



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia orana

Last week we acknowledged Cook Island Language Week here at school and yet again Gabrielle had a beautiful display in our school library for the tamariki to look at and learn from. I am also thrilled to announce that our Junior and Senior PI groups will be performing at the upcoming Murihiku Polyfest on Friday, 25th August. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their cultural heritage and talents on a larger stage. We invite you all to come join us at Stadium Southland to support our performers and witness their hard work. We will be taking our whole school down to support as well. They take the stage at 1.40pm and all they ask is a gold coin koha at the door to watch. We would like to take this time to acknowledge Roy, Stacy and Kitana Poutasi and also Alycia Baird who have been an amazing support to us yet again. Fa'afetai tele lava.

Hannah Skipper
Assistant Principal

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Isla Blair	Room 3
Cyrus Hereaka-Young	Room 8
Kaitelyn Sinoro	Room 6



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Ava Livingstone	Room 1
Linkyn Warburton	Room 11
Jai-ryn Kawe	Room 6

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Our Church has a proud history of strong female Saints who dedicated their lives to working for God. This week we celebrate two of their feast days.

8th August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross, also known as St Mary MacKillop of Australia who along with Julian Tennison, founded the Josephite sisters. She travelled to New Zealand from 1894 - 1902. In 1897 she stayed for some time with the sisters in Arrowtown while travelling in Otago and Southland. Our St Joseph's school in Balclutha is a Josephite school and Saint Brigid's school and other schools in our diocese have had a strong association with the Josephite sisters through the years.



SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.

11th August is the Feast Day of Saint Claire, who was a great friend and follower of St Francis of Assisi who our Pope Francis is named after. St. Clare and her sisters lived a very simple life and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labour and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

MID-WINTER DISCO

Our busy Friends of the School are organising a Mid-winter Disco. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. This will be given to support Saint Vincent de Paul. **This will be held on Thursday, 10th August.**

Junior Disco is from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. They include Rooms 1,2,3,4,11,12,& 14

Middle & Senior Disco is from 6.45pm until 8pm. They include Rooms 5,6,7,8,10 & 13

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

Room One has been very busy and we can't believe that we are almost half way through the term. Last week we had Ryan from Football Southland come in to teach us some football games. We loved dribbling the ball but at times we really just wanted to pick the ball up and run with it. We loved spending time with our buddy class, Room 5 at our Buddy Mass on Monday. We loved dressing up for Saint Dominic's day and on Friday we had the firefighters visit to reinforce what we have been learning in our Firewise sessions. To top off the week on Friday we had a boogie, dance party, with Room 2 and we got to show our amazing dance moves.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 11

We really enjoyed meeting up with our parents and talking about their child's progress in Parent Teacher conversations last week. It was also Cook Island Language Week. We made tapa cloths and flower garlands in Room 11. This week is Maths week so there will be a lot of counting and problem solving going on around the school. There is also a scavenger hunt to do using mathematics. We are looking forward to the school disco on Thursday night and our soccer lessons that are happening in the school.



LEARNING FROM SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 13



Hey there awesome Parents and Guardians of the Senior Syndicate.

The Room 13 superstar students can't wait to spill the beans on all the fantastic adventures brewing in Room 13 this week as they are become economic masterminds and advertising wizards.

Ever heard of students dissecting an ad like a pro? Our Room 13 learners are doing just that! They're uncovering the tricks and techniques that advertisers use to grab our attention and convince us to buy things. They're also getting creative by making their own ads.

We celebrated St. Dominic's Day with a dose of joy and community spirit. Through this celebration, our students learnt about empathy, kindness, and helping others. It was a heart warming experience that showed them the power of coming together as a group.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Buddy Mass Timetable for Term 3 at St Patrick's Church at 9.15am

Week	Date	Buddy Classes
Monday - Week 5	14 th August	Room 2 and 13
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:

Thursday, 10 th	Disco
Monday, 14 th	Feast of Assumption Mass at 9.30am
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