

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your incredible support at our recent school 'Colour Run' fundraiser. We were thrilled to see so many of you turn up to support your children in this event and help us to raise funds for the school. We will have a full total to share at the end of the week.

We also we to thank you for your attendance and support during our recent Parent / Teacher conversations. It was wonderful to see so many of you take the time to come and discuss your child's progress with their teachers. As always, please feel free to reach out to us at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. Together, we can work towards ensuring that your child has a successful and fulfilling school experience.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Holy Week. Next week, we will be celebrating this important time in the Catholic Christian calendar with a range of activities and events. We are looking forward to coming together as a school community to reflect on the meaning of Holy Week and to celebrate this special time.

Please refrain from parking in the Mobility parking space on View Street. This is reserved for mobility card holders only. It is frustrating for those who need to park there having wait for others to move on.

Nga mihi Callan

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Devon Johnstone to Room 2

Enjoy your time here at school.



SPECIAL CHARACTER

This is the last week of Lent before Holy Week. It is a good time to ask ourselves how has our Lent been going.

Have we prayed for others a little more?

Have we been kind to others in any way?

Have we tried to stop doing a few things so we could be a better person? The three things to actually do during Lent are to Pray, Give and Fast.





This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the people greeted him as their King and laid palm leaves on the ground in front of him. Putting these leaves on the ground was an ancient way of honouring a person and Jesus was honoured in this way as he entered Jerusalem.

If Jesus had been in New Zealand we may have used flax or any other leafy tree branch to lay down on the path to honour him.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Kia ora from the Junior Syndicate. It is hard to believe we finish next Thursday. It has been a very busy term and the children have been working really hard and they should be very proud of their efforts.

Well done to everyone who completed the Colour Run on Friday. It was a wonderful event and there were lots of big smiles from both children and adults. A big thank you to our "Friends of the School" for organising this brilliant fundraising event and to all of our whānau who came to support us.

As we get to the end of the term please have a look at home for any library books in bags or under beds. Our fabulous librarian Gabrielle would like to have all the books back by the end of the week. We appreciate your help with this.

Next week is Holy Week and the whole school will be involved in presenting a part of the Holy Week story on Thursday.

The Junior Syndicate will be doing Palm Sunday which signals the first day of Holy Week. We will be recreating Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey and hopefully we will have a real donkey or pony! Whānau are welcome to come and join us on this special day which will start at 10.15ish.

LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

What a colourful couple of weeks we have had in Room 12. On St Patrick's Day, we celebrated by drawing some leprechauns with our big buddies from Room 6. Mrs Faulknor thought we did such an amazing job that she asked us to do it again but also create a rainbow background with dye. We are really proud of the results of our mahi! Underneath the drawings, we have written about a reason we feel lucky. When we shared our reasons with each other, we realised that we are a pretty lucky class.

Last Friday, we participated in the Colour Run. That was VERY exciting. Our favourite parts were getting wet with the firehose, our tops turning rainbow colours, and the ice block at the end. Thank you so much to the Friends of St Pat's and all those who organised the day for us. We aren't just a lucky class but a lucky school!











LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

It is hard to believe Term 1 is almost over. It seems to have flown by so fast but we have packed a lot of learning into this term. Rooms 5 and 6 have enjoyed our collaborative learning journey this term and look forward to what the rest of the year will bring.

On Friday there was great excitement and anticipation for the Colour Run and the afternoon didn't disappoint. There were smiles and giggles all afternoon and didn't the tamariki look fabulous at the end? A very colourful bunch indeed!







DATES TO REMEMBER

April: Thursday, 6th

Last day of the term



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