



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dia dhaoibh (hello everyone in Irish)

We are so excited about tomorrow as we look to paint the town green for St Patrick's day. Hopefully the sun shines and we can all dance a jig to some wonderful Irish music.

There has been a lot of excitement in the Junior rooms as the great hatching of butterflies begins. All of the classes have swan plants and eager children are watching and waiting as the magic of God's creation unfolds in front of them and caterpillars transform into butterflies.

Thank you all for keeping us so well informed when children are feeling unwell and away from school. It is making our job so much easier.

Lastly we ask that you all keep the Tagomoa Aiga in your prayers during this sad time.

May the road rise up to meet you
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
 may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



This traditional Irish blessing is an ancient Celtic prayer

Dul go maith (go well in Irish)
 Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This week we celebrate two special Saints Feast Days - St Patrick on Thursday, 17th March (Remember to wear your green!!) and St Joseph on Saturday, 19th March.

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

SHEPPARD

St. Patrick

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A Carpenter, a humble man, loving husband and a father. Without question, he heeded God in his dreams to save his family. He respected God and followed his commands. He was also compassionate and caring. He died before Jesus' public life with Mary and Jesus close by, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

He is the patron of the universal Church, Carpenters and fathers.

SHEPPARD

St. Joseph



Welcome Dacre Green to Room 2

Enjoy your time at school

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Kassidy Akarana	Room 3
Louie Swanson	Room 11
Quade Parata	Room 7

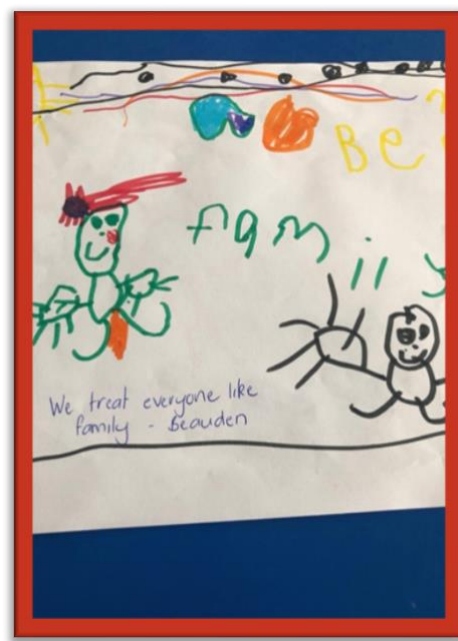
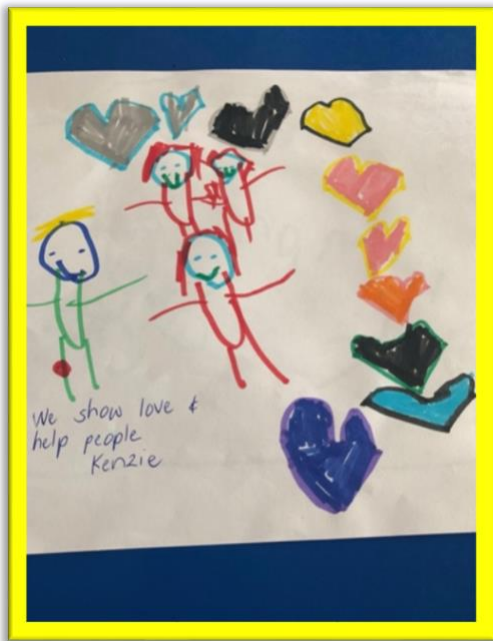


PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Eugene Tapara	Room 2
Logan Drake	Room 9
Louise Lubos	Room 6

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

In Room 2 we have been learning about a letter to everyone from Pope Francis called "Fratelli Tutti". In this letter Pope Francis encourages us to make the world a better place this Lent. From listening to his letter, we know that we can make the world a better place by: caring, listening, loving, helping those in need, showing kindness and best of all by living as one big family. These are our pictures about how we can make the world a better place this Lent.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 9

Welcome to week 7. We are having so much fun watching the caterpillars in Room 11. The children are learning lots about their life cycle.

We would like to thank you all for keeping your child home when they are sick or coughing. There are a lot of bugs going around at the moment.

Do you know the difference between a native bird and an endemic bird? That's what some of us are learning about at the moment as part of our Inquiry. Check out Room 9's awesome display of their writing and what they love about themselves.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki.

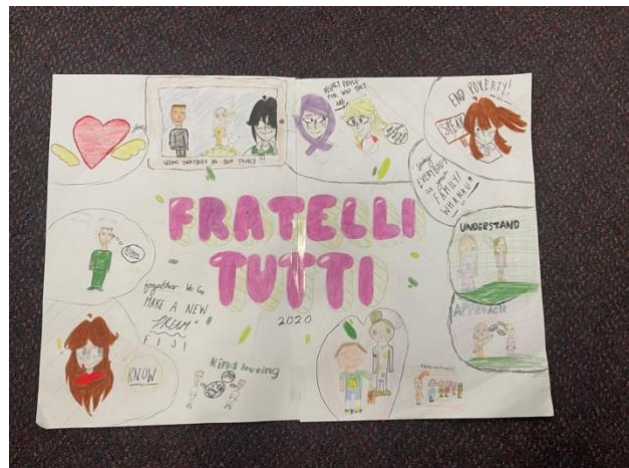
God bless



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

We have been extremely busy in Room 6 over the last couple of weeks. We have been learning about the meaning of Kaitiakitanga and how we can relate this to our school environment. We are looking forward to where our questioning will take our learning. We enjoyed looking at different types of nature on our own school grounds and designing our self-portraits. Wonder if you can guess who is who!

We have designed a different type of treaty, using Pope Francis' letter 'Fratelli Tutti 2020'. This idea followed on from one of our Caritas lessons. We have some amazing artists in our room who want to share their work with you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

Thursday, 17th

St Patrick's Day

April:

Thursday, 13th

Last day of Term 1

May:

Monday, 2nd

School starts at 9am



GENERAL NOTICES

Breakfast Club continues to be a busy place from 8.30. Remember, it is available for all students. A big thank you to Ms Bell for filling in Erin while she's on her break.

