



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Whānau,

I know these are difficult times in which COVID19 continues to serve up more restrictions and surprises. I am extremely grateful for your understanding and patience around these. Be assured that both at Board and School Leadership levels we are trying to navigate a pathway that ensures both the wellbeing and safety of all in what is an ever changing environment.

### Moments to Treasure

#### Pasifika and Kapa Haka Groups

Last week the recordings for the virtual Polyfest were made. Your tamariki and their tutors have put so much mahi into this under challenging circumstances. The ability to practice was so limiting because of COVID 19 restrictions. You can be so proud of what they have achieved. Our heartfelt gratitude to the tutors, teachers and whānau who worked tirelessly and invisibly behind the scenes. To our tamariki, we are very proud of all your efforts and the way you have upheld your mana, that of your whānau and of our school during the journey to your performances.

#### Altar Servers

Every week some of our tamariki serve our parish by being altar servers. This service was recognised by the Parish Community which we as a school are an integral part of. Thank you to Hari-Priya and Rhea who organised a thank you lunch for these tamariki. It was wonderful to have Fr Jaewoo join them.



#### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

What a wait it has been for the students who were to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. They were to do this on 22<sup>nd</sup> August but we went into Lockdown. Bishop Michael will be here on Thursday and this will finally happen for our students and their whānau. He generously will hold two Masses - The first one at 4.30pm and the second one at 6.30pm. This is so we can meet the Level 2 requirements for gatherings.

God Bless

Kath Lieshout





Welcome Carter Bowmar to Room 1

Enjoy your time at school

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Ediona Perez	Room 4
Emily Young	Room 9
Noa Wilson	Room 6



**PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

Roxton Ujdur-Maxwell	Room 4
Sofia-Jane Sawkins	Room 9
Miguel Leries	Room 5

**SPECIAL CHARACTER**

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

We welcome Bishop Michael to St Patrick's this week on Thursday for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses. Congratulations to all the children - you have waited a long time for this and it has been a joy to see how excited you are that this Sacramental celebration is finally happening for you.

**Prayer for a Child's First Communion**

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Let us pray together the prayer father will pray over you when you are confirmed.

**God of Love**

**"Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. Amen."**

**More on the Church Synod:**

**Synod 2021-2023 - For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.**

In this synodal process three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are:

**Communion** - diverse people gathered together in one faith. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit.

**Participation** - All of us belong to the People of God; laity, consecrated and ordained, all are qualified and called to participate together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue and discern on making pastoral decisions that serve God's will.

**Mission** - We are called to evangelise, never be centered on ourselves. We are called to bear witness to the love of God for the whole human family.

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## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE – ROOM 4

Kia ora from Room 4. It is exciting to see the sun shining brightly most days at the moment. Fingers crossed we have many more sunny days to come. Please make sure that your child has a suitable sun hat that is named so they can enjoy playing outside.

Just a reminder that the children must have a water bottle at school during level 2 as they are unable to use the water fountains. We have a number of children coming without water bottles and we would appreciate your help with this.

We have been talking about the environment and how we need to reduce the amount of rubbish around the school. We decided that a good way to help with this was to bring any extra food in containers or reusable bags.

Last week we were busy learning about All Saints day and All Souls day. Talk about Saints with your child and ask them who their favourite Saint is.

Our favourite summer game to play outside at the moment is cricket. Your tamariki can show you their awesome skills if you play backyard cricket at home!



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE – ROOM 10

Here in Room 10, we have been once again lucky enough to have Whaea Wiki in to teach us some more Māori purakau - legends. We learnt about Tunaroa of the sea and Rata and the Rakau. We then went outside and used PE skills to re-enact the games. We had a great day learning and exploring. We really enjoyed the challenges Whaea Wiki gave to us!



## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE – ROOM 5

This term Room 5 has been looking at three states of matter, solid, liquid, and gas. We have had some great discussions around what these are. Last week we had fun with some carbonated drinks. We wanted to know whether carbon dioxide had weight or not so we completed an investigation. We poured some carbonated drinks into cups and weighed them. Then had a great time shaking the bottles for 8 minutes before weighing them again. From our investigation, we discovered that carbon dioxide does indeed have weight.

This week we will be looking at chocolate and how it can change its state!

We have also been busy writing and illustrating 6 sentence books which we are hoping to share with our younger buddies. We think they are looking pretty cool.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Final Mass

Last school day. School finishes at 12.30pm

