

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

You may have seen in the media that Primary teachers are considering strike action next Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. At this stage the strike is on hold until we hear back from the Government on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>. If the offer from the Government is not acceptable the strike will go ahead, though hopefully it will not come to that. We will confirm either way as soon as we hear, either on Sunday evening or Monday morning. The Year 6 children camp will still go ahead regardless.

Just a gentle reminder please for children to take scooters home at night, especially over the weekends. If they are left outside at school we do try and put them away, but this is not always possible and we cannot guarantee that they will be safe.

The children were very excited to receive their prizes from the last terms Colour Run. Apologies again that this took longer than expected. Now we look forward to planning how to spend the funds raised for the benefit of the children.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui Callan

# NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

### WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome Samantha Daclan to Room 11

Enjoy your time here at school.

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

Noah Eleno Room 1

Benson Maere Room 12

Manawa Pe'a Room 13



### SPECIAL CHARACTER

The Church is still celebrating the Easter Season as we journey toward Pentecost.

The Easter Season begins on the evening of Easter Sunday and continues for fifty days, ending on the evening of Pentecost Sunday. The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost is a time of thanksgiving and joy for what Christ has done for humanity.

This year we celebrate Pentecost on this Sunday the 28 May.



**24th May - Feast day of Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians,** Mary Help of Christians is one of the numerous names by which Mary is known. It refers specifically to the aid that Mary gives as intercession, meaning one who prays with and for us to God. We can always ask Mary to intercede to her son on our behalf.



### LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

#### Kia ora e te whānau

This term has been so busy we can't believe that we are almost half way through. We loved our trip to the Marae where we were able to do a range of cultural activities. We also had a buddy Mass with Room 5 which we really enjoyed especially when we get to spend extra time with our buddies.

Room 1 have been learning to order things from biggest to smallest, measuring objects using blocks and seeing how far we can run without stopping. We are looking forward to the cross-country event on Thursday.

Last week we made two batches of playdough, one with cream of tartar and one without to see which one was better, jury is out!!







### LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

#### Kia ora

Did you know that each person begins with a thought of God? This term, Room 12 has been learning about God's creation. We have learnt that God created each animal and person to be unique. We have talked a lot about what makes us different and special. Come to our class and check out some of the things that make us unique!

We are also looking forward to running the Cross Country tomorrow. We have been building up our fitness by running around the block with the rest of the Middle Syndicate. Children can come dressed in their house colours, provided it is suitable for running. A warm jersey, rain jacket and water bottle would also be a good idea as it is usually wet and muddy! Please come down to Elizabeth Park to support us. The first race starts at 1 pm.

### **LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13**

Room 13 has had a busy term with lots of fun and exciting activities. Room 13 has been training hard for the annual St Patrick's School Cross Country this Thursday. We also had a great time at Te Tomairangi Marae learning about Matariki. The Year 6's are looking forward to going to Camp Columba. Preparations are in full swing. We wish them a great week and hope they all have heaps of fun.







## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May:

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting at 7pm

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 2<sup>nd</sup> June School Camp

June:

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> School photos Mon, 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair week Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Matariki Mass

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> Last day of school for this term

