



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

This week the Year 6 students have had a wonderful time on school camp at Camp Columba. It was great to see them challenging themselves, showing wonderful team work and having fun together. A special thanks goes to Mr Collie and the senior teachers for organising such a great experience and also the fantastic group of parents that came to help out. We can't do these amazing events without your support.

I would also like to thank the Poutasi family, Stacy, Roy, Elena and Kitana for coming in and working with our Pacific Island performance group as they prepare for Polyfest next week. Fa'afetai tele lava.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Verdon College 'Green Light Variety Show and I was amazed at the talent on show. It was so awesome to see so many of our former St Patrick's tamariki sharing their wonderful talents. There are still 2 nights left to run so make sure you get your tickets from the Verdon Office today.

Have a wonderful week

Nga manaakitanga  
Callan

## NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

## WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Marshall Burgess, Junior Robertson  
and Charlee Smith

Enjoy your time here 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.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Benjamin Levale	Room 3
Starlet McCormack	Room 9
Carter Service	Room 8



### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Glenn George	Room 1
McKenna Simpson	Room 11
Sophia Talaese	Room 8

## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

Room 3 had a blast last week watching the Kennedy School Of Music show. They were so good that they have inspired some children in Room 3 to take up music which is fantastic.

On Monday it was the Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. We enjoyed going to Mass in the morning and everyone looked amazing dressed in Blue.

The children are looking forward to going swimming in a couple of weeks. There are a lot of excited children! It would be wonderful if your child had their own goggles for swimming.

A big thank you to everyone who attended Teacher/Parent conversations last week. It was lovely to talk about your child and their education.

## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 9

It was lovely to connect with you all last week face to face for parent conversations. If you weren't able to make it please don't hesitate to make an appointment at a time that suits you. We celebrated our Patron Saint Mary on Monday and it was lovely to see everyone wearing blue. We are looking forward to going to Stadium Southland to support our PI groups next Friday the 26th of August. The children in Room 9 have been having a great time learning some traditional Māori games and stories with Nicki.

We enjoyed celebrating Mass's that are being held on Monday's.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God bless





## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

Our Year 6's have had an amazing time away at Camp Columba this week. There are some very tired tamariki, parents and teachers arriving home today. A big thank you to the parents that came along to help out. The year 5's also had fun back at school with Mr Morton and Mrs Lieshout. It was amazing to see so many tamariki dressed in blue on Monday for our Assumption Mass. Next week our two PI groups will be performing at Polyfest on Friday at 12.30pm. We can't wait to see them all on stage for the first time in a long time. We wish them luck.

### Year 6 Netball team with some of the Steel players



## SWIMMING SCHEDULE

Rooms 3,7,8,10,11 &13 will be swimming from 29<sup>th</sup> August to the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Rooms 1,2,4,5,6,9 &12 will be swimming. From 12<sup>th</sup> September to the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Tamariki will have an early lunch and will be leaving for Splash Palace at 1:10. Your child will be in a group and have a 20-minute session per day. The first swimming group starts at 1:30, the second group starts at 1:50 and the 3rd group starts at 2:10. We will be back at school before 3.00.

We go swimming on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is no swimming on Friday.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### August:

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

### September:

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass at 6pm at St Patrick's Church

Polyfest Performing at 12.30pm

School Swimming

Last day of the term