



## My First Week

My first week as Principal was a success! The beautiful Pōwhiri on Monday morning to welcome me into this new role really set the scene for a wonderful beginning to this new chapter.

Waiho i te toipoto, kava i te toiroa  
Let us keep close together, not wide apart.

My wish is to keep connected, maintain relationships and dialogue so that we can move forward together. The positivity and support from everyone has kept me bouncing and smiling all week. I feel incredibly proud to be part of this amazing community.

Gemma Gardiner

**Social Justice Week:** "Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? ....He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbour, but rather that we ourselves become neighbours to all". Pope Francis

## First Holy Communion



We warmly congratulate the 5 St Pat's children who made their First Communion on Sunday Morning at St Thomas More. Metita Olotua, Kaydence Sparks, Danielle Macdonald, Pavlina Bombik, and Nathalie Bombik. The children all read beautifully and displayed so much mana. The church was packed, the singing was beautiful and the joy was felt widely by all.

## Literacy Quiz

What a great evening was had by our superstar readers who participated in the Literacy Quiz on Friday night. Thanks to all those who came along to support them. It's always such a privilege to see Wayne Mills in action, a great storyteller and motivator to read more! Congratulations to all our teams... and a special mention to our Year 7/8 team that came 2nd: Raven, Steph, Sofia and Ava.



## School Cross Country

We were very lucky to have a sunny day after all the rain. It was wonderful to see the nanaiore, sportsmanship and commitment from the runners. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer for their tamariki. All the best to the students who are competing at Inter-school Cross-Country next week.

## Friday Fuzzies

Welcome to St Pat's - Last week we welcomed 3 new students to St Pat's. Ada and Maximo Ruiz Diaz Cedario have come all the way from Argentina. We are all working on our Spanish! We also welcome Ava Geenty to Marist.

Cool at School - Tyler Bowen - For being an outstanding, kind and caring lad who is always willing to help. Tyler has stepped up in so many ways.

Wilson had a wonderful week in M5 and M6. He loved his adventures with the big kids! Wilson learned some new skills at Technology and particularly loved the bus trip there.



## Upcoming Dates:

- Athletics at St John's- Tuesday 13th September at 4.30pm
- Girl's 7 aside soccer tournament - Wednesday 14th September
- DISCO - 80's theme - Friday 16th September
- Interschool Cross Country - Tuesday 20th September





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## Edible Fashion Awards 2022

We are very proud of our group of talented artists who entered the Edible Fashion Awards with their variety of creations! We have two entries in the top 8 for People Choice Awards. Golden Girl In first place and Bread Tag Mermaid in third place. Voting link on our facebook page.

