



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

As per the Class Dojo message yesterday, we are still experiencing a reasonably high level of sickness both in staff and students so it is important to remember to keep tamariki at home if they are feeling unwell.

In terms of getting children off to a great start at school each day, it is really important for them to be here on time. Ideally if children are here 10 minutes before the bell, it gives them time to catch up with friends and prepare themselves for the day ahead. We also start the day with prayers so it is important that children are here for this as well.

Next week on Monday we have our Assumption Mass to celebrate Mary being taken up into heaven. This is a really important celebration in the Church year and to mark this occasion we are encouraging children to come to school wearing something blue (the colour of Mary). Whānau are also most welcome to join us for Mass at 9:15am in the Church.

It is great to have some things returning to normal and some great experiences to look forward too. This week we had the Kennedy School of Music come in for a performance and to showcase to the children a range of exciting instruments. Next week the Year 6 children are really looking forward to going on school camp at Camp Columba.

Have a great week,

Nga manaakitanga  
Callan

## NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

## WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Brooklyn Ronald

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.

## PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Bookings are now open for conversations. **They will be held on this 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

Our Church has a proud history of strong female Saints who dedicated their lives to working for God. This week we celebrate two of their feast days.



August 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross - Australia's first Saint. She is also known as Saint Mary MacKillop. She made several visits, by ship, to New Zealand from 1894 - 1902. In 1897 she stayed for some time with the sisters in Arrowtown while travelling in Otago and Southland. A woman of faith, courage and vision, Mary McKillop had an impact in New Zealand with her Sister's founding and working throughout New Zealand and in Otago. We are waiting for our own Suzanne Aubert to be made New Zealand's first Saint.

August 11<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Saint Clare of Assisi, a good friend of Saint Francis of Assisi, who our Pope Francis is named after.

After hearing Saint Francis speaking about Jesus, Saint Clare wanted to devote her entire life to God. At first, her family did not respect her decision, however she stood by her decision because she truly loved God. In time, some members of her family joined her in her religious lifestyle.

St Clare is the Patron Saint of eye disease, Goldsmiths, laundry, and television - quite the mix! St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.



## PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Thea Taylor	Room 2
Fletcher Taylor	Room 10
Tu Te Patu	Room 7



## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

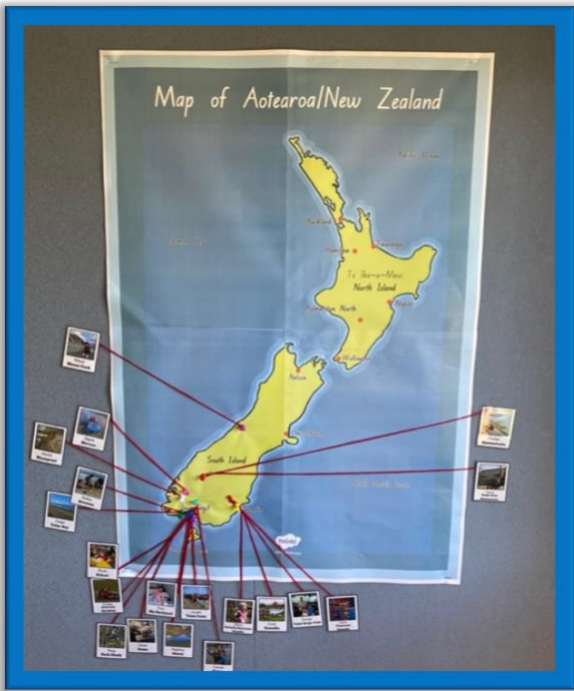
In Room 2 we have been busy learning about God's wonderful creation of the world. We have learnt everything God created is a gift to us and that with those gifts we can make things to use. The thing that intrigued us the most was when we learnt that with the sand God has created, people can make glass, and we also were fascinated learning that with a cotton plant that God created, people can make cotton clothes. We are now learning how to be kaitiaki - stewards of all these gifts and how to look after God's creation. We know that of all God's creation the best creation is people!



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Room 12 has started a new inquiry for the next two terms called Tōku Turangawaewae. During this unit, we will be learning about special places. We started by talking about places that are special to us and we realised that we all have different special places! We wondered why we all had different places so we asked the question - What makes a place special? What we have found out is that places are special because of the people we are with, the things we do there and how it makes us feel. We are looking forward to writing all about our special places and sharing them with each other.

We were also very excited to have the Kennedy School of Music Visit us. They performed some songs and taught us all about their instruments. We loved singing and dancing along to the music. There are definitely future musicians in our class!



## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

Room 5 has had a great, productive start to term 3. We have all been working extremely hard on our contract work and are enjoying 'reading movies' for reading. We have been meeting with our Room 1 buddies twice a week for prayers which we are really enjoying!

Last week we had a great time celebrating St Dominic's Day and participated in all the fun activities.

On Monday we were excited to have the Kennedy school of music come into the school to share some songs and talk to us about what their school of music can offer. Many of us are now keen to join up!!

Have a look at the photos below as we were having a grove to their tunes and of our buddy time on St Dominic's day.







## 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:

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Conversations

PI Practice

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Camp

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass celebrating the Feast of Assumption at 9.15 and mufti day (wear blue)

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Polyfest

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

School Swimming

### September:

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Last day of the term