



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Thank you for your feedback and support around the school uniform. We are now ready to move to the new uniform.

Uniforms can be purchased from Uniform NZ. Their showroom is at 142 Otepunu Avenue and they are located on the Rockdale Road end. These may also be ordered online.

Here is the link to check out the uniform options and to order.

<https://stpatricks.uniformnz.com/>

### What's new:

Girls red fleeces emblazoned with the new school logo.  
Boys green fleeces emblazoned with the new school logo.  
Girls tartan skort is an option alongside the pinafore.  
Long cargo pants as an option for the winter.  
School PE tops

### What stays:

Black or grey ankle socks for boys. No longer need long black socks with green & gold stripes  
Black or white ankle socks and long black socks for girls  
Girls white polo shirts - long & short  
Boys grey polo shirts - long & short  
Boys grey shorts  
Black school shoes  
School sandals

All children can continue to wear any item of the current uniform until they grow out of it.

A big thank you to our wonderful staff for a great term, your hard work and positive attitude helps to make the school a great place to be. Thank you to our parent community for your ongoing support and the children for turning up every day with a smile and willingness to give everything a go. Have a restful break and we will see you all back for what promises to be a busy and fun term 4.

Nga mihi nui  
Callan

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



**Welcome Sapphire McCormack**  
**Enjoy your time here at school.**

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Delilah Young	Room 2
Libby Te Tua Eynon	Room 11
Mika Henwood	Room 7



## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

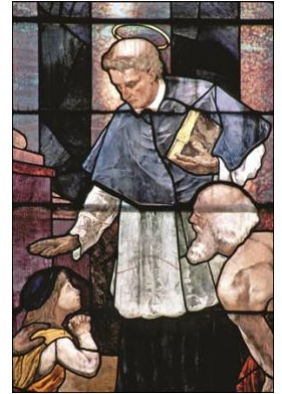
Brylee Murch	Room 4
Jayde Mahon	Room 9
Johnelle Eleno	Room 6

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

Tuesday was the Feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Can you imagine being captured by pirates, and then taken into slavery? That's just what happened to St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent was born in Ranquine, France, the son of a peasant farmer. He was able to study and become a priest in 1600. He was traveling by sea when Barbary pirates captured him; he survived two hard years as a slave, but escaped to Rome and later, Paris. It was there that he met Cardinal Pierre de Berulle, who influenced Vincent to devote his life to charitable works.

He established organisations of men and women to provide aid to the poor and sick. He depended on the donations of the wealthy, who made it possible for him to found hospitals and an orphanage.

In 1625, in Paris, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Missions, called the Lazarites or Vincentians, a society of priests charged with missionary efforts, the training of clergy, and preaching among the country people. During Vincent's life, the Vincentians increased in number and spread across the world. He died in Paris on September 27, 1660, and was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737.



Since the early 1900's, young people have been involved with the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in New Zealand. Many of our schools in the Dunedin Diocese, including St Patrick's have Young Vinnies groups. The Society was founded by seven people, most of whom were teenagers. The object of having a youth arm of the Society that caters for people from age about 11 to 30ish is to help them to realise that there are people in society in need, and to encourage them to help those people. They are also encouraged to realise that the reason Vincentians help people is not just because they feel good doing this work, but because of the Gospel message to love your neighbour as yourself.

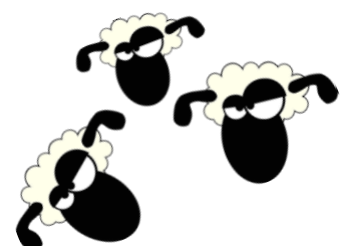
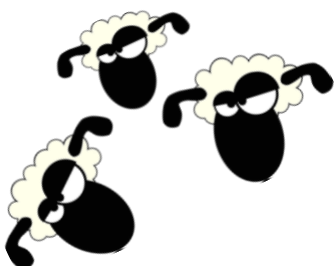
## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Kia ora from the Junior Syndicate, it is hard to believe it is the end of Term 3 already! We have had a busy term with school masses, swimming, the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme and lots of great learning about the beautiful area that we live in, Murihiku.

We will be celebrating our Murihiku Inquiry with a trip to the Waihopai Riverbank, Thompson's Bush and Queen's Park on Thursday. The children must wear suitable clothing and footwear for their outdoor adventure. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle for the trip. If you are interested in joining us on Thursday please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

We will be sending reading packs home with the children this week, it would be great if you could spend some time over the holidays reading with them.

It is with a heavy heart that we farewell the fantastic Mrs Fletcher who has been teaching in Room 3 for most of the year. Mrs Fletcher has been finishing her teaching degree with the support of Mrs Bates, Mel and all of the fantastic children in Room 3. A big thank you from the Junior Syndicate for all the amazing teaching and learning opportunities you have given our tamariki.



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

Lately Room 11 sadly said goodbye to their worms which they have been raising in a Wormery since the beginning of Term 2. This was part of our Kaitiakitanga learning, caring for Gods' creatures and we were worried they were not doing well and thought it would be kind if we let them go free again into the school compost. We were pleasantly surprised to see that when we looked through the soil we found 88 mostly, big fat healthy worms. We think we started with 21 so they had definitely grown in numbers. Also, each day we had chosen a Worm of the Day to measure and from this data it did seem they had grown in size too. Another wee surprise was that in the dark and damp wormery we found a lone plant growing. We now have it in a pot on the science table. We wait with interest to see what it is. We don't know how it grew in the dark and this has provoked much discussion and interest in seeds as we will be doing planting this week. We are super excited as always.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki. God Bless

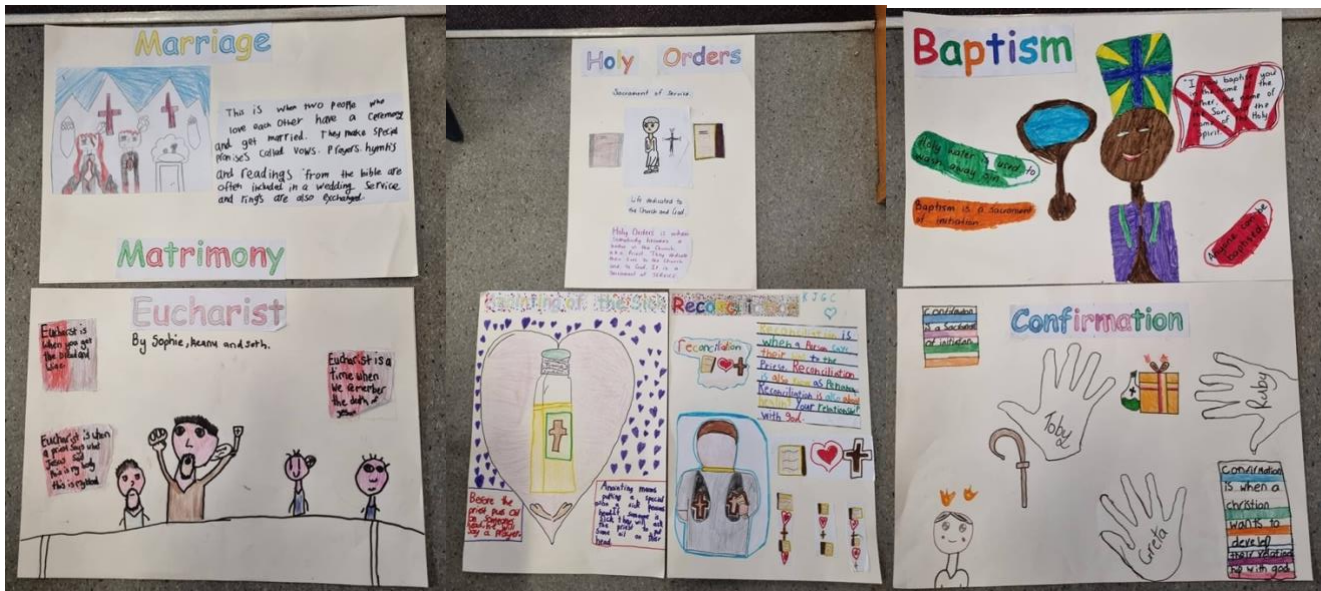


## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 8

Room 8 has been very lucky to get new technology in our room, in the form of Chromebooks. Last week we started learning about how to present information as a Google Slide (similar to PowerPoint). The tamariki were all very quick to learn the basics and were inserting videos and images in no time! We used these new skills to present our learning about the 7 Sacraments in our expert groups. We love learning with and from each other. We also created posters to help teach each other more about the 7 Sacraments.

On Sunday the two St Patrick's School Gymnastics teams participated in the Southland Gymnastics Festival. Both teams made us very proud, scoring an 'Elite' grade and an 'A' grade. Kai pai everyone!





**DATES TO REMEMBER**

September:

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Last day of the term. School finishes at 3pm

October:

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>

School starts

December:

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school year. School finishes at 12.30pm

