



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Last Friday we had a wonderful House carol singing competition and Christmas tree reveal that was a whole school effort. It was wonderful to see whānau who came in to support and wow, those trees were simply stunning. A big thank you to our guest judges. We really appreciated your time and input.

Next year there will be a couple of changes with teachers and the room and levels they are teaching in. Here is a list so when you get your school reports in a couple of weeks, you will know who your child's teacher will be.

Junior Syndicate

Room 1	Allie Hape and Rochelle Sherlock	(New Entrant/Year 1)
Room 2	Sue Maynard and Tracy Holst	(New Entrant/Year 1)
Room 3	Abby Bates	(Year 1/2)
Room 4	Leigh Munro	(Year 1/2)

Middle Syndicate

Room 7	Hannah Skipper and Fiona Underwood	(Year 3/4)
Room 8	Nichola Gaines	(Year 3/4)
Room 10	Maria Hickey	(Year 3/4)
Room 11	Louisa Booth	(Year 2/3)
Room 12	Becky Faulknor	(Year 2)

Senior Syndicate

Room 9	Nathan Collie and Selina Tagomoa-Kaa	(Year 5/6)
Room 5	Jenna Tree	(Year 5/6)
Room 6	Rachel Cook	(Year 5/6)

Nga manaakitanga
Callan

PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Nora Renton-Heath	Room 1
Cyrus Hereaka-Young	Room 12
Pyper-Rose Pottinger-Kahuroa	Room 5



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

HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREES – WELL DONE EVERYONE!



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Second week of Advent: the candle of PEACE is lit this Sunday.

The Jesse Tree - A popular tradition during the Advent Season is the Jesse Tree. This tree, named for the father of David, is one that is decorated throughout the Advent Season with symbols of biblical people that are historically associated with or came before, the birth of Jesus Christ. This can include people such as Abraham, Noah, and Moses, as well as Mary and Joseph. By decorating this tree, tamariki can be reminded of historical biblical figures and can also be taught about the preparatory nature of the Advent Season.



People of Peace prayer

Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace

This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves,

fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone

we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

Ata marie e

What a year it has been!! We are all super excited about moving into the season of Advent where we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. We all had so much fun creating the Christmas trees. It was messy and funny. We enjoyed practising the songs and getting to know our fellow House students. The Junior Syndicate are looking forward to our Queen's Park trip on Thursday.

LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Kia ora tātou katoa

What a fun time we all had in our Houses over the last week decorating our House Christmas trees. The children all had a lot of fun making decorations to go on our tree. Congratulations to St Mary's House who won the competition and to Suzanne Aubert who won the House Christmas song.

We have been learning about time and how to read an analogue clock. We are learning about Advent and the Christmas Story. The Middle Syndicate have been rotating around each of our classes over the last 4 weeks and are learning about Drama, clay work, Music and Art which has been great.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

God Bless

LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

Kia ora tātou katoa

Wow, we are coming to the end of the year. We can't believe how fast this term has gone. In Room 6 we are learning about Advent and the importance of this in our Liturgical Year. We had some amazing wreaths brought in to be blessed. Well done tamariki and whānau. The Year 6 tamariki have been busy working on their leavers fence post. It looks fantastic. We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead with our leavers dinner, fun days and our final school Mass. A massive thank you for all your support over the last year.

Congratulations to our fabulous St Patrick's Water Polo team.

This was their first year playing and on Friday they were runners up in the C Grade competition. Amazing result! We are so proud of you all. Well done!

Kei whea mai koe!



You're amazing!



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



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