



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Wow we are almost halfway through Term 4 already and the next 5 weeks promise plenty of exciting events and activities for our tamariki. Last week it was fantastic for the children to be able to join in on our school disco's, it certainly looked like lots of fun. Thanks again to those that came along to help on the night, it was really appreciated.

At the disco, the cost of entry was a non-perishable grocery item to be donated to St Vincent de Paul. It was wonderful to be able to take this very generous collection down to the team at St Vinnie's and they were delighted. Little acts like this can make a big difference to those in need, especially at this time of year.

This week we have had the team from Cycling Southland in working on being bike-wise with our children. It has been great opportunity for our children to learn some new skills and who knows maybe a future Tour of Southland Champ might even be hiding in the bunch.

Have a blessed week,

Nga mihi nui
Callan



CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Evie Fili	Room 4
Leo Burns	Room 9
Courtney Muir	Room 5



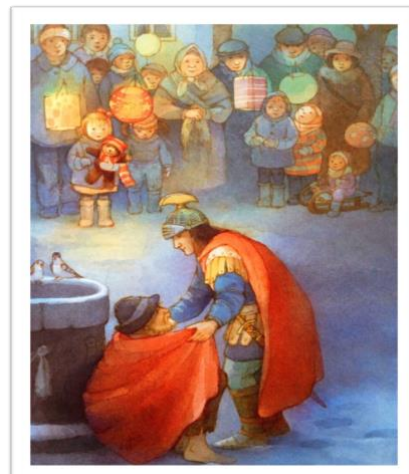
PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Ava Henton	Room 2
Addison Kubala	Room 9
All Room 6	Room 6

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Friday is the feast day of Martin of Tours. St Martin is an example for us all even today. He lived 700 years ago. He was born in what is now Hungary and lived in what are now the countries of Italy and France. Martin took care of the sick, the hungry, and the poor. He had a reputation for caring.

One winter day, Martin was riding his horse when he saw a beggar asking for help. People walked by the beggar, ignoring him. Martin's heart was touched by the beggar's request, yet he had no money to give him. He did have his military cloak, and the cloak was big enough to share! So, he took his soldier's sword and cut his heavy cloak in half, giving one half to the beggar and keeping the other half for himself. Martin may have looked silly, riding home wearing only half of his uniform cloak, but he didn't care because he knew he had done the right thing to help the poor man.



Let's pray that more people, like Martin, will share with those in need

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

Room 2 has been learning about the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. We know that the Trinity is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. To help us understand the Trinity with 3 divine persons in one God we used 3 different coloured drops of food colouring to represent Father, Son and Holy Spirit and when we added dish washing liquid the colours blended together - 3 separate colours but one piece of art - much like the Trinity - 3 persons who together are one God.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

Room 11 have had a busy couple of weeks. Last week we were super excited to welcome our new class pets tadpoles and now we are busy learning about their metamorphosis. Also we finished our Art Inquiry on Te Ara o Kewa and they look fabulous. We loved and learnt lots in the Ride Well cycle programme yesterday.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God Bless



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 7

What an amazing and busy start to the term Room 7 has had! Our ICT skills and creativity are being engaged as we create powerpoints and dioramas about important places around Southland. We are looking forward to sharing all the learning we have done about this very special part of Aotearoa that we live in.

On Tuesday, Nicola Stevens from Ride Well took us through a cycle skill course. This was a great opportunity for us to brush up on both safety and skills for the students. We are very lucky to have these opportunities.

We had a wonderful time at the school Disco last week. A huge thank you to the Friends of the School for organizing this event.



Congratulations Alyssa Simpson. She sang at the Dunedin Country Music Awards. She came 2nd Place for the Junior novice and 1st equal for the Gospel section. Well done Alyssa. We are so proud of you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

December:

Monday, 12th

Tuesday, 13th

Wednesday, 14th

Final School Mass at the Church

Year 6 Prize giving

Last day of school year. School finishes at 12.30pm



GENERAL NOTICES



Do you have any spare school shorts at home? We'd appreciate them as we seem to have run very low on our emergency supply

Check out these exciting photos from last week's disco.

