



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

This week we are delighted to be hosting the Special Character Review team from the Diocese who are here to give us feedback on how we are making our school a place where children encounter Jesus. The team is Mr Paul Richardson, Mr Paul Olsen and Mr Mike Brosnahan. They will be observing in classes and talking to children, staff and whānau during their visit. This is a great chance for us to share what we are doing and get some next steps on our journey.

This week is the last week of swimming, which has just flown by. It is wonderful to see the progress the children have made and their awesome behaviour and attitude at the pool. A big shout out to everyone who has helped out.

Thank you and farewell to Ang Fletcher. Ang is in her final year at Teacher's College, has been team teaching alongside Mrs Bates in Room 3. We wish her all the best for her teaching career.

Next week is the last week of this term. It has been a very busy term for everyone. Next Monday 26th September, New Zealand will mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a State Memorial Service and one-off public holiday. School will be closed that day.

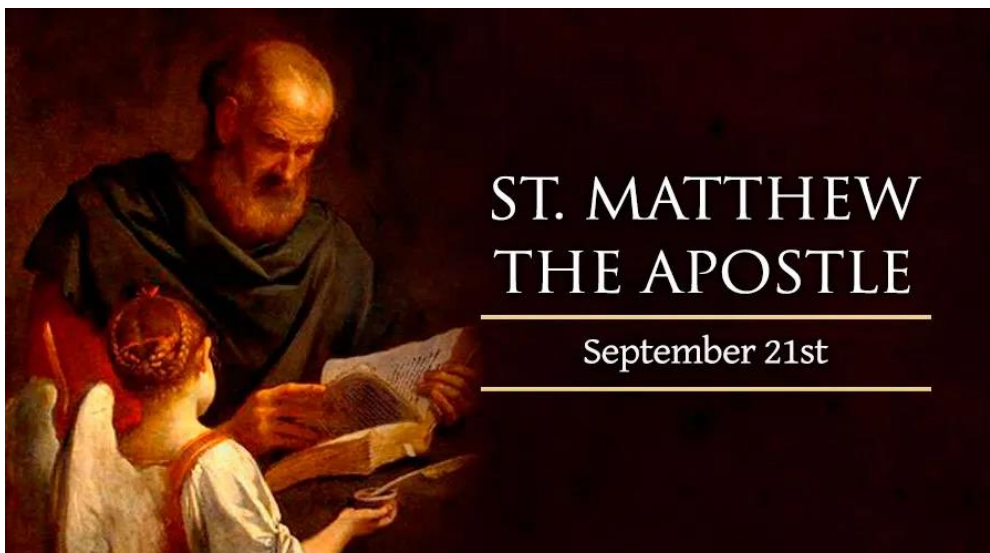
School photos will be held next Tuesday 27th September. Please ensure your child comes dressed in full school uniform. Family photo sittings will be available from 8.30am.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Nga mihi nui
Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Today is the Feast of St Matthew. St. Matthew is an important figure in the Bible who went from being a despised tax collector to being an apostle of Jesus. Matthew was present at several of the most important events in Jesus' life. He wrote the Gospel of Matthew to tell about Jesus' life and his understanding of who Jesus was.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Fletcher Cook	Room 3
Skylah Taylor	Room 12
Amelia Sherlock	Room 5



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

This year Ange Fletcher has been team teaching with Mrs Bates in Room 3 and what a wonderful year we have all had! Ange is in her final year at teachers college and this is her last term in our classroom. We wish her the very best with her teaching journey and know she will make a wonderful teacher. Her future students are extremely lucky to have her as their teacher.

This term Mrs Fletcher has been busy teaching the Room 3 students how to pass and catch a ball and they have been exploring floating and sinking for Science.

This week the students are designing and making their own boats out of recyclable items, let's see if they float or sink!

Thank you Mrs Fletcher for being amazing, we will miss you!



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Kia ora from Room 10

We have been busy learning about our 'Special Place'. We had to think about a place that meant a lot to us that we loved to visit. We made a poster about it. We are learning about Southland and thinking about what special places there are here.

We are also learning about the sacrament of Penance. We used the iPads to make posters about what it is like to make a bad choice and then asking for forgiveness. We also wrote prayers about penance and making good choices.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki. God Bless



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 7

All tamariki have been really enjoying learning through The Caritas Social Justice Week “Saying No To Racism”. The students have been learning that we are all made in God’s Image and how we are all special in our own ways. We have already started to brainstorm ways to show this with our school values of Mana, Aroha and Pono.

**WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI.
KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI.
Say NO to Racism.
We are One in Christ.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

September:

Mon 12th to Thurs 22nd Sept

Monday, 26th

Tuesday, 27th

Friday, 30th

October:

Monday, 17th

School Swimming

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day - **NO** school

School Photos - Famiy photos from 8.30am

Last day of the term

School starts



THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....

Early this year we were seeking donors to help out with our Little Shamrock packs. We had an amazing response and we can now carry on this service to all new 5 year olds starting at our school.



A huge thank you to the following organisations:
Fulton Hogan, St Patrick's Catholic Women's League, Pro Storage,
Pete's Lawn Care (027 310 6885, free no obligation quotes)
and to an anonymous donor.

Your donations have been greatly appreciated.

GENERAL NOTICES

If your child has borrowed swimming gear - togs, goggles or towels, could you please return them to the school office.



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