



Term 1 Week 7

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora e te whānau

Firstly thank you for your understanding with regards to our strike this week. Our main aim is to get the government to provide the required levels of funding to schools to make sure all our tamariki have the chance to succeed. Ideally we want smaller class sizes and more support for children with additional needs.

Congratulations to all of our children who took part in the All Saints Athletics sports last week. It was great to see everyone giving it their best effort, to run, jump and throw in the various events. A special congratulations to the following people who have qualified for the Southland Athletics this Saturday, 15th March.

Declan Cook
Kahn Leith
Luke Ching
Levi Hodge
Cruz Robinson

Cade Micklewright
Emily McLeod
Tipene McGee
Tane Wilson

Patrick Fisher
Toby Sherlock
Seth Collie
Flynn Robinson



Friday is looking like being an amazing day at school with both St Patrick's day and our Colour Run Fundraiser. It is always great to see whānau there supporting, whether it be for Mass in the morning or the Colour Run in the afternoon.

Bíodh seachtain iontach agat - Have a great week in Irish

Callan

TEACHER / PARENT CONVERSATIONS



Will now be held next Thursday, 23rd 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

Georgia Lindsay	Room 1
Calum Strahan-Coupe	Room 8
Madeleine Leries	Room 6



No school tomorrow due to Strike
Please make alternative arrangements for your tamariki

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Anniversary of election of Pope Francis, 2013.

This week is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis and marks 10 years as pope. He was the first pope from Latin America and the first to use the name Francis. Francis has been noted for his humility, the emphasis on God's mercy, his international visibility as pope, concern for the poor, and commitment to interreligious dialogue. He has continued to push for climate change reform, better treatment of refugees and greater attention to persecution of religious minorities.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That is the golden rule according to Pope Francis.



St Patrick's Day

On Friday we celebrate St Patrick's Day. St Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular Saints.

You are all warmly invited to join us for Mass to celebrate this feast day at 9.30 in the Church. Please feel free to send along an item of non perishable food for our Offertory Procession, which will then be distributed to those in need this Lent. This is entirely voluntary.

Children are welcome to come to school in green mufti (regardless of what House they are in) and we will be having a school parade in the Quad at 12 o'clock. Again you are more than welcome to join us.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

Room 2 have been busy learning about Catholic Social Teaching during Lent. We have met Patariki Penguin who reminds us about Participation and how we can ensure we all help people to participate in society. We also met Sione Sun Bear who reminds us about Solidarity which means since God created us as one global family, we must support everyone no matter where we live.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

We have been learning lots so far in Room 11. In Religious Education we are learning about Lent and stories about Jesus showing aroha and kindness towards others. We are really looking forward to St Patrick's Day on Friday. We have read the story about St Patrick again so we know about his life. We are learning about Caritas and Fiji. In mathematics we are having a lot of fun learning about Measurement, fractions and we are making a clock. We were really lucky to receive a Countdown Bricks Farm so we have been putting together the items so we can play with them. We are using our imagination and drawing cool farm machinery in our reading programme. Have a great week from the Middle Syndicate



LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

The Room 6 tamariki have been busy over the past few weeks! We are now getting into a good routine with our Structured Literacy and it is great to see the students learning more about sounds and spelling. We are excited to see how it can improve our reading and writing skills too. We are currently working on some descriptive writing in the form of poetry, and are enjoying the reading program based on the 'Stuart Little' movie. As we are now in the season of Lent, we are talking about how we can help others, reject sin and turn back to God. This week we chose some Lent 'goals' to work on. Please ask your tamariki what they chose and support them with it. There were quite a few students that wanted to help out more at home - I'm sure a wee reminder would be beneficial to everyone. In mathematics, we are starting to learn more about fractions. Baking is a great way to talk about 'real-life' mathematics with you tamariki, and will support their learning of fractions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

Thursday, 16th

Friday, 17th

Wednesday, 22nd

Thursday, 23rd

Friday, 24th

April:

Thursday, 6th

No school due to STRIKE

St Patrick's Day - Mass at 9.30am then parade in the quad at 12 o'clock

Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm

Parent / Teacher Conversation. School finishes at 12.30

School Kapa Haka Competiton

Last day of the term

