



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Orana whānau

We have had a great start to the term and we are having lots of fun in classes celebrating Cook Island language week. Yesterday it was also wonderful to see schools from right across Southland gathering for the year 5/6 netball tournament day. The children had an amazing day and big thank you to Vanessa Sheriff for all her work to make this happen.

Next week we have our parent teacher conversations on Thursday afternoon. Please note that school will close at **12:30pm on this day**. Hopefully everyone has booked an interview as this is a great chance at the mid-point of the year to touch base to see how things are progressing for your child and to plan for the second half of the year with you. Having your involvement is the single thing that will make the biggest difference for your child so we hope to see you all there.

Have a great week,

Meitaki  
Callan



NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Athena Aati, Max Jenkins, Ava Henton.

Enjoy your time at school.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2023



Just a reminder that we have an enrolment scheme in place. Enrolments for **anytime in 2023** must be in before the **1<sup>st</sup> of September this year** to be eligible for the first ballot. Father Brendan, our Parish Priest meets with all families making an application for enrolment. If you already have tamariki at school you still need to enrol any other tamariki you have starting next year before the 1st of September. This is extremely important as there may be a waiting list next year.

## PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Bookings are now open for conversations. **They will be held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August and school finishes at 12.30pm.** Please make sure you have made arrangements to have your child picked up. Here is the link for bookings. The code is: eqmg6

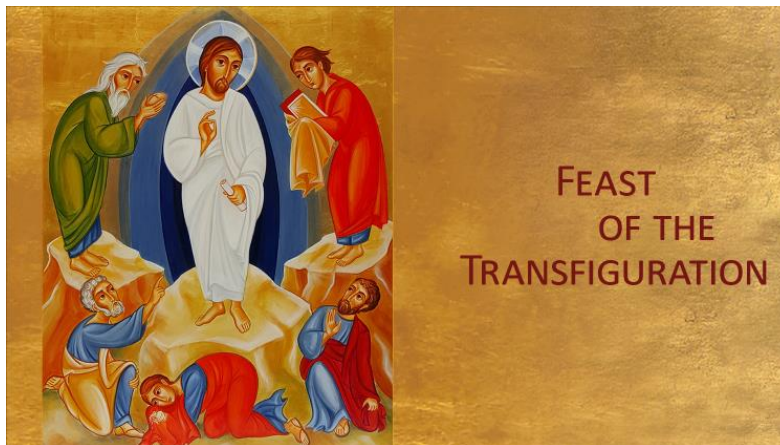
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/eqmg6>

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

This week we have two significant feast days. Today is the feast day for St Dominic. We are one of five schools in our Diocese that carry the Dominican Charism. The Dominican motto is Veritas meaning Truth or Pono. With so much misinformation about these days it is an excellent value to have. The Dominican mission is to Praise Whakapaingia, to Bless Whakanuia, to Preach Whakapaoho. We enjoyed celebrating this special day early on Monday so we could have Mass with Fr Jaewoo as part of our celebrations.



The other feast day is on Sunday, The Transfiguration. Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, go to a mountain. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him, and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by God the Father. The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel story of the life of Jesus as it reveals his true identity. The other major milestones are his Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.



### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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|-----------------|---------|
| Emilene Weston  | Room 4  |
| Moriah Florendo | Room 11 |
| Annabel Heslin  | Room 7  |



### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Brayden Meredith | Room 1 |
| Keeley McGowan   | Room 9 |
| Riley Strachan   | Room 6 |

## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

Wow, where did Week 1 go? It has been great getting back into routines and meeting up with our new friends. We have already had a playhouse performance, Saint Dominic's day celebration, and a visit from Lindsay from the Invercargill Library. Along the way we have also been learning!! Last week our big book was Fantail. Here are our stories and artwork around our beautiful pīwakawaka. The background was made with shaving cream and food colouring.





## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

Room 11 really enjoyed celebrating St Dominic's Day on Monday and at Buddy Time we loved icing biscuits, colouring and playing board games. At the end of last term we were inspired by a book we read called Kindness is Cooler Mrs Ruler to start our own kindness project. Last week we recorded 17 random acts of kindness the children have been doing at home and at school and we are hoping for more this week. It's neat seeing the children think of unique ways to show aroha to others. We are also excited about our Buddy Class Mass which is happening next Monday and have been practising this with Room 6.

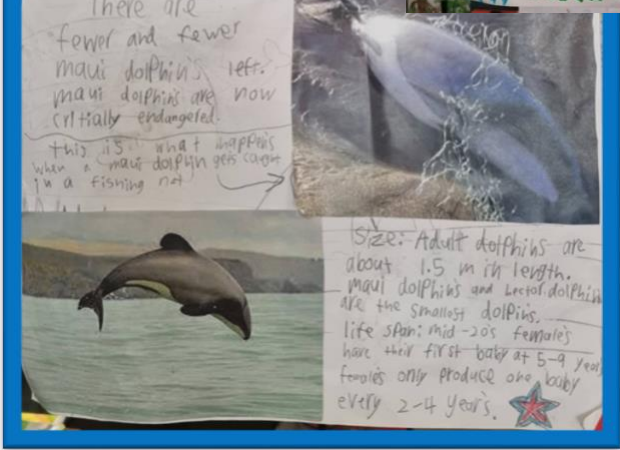
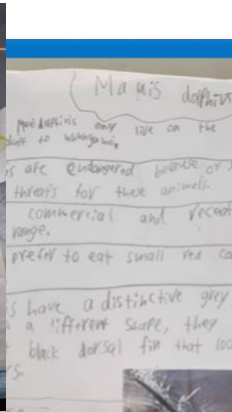
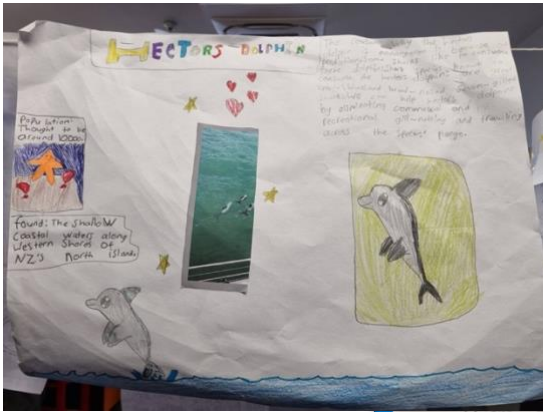


## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 8

Kia orana

The Room 8 team has made a wonderful start to the term and the tamariki were very busy last week while Mrs Tree was in isolation. They studied an endangered species and created some very cool posters to display their learning. On Monday we enjoyed celebrating St Dominic's Day. There was a sea of black and white filling our church during Mass, followed by some wonderful buddy time before getting together in our school house groups. We were very proud of Manawa, Sophie, Juan, Estelle, Dillon and Jacob, who spoke so well when they read the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

This week we are celebrating Cook Island Language Week, and next week we look forward to celebrating Maths Week.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**August:**

- Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Wed 17<sup>th</sup>
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

- Parent Teacher Conversations
- Year 6 Camp
- Mass celebrating the Feast of Assumption at 9.15 and mufti day (wear blue)
- First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass at 6pm at St Patrick's Church
- Polyfest
- School Swimming

**September:**

- Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>
- Last day of the term