St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER / TERM 4 · WEEK 5

Message from our Principal Callan Goodall

Kia ora e te Whānau

It's hard to believe we are half way through the term already and only 5 weeks away from the end of the year. Teachers have been focussing on assessments as we lead into report writing and it is really encouraging to see the growth in learning from our tamariki. This is a the result of lots of hard work and dedication from our staff and also the children themselves. Once we have final data for the year I will share this with the community.

This week staff have been working with Andrea Greer a Trauma Responsive Educator & Therapist looking at how we manage behaviour through a model that emphasises connection and restoration alongside clear and consistent boundaries. We feel it is an approach that really upholds the mana of all children and it aligns really well with our catholic values. I have posted an overview of this on class dojo for you to read.

Ngā mihi
Callan

Message from our Director of Religious Education Sue Maynard

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth, focusing on putting resources at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those in need.

"Let us pray that wealth, rather than succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, may always be put at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less."

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

As a Catholic school community, we are reminded that what we have is a gift and that we are called to use our resources wisely and generously. This means looking beyond ourselves, noticing the needs of others and sharing what we can.

The common good means working towards a community where everyone is treated with dignity and has the opportunity to flourish. Even small acts of generosity, kindness and sharing can make a difference.

This November, let us pray for generous hearts and for the wisdom to use the gifts and resources we have to make a difference for others.

Celebrating our tamariki

Christian Leadership Award	Pupils of the Week
Reynzo Dumlao• Room 4	Carter Coulthard • Room 2
Tilda Thomas • Room 10	Hazel Renton • Room 10
Legacy-West Taualofa-Dawson • Room 6	George Atley • Room 6

Learning across our school

A space to celebrate learning, creativity and achievements from our classrooms.

Junior Syndicate / Room 2

There has been plenty happening in Room 2 over the last several weeks. We have been learning about how Jesus lived as a child including where he might have lived, what he would have eaten and what school would have been like. Tamariki really enjoyed dressing up and in particular, trying the food!

We have also been lucky to learn many new games during our visits from Active Southland and have been practising these as often as we can, especially now that the weather is improving. Ka kite, from Room 2.



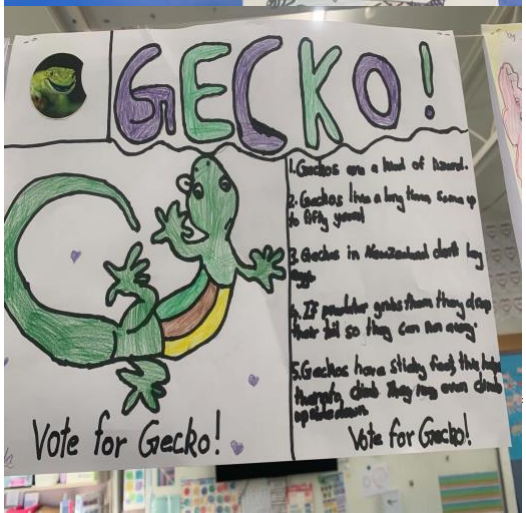




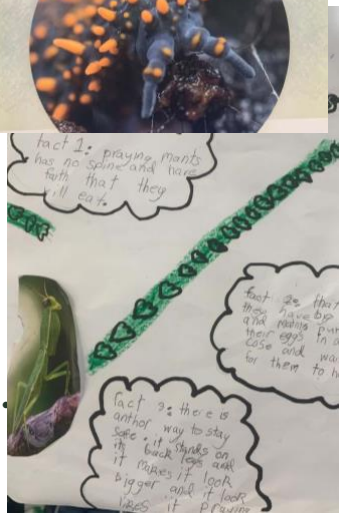
Middle Syndicate / Room 10

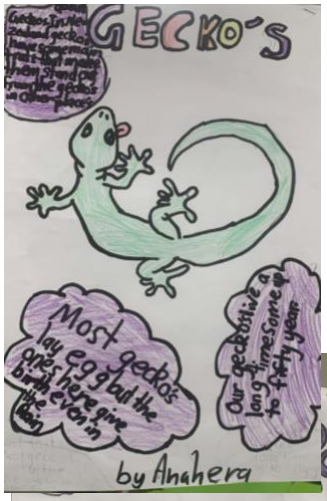
Lately in Room 10 we have been enjoying reading nonfiction texts about nature and science. Last week we read an interesting book called Critter of the day exploring New Zealand insects. As a follow up the children made posters displaying features of the critter they liked the best. They did an amazing job of this. Also we enjoyed learning the Māori legend of Paikea and the Whale and produced some great writing retelling the story and some detailed artwork of the whale. We are talented artists in Room 10.











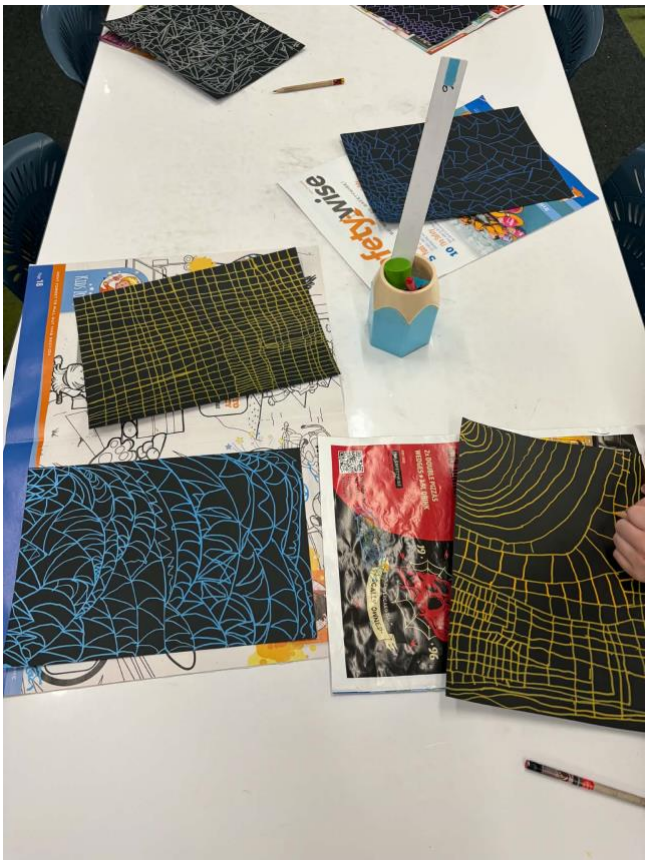


Senior Syndicate / Room 6

Greetings from Room 6! We have had a remarkably busy and creative term so far in the Senior Syndicate.

In the classroom, our artists have been diving into the vibrant world of legendary Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. Inspired by her hypnotic patterns and iconic polka dots, we have created our own colorful, pattern-rich masterpieces that are now brightening up our walls.

Anticipation is running high across the syndicate. We have been training hard for the upcoming Convent Cup on Friday, November 20th, and we are ready to give it our absolute all. To top off an action-packed stretch, we are also counting down the days until next week's Senior Syndicate Fun Day, where we will get to celebrate together with some fantastic team activities. Thank you as always for your support, and we look forward to seeing you on the sidelines!









Mass & worship

Mass is at 9.30am at the church unless otherwise stated. All welcome.

When	Class / celebration
Week 5 • Wed 11 Nov	Rooms 13 and 8
Week 6 • Wed 18 Nov	Rooms 1, 12 and 14
Week 7 • Wed 25 Nov	Senior Syndicate Mass
Week 8 • Wed 2 Dec	Middle Syndicate Mass
Week 9 • Wed 9 Dec	Junior Syndicate Mass
Week 10 • Tue 15 Dec	School Mass, 1.30pm (tbc)

Dates for your diary

Date	What's happening
NOVEMBER / WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI	
Wed 11 Nov	Board of Trustees gathering from 5.30pm
Fri 13 Nov	Secondary Schools visit for Year 6's
Fri 20 Nov	Catholic Cup at ILT Stadium
Fri 27 Nov	Advent wreaths blessing
DECEMBER / HAKIHEA	
Wed 2 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting
Tue 15 Dec	End of Year Mass at 1.30pm; Senior Prizegiving (time tbc)
Wed 16 Dec	Last day — school finishes at 12.30pm
FEBRUARY / HUITANGURU	
Tue 2 Feb	School starts back

School lunch menu this term

Day	Odd weeks · 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11	Even 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 and yoghurt. All tamariki with special diets will be catered for. Menu may change without prior notice.		

