



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are in week 9 of the term already. Admittedly it has been a messy term with Covid interruptions but such is life at the moment and it is amazing to see the resilience in our community, from children, to staff and families. Well done and hang in there together.

New office

You may be wondering what the building project that is underway on the John St side of the building is. This is a new office space for our learning support coordinator. Hopefully this should be finished early next term.

School Mass

Also, just a reminder that we have Mass for the St Patrick's Parish, of which the school is a big part, every Sunday morning at 9am in the Church beside the school. It would be wonderful to see families there to celebrate and grow together as a community.

Attendance Dues

The Diocese office has sent invoices via email. If you haven't received yours yet, please check your SPAM folder. If you have any queries, contact the Diocese office.

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Have a wonderful week,

Nga manaakitanga

Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This week the month of March draws to a close.

In the Catholic Church the month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.

Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus.

Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection.

We can pray this prayer to St Joseph.

St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, patron saint of the unexpected,
How freely you stepped into the unknown
With your unwavering yes.
St. Joseph, dreamer of dreams,
How attuned your heart was, waking or sleeping,
To the promptings of angels.
St. Joseph, nurturing father,
How openly you accepted your unconventional family,
Lighting the way for us, too, to embrace all.
St. Joseph, there is still so much we don't know about you,
But maybe that is your gift to us,
That we may see in the father of Jesus a mystery
That sanctifies the hidden and untold in our own lives.
May we, too, live our days in the holy shadow of your son.
Amen.

— Cameron Belim

JESUITS
spirit & verse

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Chris Tom	Room 4
Natalia Lubos	Room 12
Declan Cook	Room 8



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Evie Fili	Room 4
Lucy Tokona	Room 11
Matt Fabela	Room 8

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Talofa lava from the Junior Syndicate

We have been enjoying basking in the hot days of Autumn. Long may they continue!

Please make sure that your child has a sunhat at school because we have a few outside activities in the coming weeks. We have really loved our athletics rotation this term where we have been learning how to hurdle, skip, compete in sack races and quoits to help us with our throwing.

Since the introduction of school lunches, we have managed to reduce the amount of rubbish around the school. However, because the majority of children are now bringing their own morning tea, there has been an increase of plastic wrappers and bags around school. It would be great if you could put any packaged food items into containers or reusable lunch bags. We appreciate your help with this.

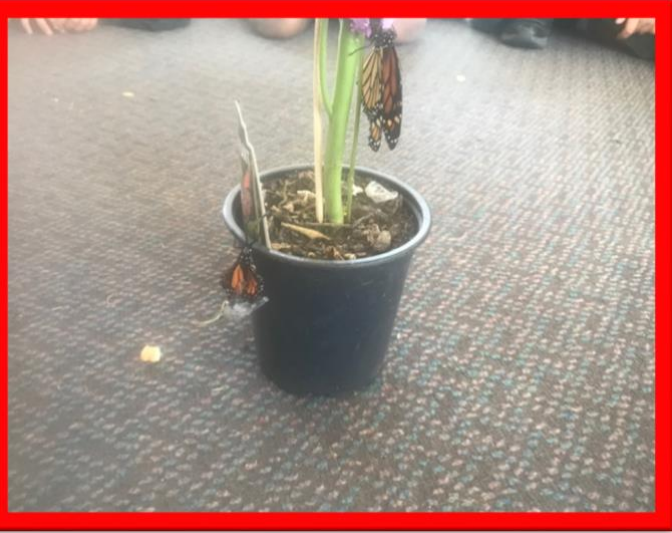


LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 11

In Room 11 we have been loving our Inquiry learning starting with Butterflies, has led into Minibeasts.

On St Patrick's Day it was exciting to see our first butterfly hatch. We called it Paddy. Five more have hatched since then and were released into the garden. Last Wednesday we were lucky enough to witness two emerging from their chrysalis within minutes of each other. We were all amazed to see this and it produced great discussion and questioning. With the cold weather on Thursday, one of the new hatchlings named Lavender surprisingly came back to our class a pale blue colour. We nursed Lavender back to health with honey and water and a warm classroom before letting it go again. We decided that we are good at raising caterpillars into butterflies and we are amazing at looking after sick ones. One of the girls in our class said we should be called "Butterfly Whisperers", a name that we all loved and are proud of.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki God bless



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 8

On Friday we thought like scientists.
How do scientists think?

- ↪ They ask a "why" question.
- ↪ They think of an answer to their "why question". (hypothesis)
- ↪ They gather data (information) to see if they were right. (Test or experiment)

We went down to Elizabeth Park and looked at the plants that live at the different layers of the bush. We wondered why there were so many plants and trees that were not natives. Why were they here? How did they get here?

We also started to find out about some of our native birds. We were amazed at how small some are. We had packets of 20gms of chocolate fish. Did you know that a Tui is 100gms in weight and a Kererū is a whopping 600 gms?

Tui

30

Kererū



DATES TO REMEMBER

April:

Thursday, 13th

Last day of Term 1

May:

Monday, 2nd

School starts at 9am



GENERAL NOTICES

Daylight Savings finishes this Sunday night

