



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you all for how quickly you have adjusted to the change in COVID19 Level. I am aware of the inconvenience it causes. Spare a thought and prayer for those at Level 3 for the second time in less than 6 months. It is a reminder to all of us to scan, wash our hands and stay safe.

 ClassDojo is our primary source of communication so please make sure you check the notifications on this app regularly. It means that we can all provide the best possible learning for your child and there are less mix ups. It also ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the many sporting or cultural opportunities that arise.

### Colour Run

Wasn't it wonderful to have such a joyful and colourful celebration last week? The Colour Run brought so much joy and enjoyment thanks to the great organisational skills of Mrs Hape, Mr Collie, Deb Henderson and the Friends of St Pat's. We were so lucky with the weather and the timing!

### 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.

### Mufti Day

We are having a black and white mufti day to celebrate aroha and the years of dedicated service that the Dominican Sisters gave to St Patrick's School and many other New Zealand schools starting 150 years ago. There is an optional gold donation that will be donated by the Sisters to Caritas.

God Bless,  
Kath Lieshout



## SPECIAL CHARACTER

### Important Day this week:

17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday (Violet)

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. It is also the start of the Caritas Lenten Program. The theme for **Lent 2021** is "A New Way Forward" - taken from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This theme reminds us that God provides everything we need to overcome obstacles and push through the walls of fear and uncertainty throughout our life's journey. All children will be involved in learning experiences from the Caritas Program during this season of Lent.



**Celebrating 150 years of the arrival of the Dominican Sisters to NZ**

At St Patrick's we are proud of our Dominican Heritage and how we work hard to follow the example of St Dominic and the Dominican Sisters. On Thursday, it is the 150th anniversary of the arrival of 10 Dominican Sisters from Ireland to Dunedin NZ. As a school we are going to mark this important milestone with a mufti day where children are to wear the Dominican colours of black and white. If you wish to send a gold coin koha with your child this day this would be much appreciated. All funds raised will go to our local Dominican Sisters for them to pass on to a charity of their choice.

**NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA**

**WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL**



Welcome Brylee Murch to Room 1. We hope that you enjoy your time at school.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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| Luther-Tavita Fa'amoe-loane | Room 1 |
| Luca Valli                  | Room 9 |
| Cooper Bode                 | Room 5 |



**PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

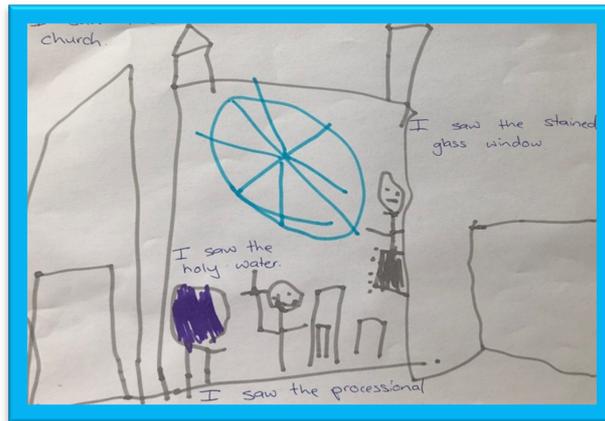
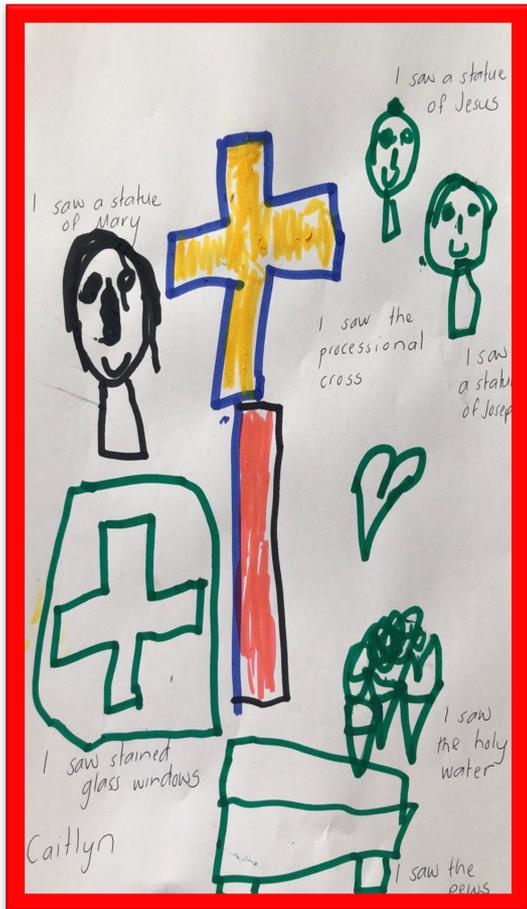
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| Iszak Hodge     | Room 2 |
| Braxton Sadlier | Room 9 |
| Louise Lubos    | Room 6 |

**LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2**

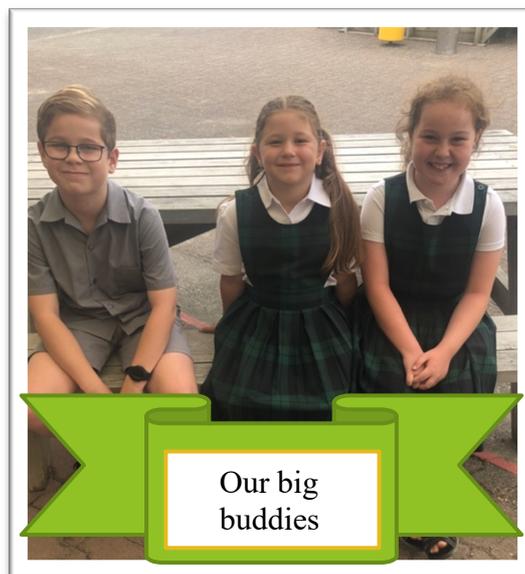
In Room 2 it's been a super busy time in the last 2 weeks since we started our school journey! The pictures show what we have been learning.

We went to our first school mass and saw and learnt so much we drew these amazing pictures showing our new knowledge. We loved the stained glass windows so much in our church that we made our own.





We learnt rippa rugby skills, and we met our big buddies from Room 7.



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 9

Room 9 is having a great time getting to know each other. We were lucky enough to sneak in a cookie baking session with our buddy class Room 4 for Valentine's Day last week before hitting level 2 this week. We're not quite sure if the cookies made it home or not.

We are loving the lunches so far this year. It's been fun trying lots of different food for the first time.

Last Friday was heaps of fun participating in the colour run. The best part was running past the fire engine on the courts.

Don't forget to book in your parent/teacher interviews for next Thursday, we can't wait to see you all.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God Bless

## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOMS 5

Room 5 are having a great time settling into our new class and are learning lots about each other.

On Thursday we were lucky enough to take part in learning some Rippa rugby skills from Georgia at Rugby Southland. We are excited to get 4 lessons before finishing with a game/tournament on the final week.

Last Friday we all had a blast running around the block and getting water thrown on us by Mrs Cook before being soaked by the Firemen and finally covered in paint powder. We sure looked like a rainbow by the end. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all. What a great way to start a new year!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February:

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>

### March:

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Tues to Fri, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

### April:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>

### May:

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ash Wednesday

Mufti Day Black & White Dress if possible

Teacher Parent conversations.

St Patrick's Athletics

All Saints Athletics

St Patrick's Day - Full School Mass

Year 6 Camp

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Southland Anniversary Day

Last day of Term 1

School starts at 9am

