



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Talofa lava Aiga

This week we are celebrating Samoan language week and it has been great to see our teachers and tamariki embracing this. There are lots of fun activities planned and it has been wonderful to see the offers of support from our aiga to make this a fun week for the children.

Today a group of Year 5 children went to see the interactive climate change expo at Miharo in town. It was really hands-on learning and the children were totally engaged by Emily who ran the session, which had a particular emphasis on how climate change was affecting the Pacific region.

Today we wished our Year 6's goodbye as they headed off to Camp Columba for what looks to be a really exciting week. They will spend the next 4 days taking part in a great range of activities, from bushcraft, to rock climbing, flying foxes to disc golf.

Have a great week,

Manuia le aso

Callan

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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| Isla Tawhara | Room 3 |
| Harlee Webb | Room 10 |
| Tylah Ronald | Room 5 |

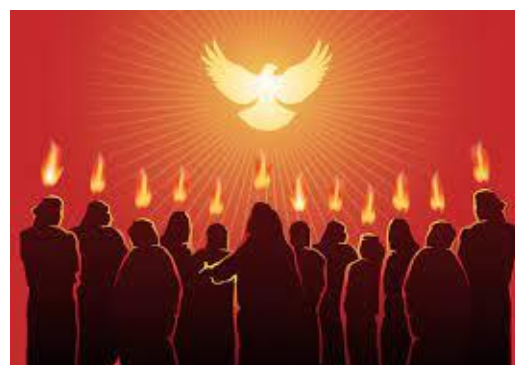


PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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| Leila Pikia | Room 2 |
| Tilly Johnstone | Room 7 |
| Rupeni Koro | Room 5 |

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Last Sunday was **Pentecost Sunday**, which marked the end of the Easter season and the return to the season of Ordinary Time. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the founding of the Church and the beginning of its mission to all peoples. The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red, which symbolises the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire which appeared above the heads of the apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit they were filled with courage and went out to spread the message of Jesus to everyone and so the Church was begun. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church for this reason.



The church is now in the season of Ordinary time. What is Ordinary Time?



Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church's year. It is thirty-three weeks and divided into two sections; one short and the other very long. Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar distinguishes it from the other seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry and is a time to reflect on how we live as disciples of Jesus following his teachings. Green is liturgical colour of Ordinary Time, and symbolises the rich colour of growth and new life. Ordinary Time contains the essence of who we are as everyday Catholics.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

Kia ora e te whānau

We have had a great start to our week celebrating Samoan Language week and are pretty proud of our Tapa cloth we created!

We enjoyed our first trip as a class to the Marae, and this was an awesome experience being immersed in the maori culture.

We have been using our creativity skills and imagination, using loose parts to create patterns, buildings, names and words, endless possibilities!

I am making the most of my last week here at St Patricks and will miss all my lovely class and want to thank all our whanau for your ongoing support.

Tofa soifua.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 7

Kia ora

Talofa lava and welcome to Samoan language week for 2023. Room 7 have had a great time learning how to sign the alphabet and introduce ourselves using sign language as well. Thanks to Jayde and Tillie who really helped us out with their expertise. We will continue to master these skills throughout the year. Cross country was a huge success and we congratulate every child that took part on the day. All that training paid off and everyone should feel really proud of themselves. Don't forget school photos are coming up in week 8. Have a great week and we look forward to reporting to you about Samoan language week activities next week.

Kia pai o koutou wiki

LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13

Well done to all the students that participated in the Annual Cross Country race. All the tamariki should feel very proud of their hard work and accomplishing a difficult task. It was great to see parents and families sharing this experience with their children. The top 6 runners from the 11 and 10 year olds have qualified to run in the All Saints Zone next Tuesday. Good Luck and we wish them all the best.

Here are photos of the Year 5's bidding farewell to the Year 6,s heading off to camp.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| <u>May:</u> | |
| Tues, 30 th to Fri, 2 nd June | School Camp |
| <u>June:</u> | |
| Monday, 6 th | King's Birthday Weekend. No school |
| Thursday, 15 th | School photos |
| Mon, 26 th to Fri, 30 th | Book Fair week |
| Thursday, 29 th | Matariki Mass |
| Friday, 30 th | Last day of school for this term |

