



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*

## Week 3:

Welcome to week 3! Last week we heard some very big news! Our very own Harry Godfrey, Mr G, has been named in The New Zealand Under 20 rugby squad. Mr G is very humbly proud, as are we. Well done Harry! A big shout out to the 12 students (Year 5-8), who participated in the Literacy Quiz on Friday night. Congrats to our Year 5/6 team who won their section!!



It is hard to believe it is week 3 already. The classrooms are humming and there is a real buzz in the playground too. We love seeing all the new children loving school and forming solid friendships. We pride ourselves on our Manaakitanga (hospitality) and our Whanaungatanga (connection and relationships.) Each week in our newsletter we are going to 'highlight' a whānau. This week the spotlight is on our Angel whānau.

## 'Our Angels'

Autumn is certainly here and with the changeable weather so has been the Learning through Play. Opportunities to learn inside and out, provide for so many rich conversations and challenges. The Angels' focus for the week



was to 'try something you haven't done before'; extending them to take a risk, to learn a name, to make a new friend, to work with something they hadn't used before, or to expand/improve on what they had already done. Learning about ourselves as learners and our capabilities are enriched when we do it together, in an environment that allows us to have autonomy in the decision making process. Discovering who and how we are as learners is the best foundation for all learning.



"Play is fundamentally important for learning 21st century skills, such as problem solving, collaboration and creativity, which require the executive functioning skills that are critical for adult success" American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018.



## WELCOME TO ST PAT'S

We welcome Hannah Doohan to A1. I am sure Olivia is happy to have her little sister at school. Zachery Pearce also joins us in A1 this week. We will have a special welcome for Zachery on Friday.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Last week's Cool at School award was presented to Olivia O'Shaughnessy (Mission whānau). Olivia epitomises 'The St Pat's Way!' I could see the very proud look on her Mum's face as Olivia stood so proudly, yet humbly, at the front of Assembly. Olivia is renown for being a kind and caring girl. Well done Olivia!



The Holy Spirit is God and is with us always! We are learning that the Holy Spirit works through people and our daily lives. *You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and shall be my witness to the ends of the Earth Acts 1:8*

## PINK SHIRT DAY – STAND TOGETHER STOP BULLYING



Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating

diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. **This Friday, we invite anyone that wishes to, to wear something pink and bring a gold coin donation.** To find out more go onto <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/about/korero-mai-korero-atu-mauri-tu-mauri-ora/>

Regards & Blessings  
Gemma Gardiner  
Acting Principal

