



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

The Junior and Senior Syndicates both had fantastic trips to Te Tomairangi Marae last week and the Middle Syndicate are heading there tomorrow. Thanks again to all of those who supported our tamariki on these visits.

The children across the school have been in training mode for our school Cross Country next Thursday at Elizabeth Park. It is great to see them pushing themselves and getting their fitness levels up. We look forward to seeing you all there next week to cheer the children along.

Just a reminder with the cold weather at the moment that children should be wearing a jacket to school. The school jackets are black and if you need one please let us know. Currently we are still waiting on some of the bigger jackets to arrive.

Ngā mihi
Callan

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lily Coulthard	Room 2
David Rangī	Room 8
Grace Leti	Room 13



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Junior Robertson	Room 4
Robbie Taylor	Room 11
Layce-Marie Stevens	Room 6

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus.

What is this and what does it mean?

The Ascension refers to the day celebrated 40 days after Easter when Catholics celebrate the fact that Jesus returns to God after being with his disciples after the resurrection. It is a central element of Catholic tradition and is included in the creed recited at Mass each Sunday.



Why go to Mass every Sunday?

Each and every Sunday over a billion Catholics worldwide are asked to go to a Sunday Mass. Why? Attending Sunday Mass is one of the most basic things required of Catholics. At Mass we are participating in a community celebration and being a witness to belonging to the Body of Christ and of being faithful to God. It is in keeping with Jesus' instruction to keep the ten Commandments. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day"

When we go to Mass on Sunday, we are acknowledging the importance of the Lord's Day in our lives.

Our Parish Mass times are Saturdays at 6pm at St Patrick's Church and Sunday 10am at St Mary's Basilica. Please feel free to come along and celebrate with us.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

Kia ora e te whānau

We hope you are all keeping warm as Winter approaches. As it gets colder and wetter please make sure that your child has a raincoat and appropriate footwear. It is also important that they wear the correct school uniform and this includes socks and shoes. Boys can wear plain black socks if they struggle with the school socks.

Last Thursday the Junior Syndicate were lucky enough to go to Te Tomairangi Marae. We had a fabulous time learning about poi, rakau, colouring in Koru and listening to Māori myths and legends.

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come along and help us. These trips wouldn't be possible without you and we really appreciate you giving up your time to join us.

This week we will be doing some running practice for the Cross Country race so it would be great if the children could have some sports shoes in their bag.

The Young Vinnie's group have crocheted blankets and hats available for a gold coin donation. These can be purchased in Room 4 before and after school.

LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

Kia ora e te whānau

We have been learning to do coding with Jason using the app named Scratch. It is a lot of fun and creative.

We are getting better at running around the block and our fitness levels are increasing. We are looking forward to our Cross Country next week. We have a walk through the course this Friday.

We are looking forward to visiting Te Tomairangi marae tomorrow. Please remember to send your child in mufti and that they have a water bottle.

On Thursday we are celebrating when Jesus ascended into Heaven. We are also learning the games in Structured Literacy.



Last week was week is Rotuman Language Week.

We were so privileged to learn about Rotuma from our very own Cora in Room 7 . She is visiting Rotuma later on this year with her family.

LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 6

Last week we had the pleasure of visiting the Te Tomairangi marae with the Senior Syndicate. There was a lot of awesome learning happening as we were welcomed onto the marae and participated in the powhiri. We were made to feel very welcome and are now invited back to visit anytime. While at Te Tomairangi marae, we did three fun activities based around Matariki and the stars. Thank you to the whānau that were able to come with us and help out. This was an amazing experience for the tamariki, and they had a great day there.



CONGRATULATIONS MORIAH

Congratulations to Moriah Floendo who picked up 6 wins and a 3rd place at the Southland Dance Festival in the weekend. Well done.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May:

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



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