



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

Tonight at 6pm we are looking forward to celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion with our children. Thank you everyone who has worked so hard to prepare the children for this very special occasion. As part of this we will be welcoming Bishop Michael to the school on Wednesday, before he leads our celebrations in the evening.

Thank you to everyone that has already filled out the online survey which we will be using to identify what is working well in our school and where to next. The response rate has been amazing!

Lastly we wish our Polyfest tamariki all the very best for Friday's performance. We know you will all do yourselves, your aiga and your culture proud..... Cheehoo!!

Fa'afetai tele lava

Nga mihi
Callan

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



Welcome

Maxx Fabela to Room 2 & Archer O'Donnell to Room 1

We hope that you enjoy your time at school

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brenn McQuinn	Room 4
Zoey Service	Room 10
Emily McLeod	Room 13

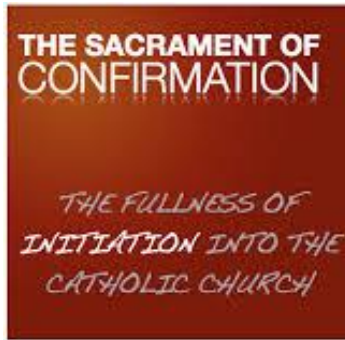


PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Devynn McKenzie	Room 3
Tyson Nielsen	Room 7
Lourdes Gerrard	Room 5

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Please remember in your prayers the 17 children, and one of our parents, who will receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation tonight. This is an important step in their faith journey, one which sees them fully initiated into the Catholic Church.



The Eucharist, from the Greek word **EUCARISTEIN** meaning "thanksgiving," is the Sacrament that gives us the Body and Blood of Christ and re-enacts his Sacrifice on the Cross.

FROM VANESSA – SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

Last Tuesday our Year 5 & 6 Netball teams were fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a Netball Festival at the Stadium.

The Festival was a fun-filled day where the girls showcased their skills, teamwork, and passion for Netball. A big shout out to our amazing coaches and parents for standing by us every step of the way!

St Patrick's Magic
(Year 5 team)
10-1 win
6-3 win
6-0 win
9-0 win

St Patrick's Steel
(Year 6 team)
9-1 win
3-1 Win
4-2 loss
6-4 win





LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 3

The tamariki in the Junior Syndicate got a big surprise on Monday. Sian and Maia brought their pet lamb 'Dotty' into school. Dotty was only 4 days old and she was very spotty and cuddly. The children loved seeing her. It is a reminder that Spring is just around the corner!

During weeks 6 and 7, Room 14 and 4 will be busy learning how to Swim. They are excited to go on the bus and get to the pool. A reminder that children who do go swimming are allowed to wear their sports uniform to school instead of their school uniform. Please ensure all belongings are named. Room 1, 2 and 3 will be going swimming during weeks 8 and 9.

We have finished our Firewise unit. The children have learned great skills, how to keep themselves safe if there was ever a fire and also what to do to prevent a fire. Please keep working through the home activity booklet to reinforce their learning. There are fantastic tips and teaching points in the booklet.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 7

Talofa and welcome to Week 6

In Room 7 we have been learning about persuasive writing and the children are having a great time convincing their peers to see their point of view. We have also been looking at the differences between images and advertisements and what strategies people use to convince us to buy their products. Our PI groups have been working so hard and we look forward to celebrating them this Friday at the Stadium. We also celebrate our children who are taking part in the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this evening. May God bless them on their faith journey.

LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13

Kia ora koutou from the Room 6 team

We have had a lot of exciting things recently including soccer sessions, our buddy mass and the famous NED show..

The NED show taught us about how to...

N - never give up

E - encourage others

D - do your best

There were some great messages for the tamariki and some amazing yoyo tricks!

During the soccer sessions, the coaches were really impressed with how quickly the Room 6 team picked up new skills and showed determination to do their best. We got to play some fun, skill-based games in the hall, but unfortunately the weather stopped us from getting outside for a 'real' game of soccer.

We have been lucky to have 3 Masses already this term, and we look forward to another buddy mass next Monday. Whanau are welcome to join us up at the church for a 9.30am start.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Buddy Mass Timetable for Term 3 at St Patrick's Church at 9.30am

Week	Date	Buddy Classes
Monday - Week 7	28th August	Room 1 and 5
Monday - Week 8	4th September	Room 12 and 6
Monday - Week 9	11th September	Room 11 and 8
Monday - Week 10	18th September	Room 3 and 10



August:

Wednesday, 23 rd	First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass @ 6pm
Friday, 25 th	Polyfest Group performs at ILT Stadium @ 1.40pm



Our new First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass will be held on

Wednesday, 23rd August at 6pm