



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

It was wonderful to have whānau back on site last week for our obstacle course fun run and it was great to see all the children having fun while exercising. This week if whānau wish to join us for our school assembly on Friday at 9:05am in the hall you will be most welcome. We are asking however due to it being an indoor event that all adults wear a mask.

Cross Country will be held on Friday from 1pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Next week we will be celebrating Samoan language week. I know there are lots of fun things planned already, however if you have any gifts or talents that you wish to share please make contact with your child's class teacher as we would love to have you celebrate with us.

Keep warm,

Nga Manaakitanga

Callan

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Luna-Jay Pukeiti and Judah Patterson

Enjoy your time at school

SPECIAL CHARACTER

In May, there are three Marian feasts that are celebrated which help us to understand what Mary can teach us about being followers of Jesus.

The Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, which is celebrated on May 24, dates back to the sixteenth century, which was not a peaceful time in Europe. In 1571, Catholics throughout the continent joined in praying the rosary in hope for peace. This day is just as important today. On this day please devote some special time to ask Mary to help us all in our prayer for peace, especially for those countries affected by War at this time.

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension. This is the name given to Christ's going to heaven forty days after his Resurrection. For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



An Ascension prayer to pray as a whānau

Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we also be inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed. And may we do so joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help us to seek Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen



CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eva McKee	Room 3
Samantha Young	Room 11
Riley Dizon	Room 7



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Dacre Green	Room 2
Logan Drake	Room 9
Cruz Bartlett	Room 6

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

Room 2 really enjoyed the Cross Country Obstacle Course last week. What made it even more special was having our Big Buddies run alongside us giving us encouragement and a helping hand when needed. Thanks Room 7!

We had some exciting visitors to Room 2 as well! Our News topic for the week was our favourite animal and Kenzie brought in her turtles to show us.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

We have had fun settling back into school after the holidays. At the end of last term we were sad to finally say goodbye to the last of our Butterflies but we have a new Inquiry project happening. After a slow start finding enough worms we have now finally set up our Worm World Wormery. We hope to make enough fertilizer to help the swan plants grow that Pete helped us plant last term. Like Butterflies, we are discovering that Worms are also fascinating creatures and we have over four pages of questions of things we want to find out about them. We are now the Worm Whisperers and hope we can look after our new babies well.

Like the rest of the school we also loved doing the fun run obstacle course last Thursday and the yummy sausage that followed.



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE 5

Last Thursday, we all had a wonderful time dressing up in our house colours and competing in the Cross-Country obstacle course. Our buddies in Room 1 did the course in the morning so we helped and supported them as they completed it before our turn later in the afternoon. There was a lot of laughs, competition and a heap of fun had by all. We are looking forward to the Cross Country at Elizabeth Park and have been training hard, improving on our running times so we're pumped and ready to smash out the course.





DATES TO REMEMBER

May:

Friday, 27th

School Cross Country

June:

Monday, 6th

Queen's Birthday Weekend

Friday, 24th

Matariki



NOTICES

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE - ST MARY'S PARISH CLEANER:

We are looking for an energetic and reliable person to fill the role of Parish Cleaner for 6 hours per week. The hours can be spread over 1-3 days. Applicants must be eligible to work in New Zealand. If you are interested, please email Karen at basilica.invercargill@gmail.com for a job description. Thank you

Laudato Si'

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” (John 14:23) What beautiful words. To dwell is to be ‘at home’, in safety and joy. When we love, we dwell in God and God dwells in us.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes “The Climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all” (LS 23). He adds that the climate crisis is now creating a “tragic rise” in the number of people forced to leave their homes due to environmental degradation. They have no legal recognition and protection, and they face “widespread indifference” to their suffering (LS 25).

Does New Zealand’s recent Emission Reduction Plan deliver the “transformative change” for the ecological healing and social justice our Pope is calling for? How can we hasten this change in our systems and personal practices?

We cannot dwell in love, when the hungry and the homeless are outside our doors, or on the edges of our oceans and flood plains