



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau

Wow it is hard to believe we are nearly half way through the term. It has been a busy start with two school Masses, Parent Teacher Conversations and a disco. The next half won't be any less busy with swimming, Polyfest and the Choir Sing Out all coming up soon.

Last week Mr Collie, Miss Maynard and myself had the privilege of visiting some of our Catholic schools in Adelaide. These were all Dominican schools set up by the same Dominican Order that established St Patricks. It was great to see how our faith connects us and to learn from one another.

Isn't it great to see a bit more sun, have a fantastic week!

Nga mihi
Callan

PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

All Room 2	Room 2
Arlo Monaghan-Neutze	Room 12
Mark Gabriel	Room 13



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Please remember in your prayers the children who will receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next Wednesday 23 August. This is an important step in their faith journey, one which sees them fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

On Monday we went to Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This day celebrates the mystery that Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. In other words, Mary is the Patron saint of New Zealand. She is our guide and protector.

Mary is very important to us. She brought Jesus our Saviour into the world to free us from sin. She listened to the Holy Spirit in her heart and responded with her "Yes". She did all God asked of her. Mary showed us how to live as followers of Jesus. When God took Mary into heaven to be with him it was the perfect ending to a perfect life. We pray and remember Mary, and ask her to help us on our own faith journey.





The Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) is one of only two days of holy obligation (apart from Sundays) that we have left in Aotearoa. The other holy day of obligation is Christmas Day.

What is a Holy Day of obligation?

- The obligation to participate in the Mass.
- The obligation to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder spending time with God.

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 2

Here in Room 2 we had a busy time last week with plenty of fun learning experiences. We have been focusing on team work activities, and building relationships with our new tamariki and it has been lovely to see the kindness and aroha shown by each tamaiti. Ka pai to our children on the great job they did at our recent 'Assumption of Mary' mass, they made us proud. Check out our photos with Pete and our future football stars (special mention to Sian for skillfully landing the ball on top of the cupboards!). We look forward to more adventures in Room 2. Ka kite.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Room 12 has been busy measuring classroom objects for the past two weeks. We have been learning about weight, length and volume. It has been so much fun using different equipment, such as scales and cubes, to measure the different objects we have in our classroom. Before we measured each object, we had to make an estimate or prediction. That was tricky because our estimates weren't very close at the start, but we have improved with practice. Hopefully, we can use our new measuring skills to help us prepare for the fair next term!





LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

It was great to see all the tamariki having a great time at the disco last week. There were a lot of great moves, smiles galore and most importantly fun had. On Friday we were lucky enough to have the NED show come to school. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. In the show NED uses yo-yos tricks in the performance to help entertain and to remind children that yo-yoing is cool and simple, however, isn't always easy. Everyone who learns to yo-yo will make mistakes along the way but the important thing to remember is to never give up!



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Week	Date	Buddy Classes
Monday - Week 6	21st August	Room 4 and 7
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:

Monday, 21 st	Swimming starts
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