Term 4 Week 7

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL CALLAN GOODALL

Kia ora e the Whānau

I would like to thank those people who took the time to give us feedback on our strategic plan for the next two years. Our key focus areas will be achievement in reading, writing and maths, nurturing the whole child and attendance/engagement. A full copy of this plan will be posted to Class dojo as well.

Last week it was great to gather together with our fellow Catholic schools for the Convent Cup. The tamariki had a great time and the games were placed in great spirit. Well done to our Touch Rugby and Football teams who took out the trophies in their sections.

Ngā mihi
Callan

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUE MAYNARD

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, which is a special time of waiting, prayer, and preparing our hearts for Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Why Purple Candles at Advent?
Purple candles on an Advent wreath represent this special time of waiting, prayer, and preparing our hearts. Purple is the colour of kings. It reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings coming into the world.
The first week of Advent centres on lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath, known as the Candle of Hope or Prophet's Candle. It symbolizes the centuries-old expectation of the Israelites waiting for the promised Messiah. For Christians this is Jesus' birth at Christmas.



As we journey through Advent, may we make room in our hearts for Jesus and share His light with those around us.

Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent: Hope



Hope reminds us that even when things are difficult or uncertain, God is always with us. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of a promised Saviour who would bring light, love and peace to the world. During Advent, we are invited to be people of hope by trusting in God and bringing encouragement and kindness to others.
Our Advent reflection: How can I be a person of hope for someone this week?

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Angel Aotearoa Taylor	Room 14
Marciano Toomalatai	Room 11
Ailish-May Kemp	Room 7



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Riita Teweti	Room 4
Kyrrah Sinoro	Room 13
Luca Henton	Room 12

SHARING FROM THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Kia ora everyone, it has been wonderful to see the sun shining brightly this week. Just a reminder that the children must have a named sunhat at school if they want to play outside. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle during the warmer months.

The countdown is on for our Toheroa dig. If you would like to come along and help, it would be very much appreciated. You can either come with us on the bus or make your own way there. Please let your child's teacher know.

This Friday, we will be celebrating our ball skills inquiry and whānau are invited to come along and see our new skills and join in with us. Hope to see you there!
Have a great last week of Spring and bring on Summer!

SHARING FROM THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 13

Halo for Solomon Islands language week from Room 13.

We are lookig forward to an exciting end of the school year with our Toheroa Dog at Oreti Beach next week and then a fun day and lots of great Advent actvities before the end of the term.

A big mihi / thank you to Simon for our new gaga ball court - we are all really enjoyig it.

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer holliday and look forward to seeing you all refreshed for 2027.



SHARING FROM THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 12

It has been another busy and exciting term in Room 12, with lots of great learning and fun activities! Last Friday, we had an awesome day at the Convent Cup, where our Year 5 and 6 students competed against other Catholic schools in Touch, Basketball, Netball and Futsal (Football).

Everyone played incredibly well, showing fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and determination throughout the day. It was great to see everyone giving their best, supporting one another and most importantly, having lots of fun!

We are so proud of everyone's efforts and the way they represented St Patrick's School. What a fantastic day! We can't wait to do it all again next year!

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Summer is just around the corner, and we have an exciting holiday programme packed with fun-filled activities, games, creative crafts and plenty of laughter!

Come along, make new friends, create wonderful memories and enjoy all the summer fun!
Be quick to book your favourite days! Spaces are limited and filling up fast, so don't miss out!
Please follow the link below for more information
https://forms.gle/iipXjukdzkMp3QGN8

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

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

Friday, 27th	Advent wreaths blessing

December / Hakihea

Tuesday, 1st	Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday, 10th	Kapahaka performance 1:45. All welcome
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. Powhiri

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
Tuesday	Chicken burgers	Sandwiches
Wednesday	Butter chicken & rice	Lasagne
Thursday	Sandwiches	Spaghetti buns
Friday	Pizza	Mince casserole & rice

Sides:

Fruit, carrot sticks, yoghurt

All tamariki with special diets will be catered for.

Menu could change without prior notice



Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau!

He rā whakanui tēnei i á tātou tamariki.

Welcome to all our whānau! We are delighted to invite our school whānau to a special cultural performance here at school, celebrating the hard work, dedication and wonderful learning of our tamariki throughout the year.

Our tamariki have put so much time and effort into preparing their performances, and we would love to give them the opportunity to proudly share what they have learnt and achieved.

Date: Thursday 10 December
Time: 1.45pm
Venue: School Turf

We warmly invite all our families and whānau to join us for this special afternoon of cultural celebration. Your presence and support will mean so much to our tamariki as they showcase their talents and celebrate their achievements.


Deck The Pod
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY !
Saturday 5 December 2026
262 Ness Street, Appleby
4pm till 7pm
Bring your own picnic or enjoy some food stalls,
get ready for some jolly fun with great entertainment,
kids area, games & Christmas craft stalls.
Free Selfies with Santa!
SOUTH alive
HE TOKA ORA
THE POD cafe