



# St Patrick's SCHOOL

*Children of the Light*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Our thoughts and prayers this week are with those in the North Island who have suffered such devastating losses in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle.

This week begins the start of our journey through Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday. This is a time to take stock of our lives and to not just give something up but to look outside of ourselves to see others in need. Last week the world celebrated Random Acts of Kindness day, whereas in our Catholic tradition we have 40 days through lent to do little things that make a difference in the lives of others; it is known as Alms Giving.

If you have not yet registered for Parent/Teacher conversations in Week 7, please do so as this is a fantastic opportunity for you to share with us everything about your child. As a parent you know your child best and we want to take this time to learn from you about what makes them tick so we can best cater for their needs.

Well done to all of those families who have already registered for the Colour Run fundraiser. It is going to be an awesome event. Here is a link to take you directly to the website to set up your child's profile.

<https://schoolfundraising.co.nz/>

Have a blessed week

Nga manaakitanga  
Callan

## TEACHER / PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. To book an appointment online, simply go to:  
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The log in is **85du6**. There are no parent conversations for Rooms 1 and 2.

School will finish at 12.30pm that day.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

All Room 1	Room 1
Harmony Reign Tualofa	Room 8
Jacob Cruz	Room 5

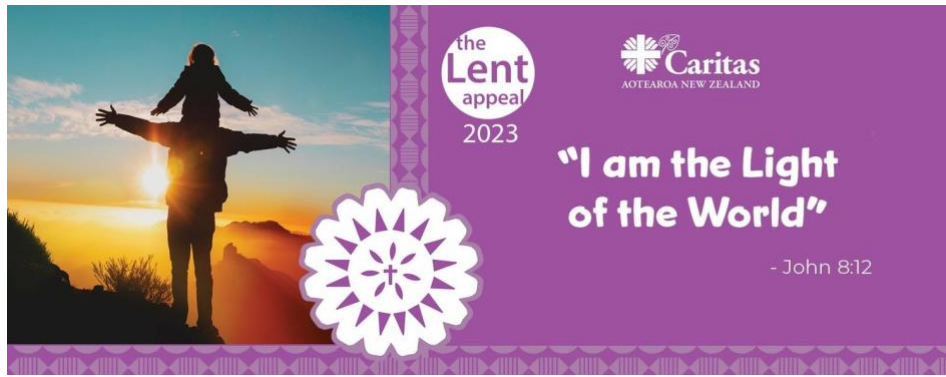


### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Jack O'Neill	Room 2
Micah Patterson	Room 11
Kaitelyn Sinoro	Room 5



## SPECIAL CHARACTER



22nd February - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Our school will be following the Lenten programme. The theme for Lent 2023 - "I am the Light of the World" - reminds us that Jesus brings light to a world often darkened by disease, disaster, violence, lies and hypocrisy.

Jesus' life, and his proclamation of the truth, is a challenge to each of us to lead our lives following His example.

Ash Wednesday is the first day in the season of Lent. Lent can be observed by all Christians, and it is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season. We pray extra prayers, fast, and give to charity during this season of Lent. Ash Wednesday has many traditions for Catholic families and ways to observe this day, and also, anything you are doing for the length of Lent will start this day.



## LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

We are having a great time in Room 3 getting to know each other and everyone has settled well into their new classroom.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Smellie in our class this year. She is working in Room 3 every Thursday and Friday.

Last week we finished our self portraits and they look amazing. We have been learning how great it is that we are all unique, special and one of a kind.

It has been a lot of fun playing cooperative games outside in the sunshine. Haven't we had the best summer!



## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 8

Kia Ora e te whānau,

We have loved heading out to do Athletics. We are learning lots of different skills. We didn't realise Miss Gaines was such a great high jumper. Today we had our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. In Room 8 we have started to look at the theme for our Lenten Season this year. It is 'Let's bring light into the world', 'I bring Light to the World'. Take a look at the Keep it Simple for Lent Action Plan and see what things you and your whānau could do at home. Make sure you share it with your classroom teacher.



## LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

We have had a lovely time over the past couple of weeks settling in and getting to know each other. The tamariki have been busy creating some stunning artwork to show who they are and what they like. It has been a great way to share our interests and passions, while we get to know each other. The Room 6 team is an awesome bunch and I am very excited to work with all of the tamariki and their whanau. I am also very much looking forward to teaching with Mrs Cook and Kirsty, and working with the Room 5 tamariki, as we undertake the collaborative teaching and learning approach. We have started opening the doors and working with Room 5 in the afternoons, as we learn about Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Treaty of Waitangi. The students have been enjoying meeting others and working in some of the many cool spaces we have in our learning environment.





**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February:**

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 11.15 at the Church

7pm - Board of Trustees meeting

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Parish welcoming Mass at 6pm for new students & their whānau

**March:**

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

All Saints Athletics

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Parent / Teacher Conversation. School finishes at 12.30

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>

St Patrick's Day

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

7pm - Board of Trustees meeting

Colour Run

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Kapa Haka Competiton

**April:**

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Last day of the term

7pm - Board of Trustees meeting



**GENERAL NOTICES**

  
**SOUTHLAND A&P SHOW**  
**SATURDAY 4TH MARCH**  
 9.00AM - 4.00PM  
 DONOVAN PARK  
 ADMISSION \$10 ADULT, CHILDREN FREE  
 FOR MORE INFO SEE SOUTHLANDAPSHOW.CO.NZ  
 FOOD COURT  
 CRAFTERS MARKET  
 LIFESTYLE BLOCK  
 WOOD CHOPPING  
 EQUESTRIAN EVENTS  
 XO CARNIVAL  
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 VETSOUTH PETVILLE  
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