



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank South Alive and Robin Blake who have kindly donated a heap of plants for our vegetable garden. We can't wait to get them into our garden and watch them grow.

The tamariki are all very excited for our Disco tomorrow evening. Please note that dress up is optional as it the donation of a non-perishable food item for the St Vinnie's food bank.

It is wonderful to have box-fit classes again for our senior students each morning before school. We welcome fitness instructor Hayley Croft who is running these and we know the children involved will get heaps of benefits.

Lastly, congratulations to all of our children who competed in the All Saints Athletics last Friday at Surrey Park, especially to those who have qualified for the Southland Champs. Great to see everyone out there giving it their best and the children's behaviour was a real credit to our school. *He tino pai to mahi tamariki ma!*

Have a wonderful week

Nga mihi nui  
Callan



*Congratulations to Jonathan Gregory-Hunt from Room 9 who went to the top of the South Island competition in Taekwondo and brought home his first gold medal. Kei runga noa atu Johnny, what a great achievement. All that hard work and dedication paid off.*



NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA  
WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Noah Eleno to Room 1

Enjoy your time here at school.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Olivia Muir	Room 3
Micah Patterson	Room 12
Jared Stuart	Room 5



## SPECIAL CHARACTER



This week we celebrate two special feast days - All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

In the year 835AD the Roman Catholic Church made 1st November a church holiday to honour all the saints. This feast day is called All Saints Day. The Feast of All Saints is celebrated to honour all the saints known and unknown.

This is followed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November by the Feast of All Souls. On All Souls Day the Roman Catholic Church remembers all those who have died - not just the great and the good, but the ordinary and especially our loved ones. On this special day we pray for those who have died, that they 'may rest in peace'.

Annually these days remind us of our connectedness to the faithful and all those special to us, who have died. All of them are honoured by the church.



## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

The Junior Syndicate have had lots of wonderful adventures and experiences in the first 2 weeks of school this term.

We had our fabulous Camp day and then last Wednesday, the Junior Syndicate explored the Waihopai River and Thomson's Bush.,

We walked along the river bank, explored the bush walk and of course played in the playground. The children really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see some of the special places in Southland that we have been learning about.

A big thank you to the wonderful parents that came on our trip as parent help. We couldn't have gone without you and we really appreciate your support.

This week we will be learning about All Saints and All Souls Day. These days are important feast days and November is the month dedicated to praying for those in Heaven.

Rooms 3 and 4 have had a great time celebrating Diwali. They have been creating rangoli patterns, making Happy Diwali cards for their loved ones, making lanterns and celebrating with a feast. Chris from Room 4 even sung us an Indian song he learnt at home. What a super star!

Happy Diwali everyone!



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Kia Ora from the Middle Syndicate. October was the month of the Rosary so we have been learning about how to say the Rosary. We have been saying the prayers, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father and using the Rosary Beads. We have been listening to stories about Jesus's life.

On Monday we had our Middle Syndicate Athletics celebration afternoon. It was a lot of fun and the weather was great. We put into practice our skills of running, throwing, jumping and skipping. Enjoy your week.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God bless



## LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

Wow, we have had a busy start to the term!!! We all had a fantastic day at All Saints Athletics last week. Well done to everyone for competing and also to those who made it in the Southland Zones.

We hope you have all got your dancing shoes ready for the disco. We can't wait to hear Mr Collie's tunes!!!

In Room 6 we have been learning about the Rosary, Diwali and two of our students have come back from a holiday in the Philippines so they have also taught us lots about their culture.

Please remember sunhat this term as the weather is starting to heat up.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### November:

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Disco  
Juniors - 6pm to 7pm  
Seniors - 7.15pm to 8.15pm

### December:

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Final School Mass at the Church  
Year 6 Prize giving  
Last day of school year. School finishes at 12.30pm

