



Term 2 Week 3

St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello, Noa'ia, pronounced noh-eye-ee-aah in Rotuman

This week and next we are excited to be going to Te Tomairangi our local Catholic Marae. The Junior Syndicate are going on Thursday, the Senior Syndicate on Friday and Middle Syndicate next Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to experience a powhiri and each roopu /group will follow this with a selection of fun learning rotations on the marae. Nga mihi nui to those helping out, it is much appreciated.

Today a letter has been sent out on Class Dojo explaining a little more about our Structured Literacy journey as a school and how you can help at home. If you have questions about this, please make sure you touch base with your child's classroom teacher.

Tonight in the Church we are looking forward to welcoming a group of 10 students into our Church whānau through the Sacrament of Baptism. This is a going to be a wonderful occasion and we ask that you keep these children in your prayers.

This week is Rotuman Language and NZ Sign Language Week.

Here the link to our National Anthem using NZ Sign Language.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbDf0YG2xnA>



Ngā mihi maioha
Callan

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This week is National Vocations Awareness Week

What does vocation mean in the Catholic Church?

Vocations are about celebrating and using our different gifts and talents in order to live and proclaim the Joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis said "The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others." He asks us to "join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us."

Vocation week is about supporting and understanding the vocation of marriage, the vocation of priesthood, the vocation of religious life and the vocation of single life.





Welcome Dan Dalida to Room 7

Enjoy your time here at school.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Isla Blair	Room 3
Mason-James Kemp	Room 10
Eli Baker	Room 5



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2. Hasn't the weather been lovely! The children are enjoying playing outside on the sunny and crisp Autumn days.

We have spent the last couple of weeks learning about ANZAC day. Our classrooms have ANZAC artwork on display. Feel free to come into the classrooms and look at your child's artwork.

There have been a few dazzling Kings and Queens roaming around the school with their beautifully decorated crowns on. It has been fun celebrating King Charles III Coronation in the Junior classes.

Everyone in the Junior Syndicate is excited to go to Te Tomairangi Marae tomorrow. Whānau are more than welcome to join us. The Powhiri begins at 10.15am.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 10

Room 10 have had an interesting and busy start to the term. For the first two weeks we enjoyed learning about Anzac Day and the meaning behind it. We were very interested in the stories we read and it was super special being given a cross to put on the hill with two local soldiers' names on them. We sure know how lucky we are to live in peace now in Aotearoa /New Zealand. We made some beautiful Anzac Day art with our buddy class.

Last term, we also talked about things we are good at and chose five positive affirmations which we have learnt. We made some beautiful art showing our portraits and our affirmations. We think they look great.

LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

Rooms 5, 6 & 13 have been training hard in preparation for our school Cross Country event. We have been trying hard to improve our times and look forward to walking the track next week.

We have been learning about Easter and why it is such a special time for us. We made Easter wheels (see below) showing the main events of Jesus condemnation to death and His resurrection.

For writing, we have started to look at what makes a good speech and thinking about topics we would like to speak about.

We are excited to start our homework on Structured Literacy this week! Wait until you see how quickly we can read the 'Roll and Read!'



DATES TO REMEMBER

May:

Wednesday, 10 th	Baptism at the Church at 6pm
Thursday, 11 th	Junior Syndicate Marae visit
Friday, 12 th	Senior Syndicate Marae visit
Thursday, 18 th	Middle Syndicate Marae visit
Wednesday, 24 th	School Board meeting at 7pm
Thursday, 25 th	Cross Country
Tues, 30 th to Fri, 2 nd June	School Camp

