



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Welcome back

It is lovely to have everyone back at school. I loved visiting the classrooms yesterday and being greeted with so much enthusiasm and so many smiles. We were excited to have new students and whānau joining us this year. I know you will all make them feel very welcome. Hopefully everyone has had a great break and is ready for lots of learning, new experiences and fun.



### He Mihi Whakatau

This year St Patrick's Primary School will welcome all new tamariki, whānau and new staff with a Mihi Whakatau this **Thursday 4th February**. A Mihi Whakatau is a Māori welcome and it is a way that we acknowledge and greet our new whānau. This is less formal than a Pōwhiri but it is a Māori customary welcome. Parents, you are more than welcome to join your tamariki at this time. At 10.10am new tamariki, their whānau and new staff will assemble outside the school entrance on Metzger Street with Miss Gaines.

### Mass

Friday will be our first school Mass for the year and it would be lovely if you could join us at 9.15am at the Church for this. We are so lucky to have Father Jaewoo whose joy is so evident when he celebrates Mass with us.

### Lunches in School

As you know next week every child in the school will receive a free lunch starting on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. This is new and there are bound to be some teething issues. But I am sure you will agree we are so lucky to be invited to join this scheme. If you haven't already done so please make sure you have filled in the Google form around your child's dietary needs today. As I need to send all the information to the providers tomorrow morning. Here is the link. <https://forms.gle/U47bRPHhWvbM9HzS9>

### Teacher Parent conversations

Will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. To book an appointment online, simply go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The log in is wuw8v. School will finish at 12.30pm that day.

God Bless,  
Kath Lieshout