



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

I would just like to give everyone a couple of quick reminders regarding road safety. Firstly, with children crossing roads after school can we please make sure that they are using the designated crossing points, even if they are with an adult as we want them to get into good habits and to set a good example for others. Secondly, can everyone please make sure they are not parking on yellow lines when parking as this often limits the visibility of other motorists and it can become dangerous for children. Lastly if you are parking up in the church car park, can you please make sure you leave the carpark via the exist and not over the footpath. I know it might seem like a bit of a rant, but we would hate for anyone to be hurt.

With the end of the year approaching, it is a great time to make sure things like library books and reading books are returned to school. It would be great if you could have a quick look around your house over the next few days and return any books within the next week.

This Friday the children are all excited about our Inter-House Christmas carol and tree decorating competitions. Each house has been learning a different song to share and they will be making decorations to adorn their house tree. We can't wait for the great unveiling this Friday!

Have a great week (only 32 more sleeps till Christmas!!)

Nga manaakitanga
Callan

KAPA HAKA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We would like to invite all our whānau to come to school on **Friday, 2nd December** to enjoy some performances from our 3 Kapa Haka roopu. Performances will start in the quad at 11:15am and then end with a sausage sizzle for everyone.

Groups will perform in the following order:

Junior Group 11:15am

Middle Group approx 11:35am

Senior Group approx 12:00pm

Our Senior Group will be dressed in Kapa Haka uniforms as this is the last opportunity for Year 6 tamariki to wear them. The other groups will perform in school uniform. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ring the school or email hskipper@stpatinv.school.nz or ngaines@stpatinv.school.nz.



Welcome Lawrence Lubos to Room 2

Enjoy your time here at school.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eliana Reyes	Room 13
Grayson Ladbrook	Room 10
Kruze Hill	Room 6



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Carsen Rodger	Room 13
Navia Simmonds	Room 11
Hunter McIntyre	Room 8

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the 4 week period before the Christmas season. This Sunday we light the first purple candle - the candle of Hope. We look forward to the coming of Christ again this Christmas and use the 4 weeks of the Advent season to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Saviour.



The Advent Wreath

Advent Wreaths are often found not only in people's homes but also in the church. This circular evergreen wreath usually contains 4 candles (and sometimes a fifth white candle called the Christ candle in the middle of the wreath - which is lit on Christmas Eve). Each of these candles represents one of the Sundays of Advent. Families who have this wreath in the home will light the candles on each Sunday and say prayers together. It is believed that this tradition goes back to Lutherans in Germany during the 16th century.

People of hope prayer

In this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope.

Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth.

Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality.

Stir within us a desire to fight for the integrity of creation and appreciate the immense beauty of the earth.

Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope.

Amen.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13

We have our trip to Queen's Park next week, a Junior Christmas celebration day the following week and have been enjoying trying different sports on Friday's as a Syndicate.

I want to thank all our Room 13 whānau for an amazing couple of terms. Your support in your child's learning has seen all the tamariki consistently improving and we have been so lucky to have a kind and caring whānau which reflects our lovely class.

Here are photos of the children enjoying bubbles to show the Holy Spirit which is part of our focus for Religious Education.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

This week we have been busy painting props to help us retell the story of Te Ara o Kiwa. Here is the story that we rewrote as a class.

Thousands of years ago, there was a whale called Kiwa. Kiwa was swimming around in the ocean at the bottom of Te Waipounamu and he started to feel lonely. Kiwa wondered where his mate had gone, so he decided to call out for her. He called and he called but couldn't hear anything. He called, and he called again and eventually, he heard his mate, but she was far away. She was on the other side of the land bridge that was between Rakiura and Bluff.

Kiwa wanted to get to her. He thought about swimming around the land bridge but it would take a long time, so Kiwa decided to chomp through the land bridge. His teeth were so big that he was tearing the land apart bit by bit.

As he broke the land, the rocks he threw away became small islands around him. It took ages, but he finally broke through and saw his mate. He was happy at last, and he swam away with his mate.

This is why we call the water between Rakiura and Bluff Te Awa o Kiwa; The Path of Kiwa.

Big mihi to Pete for cutting out the whales / tohorā for us.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God Bless



LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

The last couple of weeks have been filled with excitement with our class finally getting new carpet. The tamariki were eagerly awaiting our turn and we love the modern look of our classroom.

Last Monday we were very fortunate to have Father Jaewoo come and share his wonderful tap-dancing talents. We invited our buddy class and everyone was in awe of his skills.

Last Friday, the Year 6 children spent the day visiting their high school for next year. They all had a wonderful time and the excitement of moving onto Secondary school is evident.

On Monday, we enjoyed coming together to celebrate our Syndicate Mass 'The Feast of Christ the King'. It was a lovely final Mass and a special time to celebrate the wonderful year we have had.



Congratulations to our winning Year 5/6 Miniball Pool Winners. Well done!



DATES TO REMEMBER

December:

Friday, 2nd

Monday, 12th

Tuesday, 13th

Wednesday, 14th

February:

Thursday, 2nd

Kapa haka & sausage sizzle

Final School Mass at the Church

Year 6 Prize giving

Last day of school year. School finishes at 12.30pm

First day of school for 2023



GENERAL NOTICES

All children are invited to come to school this Friday in their House colours. If you are unsure of which House your child is in, please contact the class teacher.

**Iceblocks sale - will be sold on Friday 25th Nov, 2nd Dec. Cost is \$1.
Money & orders via Class teacher.**



Nativity Photos

A Christmas photo with a difference, have your photo taken in a nativity scene. Manna Bookshop, 90 Spey Street, Invercargill. Dress ups available.

Sat 3rd, 10th, 17th December 10-3, Thurs 15th/ Fri 16th Dec 10-12, 2-4
Mon-Wed 19th - 21st Dec 10-12, 2-4, Photo packs \$5 & \$10, cash only