieter, gentle day to remember everyone else who has died, especially our own family members, and friends. It is a time to remember people we miss.

NOVEMBER – A TIME TO REMEMBER
In the Catholic Church, November is a special time to remember and pray for those who have died. We give thanks to God for the love, memories and special moments we shared with our loved ones.
During this month, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, asking God to welcome them into His loving presence. We can also remember them by sharing stories, lighting a candle, visiting a special place or simply saying a prayer.
While remembering those we have lost can bring sadness, our Catholic faith also gives us hope in Jesus and the promise of eternal life. We trust that God's love is greater than death and that we remain united with our loved ones through prayer and the communion of saints.

A prayer to pray at home during this month:



PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD

Zen Karan	Room 1
Aiden Jinu	Room 8
Sienna Te Amo	Room 5



SHARING FROM THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

This term we have a room full of mathematicians in Room 1. The tamariki have been exploring a range of mathematical concepts through play and our maths lessons. They have been talking about and creating patterns, doing jigsaw puzzles, playing games where they need to follow rules and a sequence and recreating patterns with tangram style games. During learning through play they naturally explore mathematical concepts as they create sets, sort and group objects, count, build, construct and experiment with different materials. Last week the mobilo was out and the constructions were amazing.











SHARING FROM THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 8

Room 8 have been looking forward to some warmer weather, so we have been creating some summer-inspired pop art to brighten up our classroom! We focused on using complementary colours and adding bold black outlines to make our artwork stand out. On Monday, we celebrated All Souls' Day. During November, we take time to remember those we have lost. We decorated and 'lit' candles in our windows to remember our loved ones. We are also getting excited for our upcoming tōheroa dig in a few weeks, if anyone would like to come and help. We can't wait!





SHARING FROM THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

What an amazing weekend for our Room 5 Jump Jammers! 🏅

Over the weekend, four of our Room 5 students (River-Grace, Natalia, Lisia and Milān) were part of the **Ocean Groovers,** who competed at the South Island Camps for Jump Jam. Their performance was absolutely outstanding, and they managed to take home the **GOLD MEDAL!** What an incredible achievement!

The team also had a fun-filled weekend in Christchurch, with their coaches, Mr Collie and Vanessa, taking them to explore lots of exciting places around the city. A real highlight was heading along to One Stadium to watch the Black Ferns take on France and celebrate an awesome win!

We are incredibly proud of our Jump Jammers and all the hard work, dedication and talent they have shown. We hope they had the most amazing weekend and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Well done, Ocean Groovers! Room 5 is so proud of you!













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 13 and 8
Week 6: Wednesday 18 November	Rooms 1, 12 and 14
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:**
Tuesday	Chicken burgers	Sandwiches	Fruit , carrot sticks, yoghurt, banana cake
Wednesday	Butter chicken & rice	Lasagne	
Thursday	Sandwiches	Spaghetti buns	All tamariki with special diets will be catered for.
Friday	Pizza	Mince casserole & rice	***Menu could change without prior notice***