



St Patrick's SCHOOL

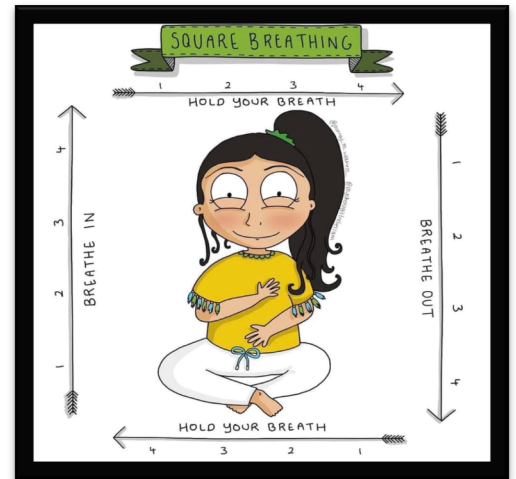
Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Student Wellbeing

The Health and Physical Education Curriculum focus on four areas of wellbeing. They are spiritual, physical, social and emotional/mental wellbeing. At the end of the year, we gathered some feedback from our tamariki around these four areas. One area that our tamariki indicated they needed help with is emotional/mental wellbeing. As a staff we have begun to look at how we can teach our tamariki about this area of wellbeing and some strategies to help with this. One way is box/square breathing which every child in the school will learn to do. Have a look at the first 2 minutes this video <https://youtu.be/Zs559gulGDo> or ask your child about the picture of the girl doing the box/square breathing.



Thank you

Thank you so much for being so flexible around the changing COVID19 levels. There is always a silver lining to everything and for me, it is being able to meet and greet you all in the morning and after school. It always lifts my spirit to receive so many smiles and stories from our tamariki. It is also great to see so many of our tamariki learning to manage themselves.

Parent Teacher Conversations

It was wonderful to see so many of you on Thursday afternoon and evening. It was such a great opportunity for all of us to celebrate your tamariki and how we can work together to help them grow.

God Bless,
Kath Lieshout

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Harmony-Reign Taulofa to Room 1 and Willow Leader to Room 2.
We hope that you and your whānau enjoy your time at school.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Important Day this week: 2nd Week of Lent

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We have now begun the month of March and Pope Francis' prayer intention is for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Together we join with Pope Francis to pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a renewed depth, to experience the infinite mercy of God.

Reconciliation is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make amends for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future. What a perfect focus as we journey further into the Lenten season, striving to be more like Jesus.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE – ROOM 4

This week marks the start of Autumn but we are loving that the sun continues to shine.

We are continuing to learn lots about Lent and how we can all live like Jesus. Encourage your child to tell you what they know about Lent and share your knowledge of Lent with them.

Next week we will be starting an athletics rotation and the children will need to bring appropriate footwear.

Some of the junior classes are lucky enough to have new classmates.....caterpillars! It has been a lot of fun naming and watching the caterpillars grow. Hopefully it won't be long before they turn into a chrysalis.

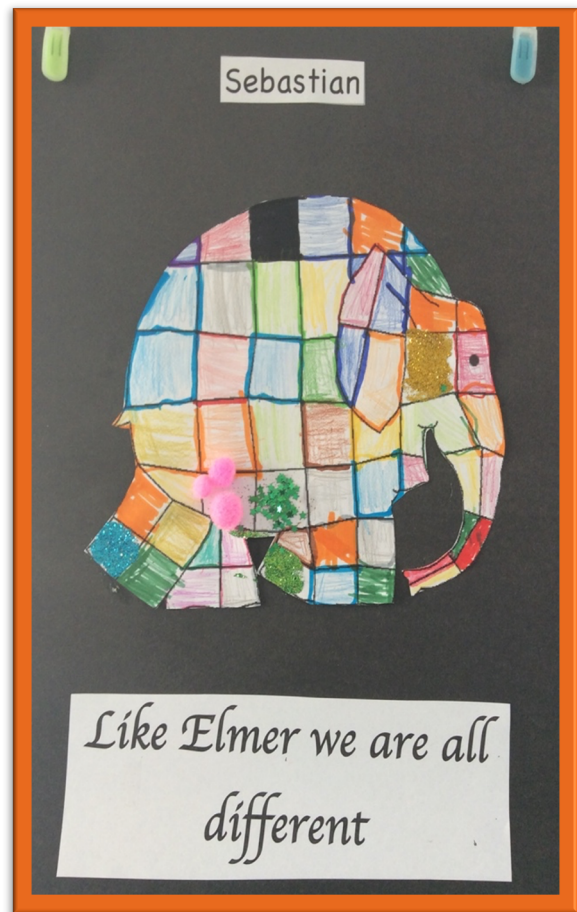


LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE - ROOM 11

We have been learning lots of things in Room 11 over the past few weeks. We have been learning about Statistics. From this, we found out Room 11's favourite colour and fruit.

We had a go at drawing our own Lenten crosses and learned that like Elmer, we are all unique.

We have been busy practicing our athletic skills by learning long jump, discus and shotput skills with Room 10.



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE - ROOM 7

Room 7 have been enjoying their Rippa Rugby sessions with Georgia from Rugby Southland. We've been learning a whole lot of fantastic skills and drills that we can use in Rippa and across other sports as well. A few favourites have been TryFest and Dog and Bone - ask us about them!



CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Paityn Morgan	Room 2
Levi Hodge	Room 10
Cruz Bartlett	Room 6



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Roxton Ujdur-Maxwell	Room 4
Lourdes Gerrard	Room 11
Kobey McDonald	Room 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

Wednesday, 3 rd	St Patrick's Athletics
Friday, 12 th	All Saints Athletics
Wednesday, 17 th	St Patrick's Day - Full School Mass
Tues to Fri, 23 rd to 26 th	Year 6 Camp

April:

Friday 2 nd	Good Friday
Monday, 5 th	Easter Monday
Tuesday, 6 th	Southland Anniversary Day
Friday, 16 th	Last day of Term 1

May:

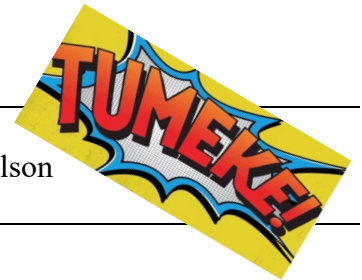
Monday, 3 rd	School starts at 9am
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ALTAR SERVER
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

ALTAR SERVERS THIS SUNDAY

Amelia Sherlock and Noa Wilson



GENERAL NOTICES

Parent/Caregiver Information

On a regular basis we need to update our school records. Could you please fill out this google form for each of your children?

Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/Aj3Q1ZLTSPoY2Dwt7>

DO YOU HAVE ???

The Junior syndicate are looking for dinosaurs, dolls and marbles. If you have any of these lying around that are in reasonable condition, please drop them off to Room 1 from next week (Covid level dependant), or give them to your tamariki to bring to Room 1.

