



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

July 6th 2021

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

*He aroha whakato,
he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown
then kindness you shall receive.*



We made it to the end of a wonderful, busy, and productive Term 2. Thanks for a fabulous term everyone. Next term we welcome Mr Wypych back. We have missed him! I know he has missed us too, especially the big hugs from our tamariki. We are on the home stretch to the holidays now! Enjoy the R & R and family time. Term 3 starts back on Monday the 26th of July.



Today we have had a wonderful day celebrating Matariki! What a special time we had!

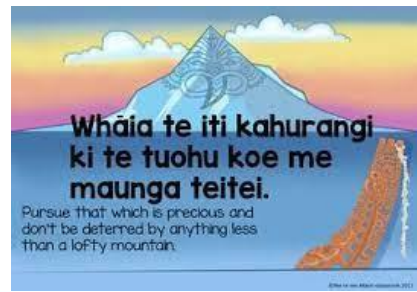
Traditionally, Māori believed if the Matariki stars were very bright in the sky, this signified a warmer season and more fruitful crops for harvest. It was seen as

an ideal time for ceremonial offerings to the Māori land-based gods Rongo, Uenuku and Whiro to ensure their crops were healthy for the coming year. Matariki was also seen as an important time for family to gather and reflect on the past and the future.



Today Matariki celebrates the unique place in which we live and gives respect to the land we live on. This is celebrated through education and remembering whakapapa (ancestry). The planting of new trees and crops is done to represent new

beginnings. Celebrations traditionally last up to 3 days after the new moon has risen following the Matariki clusters visibility in the sky.



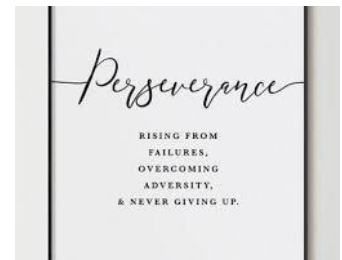
RECONCILIATION

On the 27th of June, sixty students celebrated their First Reconciliation at St Patrick's Church. It was a reverent and true opportunity to Encounter God. Thank you to the six Priests that attended and to all the children and families involved. These students will be beginning preparation for their First Holy Communion soon. A huge thanks to Karina Campbell for all her time, dedication, and effort she has put in.

PERSEVERANCE



A bend in the road is not the end of the road... Unless you fail to make the turn.
Helen Keller



COOL AT SCHOOL

Last week's Cool at School award was presented to Harrison Draeger for being independent and focused. He works collaboratively and is excited about his learning. Great stuff Harrison!

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



In vigorous outdoor play Children deliberately dose themselves with moderate amounts of fear -As they swing, slide or twirl on playground equipment, climb on monkey bars or trees Or skateboard down bannisters - and they thereby learn how to control not only their bodies, but also their fear.

Peter Gray - Free to Learn

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT – INTRODUCING SISTER HELEN

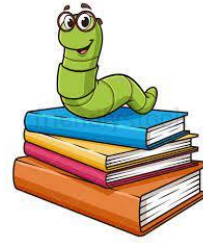


Hi, I am Sister Helen, a Mission Sister and it is my privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees as a proprietor's representative. I am the CPoN Pastoral Coordinator and amongst many highlights of my role is the time I spend at St Patrick's Primary School.

Every Wednesday I spend time with a group of amazing young students, and we challenge each other. Sometimes it is fun and sometimes it's hard work. But we all keep coming back!!

Just walking around the school chatting with the students, supporting and screaming at athletics trials or enjoying a coffee with the staff is such a buzz. If you see me out on my push bike (no ebike for me) or in the supermarket, please say hi. Many students and staff have absolutely made my day by doing just that.

May God bless you always.
Sr Helen



Thanks to everyone that supported our annual Book Fair. We sold over \$4000 worth of merchandise and with our commission were able to purchase

\$1600 worth of free books for our library. A very special thanks to Mrs Baird for all her hard work that went into organising such a big event. We are very fortunate to have such a passionate Librarian! A shout out to the amazing students who helped Mrs Baird.



ANOTHER AMAZING AUTHOR.....

Generosity cake

Ingredients

1. ½ c of jokes
2. 10 tsb of kind gestures
3. 3 tbsp of thoughtfulness
4. 30g of helping
5. 1 litre of unselfishness
6. 30mls of greeting
7. ½ c of giving freely

Method

1. Melt ½ c of jokes
2. Stir 10 tsb of kind gestures
3. Soften 1 litre of unselfishness
4. Mix ½ c of giving freely
5. Blend 30ml of greeting and 30g of helping
6. Fold 3 tbsp of thoughtfulness
7. Pour in the oven tray
8. Cook in oven for 45 minutes on 180°C
9. When finished sprinkle some Generosity
10. Then eat up and enjoy.

By Noela

ENCOUNTER WITH LOVE

Next term our learning is around the kaupapa of Encounter with Love. Jesus showed us how to be LOVE - God is LOVE.



Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has supported me in my Principalship this term. It has been an amazing experience. We have a wonderful community. Have an awesome break and we will see you all next term. Keep warm!



Regards and Blessings
Gemma Gardiner
Acting Principal