



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is here and we are excited about showcasing our nation's Taonga that is te reo Māori. The theme is 'Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. It was exciting to be involved in the nationwide Māori Moment at 12pm yesterday. We performed the school haka then sang AEIOU and Oma Rāpeti waiata. Thank you to the Cultural Group for all their mahi around this.

Confirmation & Holy Communion

Next week is a very exciting time for 23 of our students who will celebrate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is one of the most significant times in these children's journey of faith and as a school we are so pleased that they can celebrate this despite being at Alert Level 2. A huge thank you to Miss Maynard who has worked so hard to prepare the children for these sacraments. There will be a huge team working behind the scenes to make this a special day and because we are still at Alert Level 2, next Monday there will be two celebrations. One will be at 4pm and another at 6pm. We really didn't want the children to miss out!

Facebook

It is great to have Facebook up and operating again. So now the wider community can celebrate all the wonderful things happening at here St Patrick's.



God Bless,
Kath Lieshout

SPECIAL CHARACTER



We wish all the Confirmation candidates from the school and the parish all the best for the upcoming Sacrament this Monday 21 September commencing at 6.00pm. The children have been well prepared and I'm sure it will be a beautiful celebration. Please keep the children in your prayers. Below is a prayer you may wish to pray for them.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

Nau mai, haere mai! Room 3 have been learning about how we can all be kaitiaki or guardians of the land. The tamariki have looked into what plants need to grow, planted their own seedlings, and are now eagerly watching for signs of new life. We are also conducting our own science investigation into growing beans in a bag - you can see our bean houses on the classroom window. We have also been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour. We were also excited to have our buddy class Mass with Room 11.



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

Room 5 had fun last week celebrating Tongan Language Week "Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Lotu Mo'oni", which means "Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through Prayer and Faith". This linked in beautifully with delving into the principles and celebration of Social Justice Week. The tamariki enjoyed learning the Tongan alphabet song and looking in depth at a Ngatu (Tongan tapa cloth). We studied common symbols by learning about the meaning and story behind these before re-creating the symbol ourselves. We then used our inspiration from these to design our own symbols based on our personal stories, including a symbol for culture, family, home and interests.





PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Lovi Cacdac Room 3

Nathan Abey Room 6



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21st September: Confirmation and First Eucharist at 4pm & 6pm at St Patrick's Church

Friday 25th September: Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th October: Term 4 starts

GENERAL NOTICE

Website

We are relaunching our website this week. It is a work in progress but it is looking amazing. A special thanks Mrs Faulknor.

