

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

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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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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

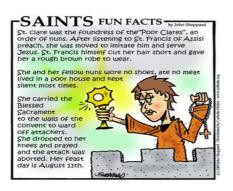
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD			PUPILS OF THE WEEK	
Isla Blair	Room 3	Learn and	Ava Livingstone	Room 1
Cyrus Hereaka-Young	Room 8	Grow	Linkyn Warburton	Room 11
Kaitelyn Sinoro	Room 6	With Jesus	Jai-ryn Kawe	Room 6

# 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.

8<sup>th</sup> 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.





11<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	Disco	
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of Assumption Mass at 9.30am	
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass @ 6pm	
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Polyfest Group performs at ILT Stadium @ 1.40pm	



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

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 6pm