



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through Term 1. It has been great to see how settled the children are and the hum of learning happening in classes. As a staff we have also been doing lots of new learning as we implement a new approach called Structured Literacy. We will be sharing more about this exciting new journey throughout the year.

Thank you all for your understanding today with Teachers attending paid union meetings. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Well done to everyone that has signed up for our Colour Run fundraiser. All children who sign up will get a lollipop. Please note that as long as children raise \$10 they will get a prize.

An absolute highlight for tamariki and staff was to watch Te Matatini as it was livestreamed. We congratulate all the winners but especially all the roopu who participated. It has definitely fired up our cultural roopu here. Kia mau te wehi.

Nga manaakitanga
Callan



TEACHER / PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Will be held on Thursday, 16th 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.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Abigail Jinu	Room 3
Jakiel Pukeiti	Room 7
Sofia-Jane Sawkins	Room 13



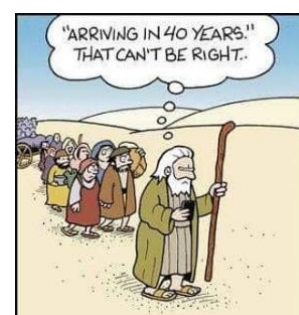
SPECIAL CHARACTER



We are in the first week of Lent, which lasts for 40 days. 40 is a significant number in the Bible and is mentioned around 146 times - there were 40 days and 40 nights in the great flood, Moses was Prince of Egypt for 40 years, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, Jonah warns the people to repent or be destroyed in 40 days and Jesus fasts for 40 days.

Lent is a time we can fast, pray and give alms for 40 days.

It is a time to stop, reflect and for new beginnings.



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Kia ora from the Junior Syndicate, it is hard to believe we have been at school for a month and what a busy month it has been!

Last week we began our Lent journey with Ash Wednesday. This was the first time in three years that the school has been able to come together in the church for this special occasion.

Lent is a time for us to think about others through prayer and our actions. Please encourage your child to think of ways that they can help others during the 40 days of Lent. This could be donating toys and clothes to those in need.

Please have a look at home for any overdue library books that might be hiding in toy boxes or under beds. If your child has overdue books they may not be able to get new books out in the future.

Syndicate assembly will be in Room 2 this week and whānau are welcome to come along and join us.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Room 10 had pet frogs for the first part of this term. These were the tadpoles from Room 11 last year and we enjoyed looking after them and learning about them. We didn't know that frogs need to have wet skin otherwise they can't breathe. Sadly two out of three escaped but we managed to let our last one named Lucky Leap go free into the Otepunu Stream.

We have also been enjoying our Athletics rotations with the rest of the Middle Syndicate.





LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13

What a great start to 2023. We have been very busy learning all about our new class mates. It has been awesome getting to know all about your tamariki.

We have been writing stories about a superhero we would like to be - the skills they would have, a costume they would wear and what special skill or item they might have to help them. The children then had to make their superhero from clay. They had to think hard about how to model the clay into a superhero that was able to stand up, instead of laying down. It took some of us a few trials to get it right.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

Thursday, 9th

Thursday, 16th

Friday, 17th

Wednesday, 22nd

Friday, 24th

April:

Thursday, 6th

All Saints Athletics

Parent / Teacher Conversation. School finishes at 12.30

St Patrick's Day

Colour Run

Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm

School Kapa Haka Competition

Last day of the term



GENERAL NOTICES



Due to the Teacher's Paid Union Meeting, we are asking parents to collect their child at 12.30pm today. Due to this, there are no school lunches.



Ice Block sale this Friday at lunchtime. \$1. This is to support Caritas.



feat. Matt Chisholm-Dad, TV Personality & all round good bugger

SOUTHLAND A&P SHOW
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

9.00AM - 4.00PM
DONOVAN PARK

ADMISSION \$10 ADULT,
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