



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

Last week we had the most amazing week celebrating Samoan language week. Thank you so much to our Samoan community for making this such a great week. The food was also amazing! **Fa'afetai**

Just a reminder that if children are feeling unwell to keep them at home. We have had a real run of sickness, with tummy bugs and the flu, more so than Covid. Staff have also been hit hard with several down with illness. This may mean closure of classes if this becomes much worse and we can't find relieving teachers. We will give 24 hours notice where we can if this is the case, though note it is a last resort.

On the subject of hygiene please make sure you send your child with a named water bottle, as our drinking fountains are not currently in use.

Have a healthy week :)

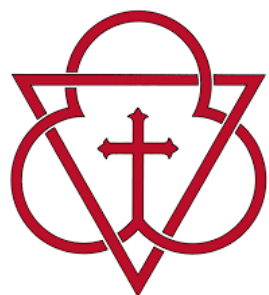
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SPECIAL CHARACTER

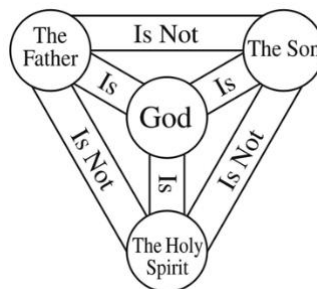
This Sunday is Trinity Sunday.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Christian calendar. This day celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There have been different symbols used over time to represent and explain the Trinity.



THREE IN ONE



This belief is called the doctrine of the Trinity: God the Father - the creator and sustainer of all things. God the Son - the incarnation of God as a human being, Jesus Christ, on Earth. God the Holy Spirit - the power of God which is active in the world, drawing people towards God.

Three folds of the cloth
yet only one napkin is
there,
Three joints in the finger,
but still only one finger
fair,
Three leaves of the
shamrock,
yet no more than one
shamrock to wear,
Frost, snow-flakes and ice,
all in water their origin
share
Three persons in God,
to one God alone we make
prayer

Author unknown



CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Henry Litdog III	Room 4
Paityn Morgan	Room 12
Declan Cook	Room 8



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Vainoria Pukeiti	Room 4
Jaymee-Te Arai Nikora-Balloch	Room 11
Adah Paterrson	Room 8

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Talofa lava from the Junior Syndicate,

We hope you all had a relaxing Queen's Birthday weekend spent with your whānau. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the term and that it is the start of Winter!

A big thank you to our Samoan community for coming in and sharing the many wonderful aspects of their culture. The tamariki were lucky enough to experience Samoan food delicacies such as Chop Suey, Taro and a delicious caramel dessert! Ask your child to show you one of the many Samoan dance moves we were taught.

Just a reminder that we are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish we have around the school and this has been greatly helped by lunches in schools. We have noticed that since the children have been bringing their own food there has been an increase in the amount of packaged food coming to school. We would encourage you to put your child's food into either a container or a reusable plastic bag. Please make sure that your child has their own water bottle at school as we are still unable to use the water fountains.

Please remember to have a look at home for any overdue library books and return them as soon as possible. If the children don't return their books they may not be able to get new books out.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 9

Talofa lava,

Room 9 had a fantastic week last week celebrating Samoan Language Week. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Aiga and Opini Toomalatai for the wonderful experience you gave us last Thursday. Mrs Skipper is still talking about the delicious coconut bread. Jason has been helping Room 9 create email addresses, passwords, log into accounts and create a google slide. The children are loving this time every Tuesday morning.



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 7

Talofa lava from Room 7,

Last week we had a great time learning all about Samoa during Samoan Language Week. We were able to use geometry/transformations to create amazing Samoan Tapa Cloths. Room 7 was also lucky to have some amazing Samoan food. It was delicious. Thank you to the families that helped and supplied this.

Fa'afetai tele lava



DATES TO REMEMBER

June:

Friday, 17th

Friday, 24th

July:

Friday, 8th

Monday, 25th

Teacher's Only Day

Mānawatia a Matariki / Celebrating Matariki

Last day of the term

School starts back

