



Tena koutou, Malo e lelei, St Joseph's Fairlie whanau.

I found it really interesting reading through the principal message in our last email. I was writing about the possible challenges we might face as a community and as a country, possibly teaching remotely and an external review of our school. Our situation changed VERY quickly and we all had to adapt to our new ways of living. There are so many quotes about change, adaptation and trust. But what we all did together; teachers, support staff, parents, children, we were these things in action and more!

Our remote learning programmes provided a very unique experience for us all. While I was at a physical distance, these times made me feel more connected to your families. You shared with me the learning that was taking place, the conversations you were having, the time you were spending as a family, and the special moments. You all reminded me of why I got into teaching and what I love about it. Let us always remember the seven weeks we spent in our homes, strengthening relationships and slowing down.

Your children have returned to school happy, connected and ready to continue their learning journey (it never stopped!) They left school yesterday with smiles on their faces, thankful for what they have and grateful for their time with their families.

Thank you for achieving this, we did it!

Manaaki Te Atua,

Angela

We can all slow the spread

We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Stay home if you are sick

Find out more at
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Covid-19 Update

Your children have come to school well prepared. We went through the above poster, to stay out of each other's moist breath zone and a reminder of how to wash our hands. We were not teaching the children anything that they did not know!

A few reminders in Level 2

- Any adult/parent that comes on site needs to sign in at the office. We need to keep a register during this time.
- Any sick child will be sent home. This includes coughs and runny noses, even if it is allergies.
- Children are to bring their own drink bottle to school and no sharing of food.

Thank you for your help with this.



REACHING 100+ REWARDS

We will be looking into claims for reaching 100+ Class Dojo points after this week. Our focus this week is on routines and ensuring we adhere as much as we can to Alert Level 2 restrictions. We will DEFINITELY get onto these ASAP!!

School Policies and Procedures

Some of what goes on at school can be an absolute mystery, including our policies and procedures. It appears that most things just "happen". We have a considerable number of policies and procedures, and thought we would have a feature in the newsletter in order to share this knowledge.

If you have any suggestions on how these could be improved please share these with us as this will form part of our review process.

Concerns and Complaints Procedure

PURPOSE

A Clear, fair procedure to resolve issues arising from complaints will help maintain good relations between staff, Board of Trustees and parents. Parents, teachers, Board members and the school community have the right to address a concern. This procedure shall ensure that complaints are addressed and followed correctly. Complaints against employees will be dealt with according to the rules laid out in each of the Collective Agreements which apply to the individuals concerned. At all times the Board of Trustees will observe the

requirements to be a 'Good Employer' as defined in the State Sector Act. All complaints will be dealt with in a fair and objective manner. Many complaints will be able to be resolved by discussion between the parties without a need to take the matter any further. If a problem cannot be resolved after going through the following procedures any action can only be taken in accordance with the appropriate guide-lines and contracts.

GUIDELINES

There is a need to clarify if a person wishes to make a formal complaint or simply wishes to comment on their impressions or reactions to a situation. If a person wishes to register a complaint, that person will be encouraged to adhere to the following process and be made aware of that process.

Complaints should be dealt with in the following manner:

Stage 1:	Stage 2:	Stage 3:
Teacher	Principal	Board of Trustees

1. Complaints should be brought to the staff member initially involved with the issue, such as the teacher. However as it is the first stage of contact, (due to the nature of the issue) this could be the Principal or Board of Trustees.
2. Complaints involving the School Bus should be addressed to the Bus Controller.
3. All complaints to the Board are to be acknowledged by the Secretary, put before the Board for consideration and investigation, then responded to.
4. Complaints should be dealt with in a polite and sensitive manner while every effort should be made to ascertain the complete nature of the complaint and for the complainant to feel their complaint is understood and will be given consideration.
5. All responses to complaints should be comprehensive and deal with all aspects of the complaint.
6. All participants to the action of a complaint are to maintain confidentiality of information and documents.
7. Complaints directed to staff are to be made during working hours and preferably by appointment.
8. Guidance and support can be obtained from STA.



Calendar of Events

May 2020

Friday 22nd - Pie Orders Due

Wednesday 27th - BOT Meeting 6:30pm

June 2020

Monday 1st - Queens Birthday Observed (no school)

Wednesday 24th - BOT Meeting 6:30pm

July 2020

Friday 3rd - Last Day of Term Two

Term Dates for 2020

Term 2 Wednesday 15th April to Friday 3rd July (108 half days)

Term 3 Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (100 half days)

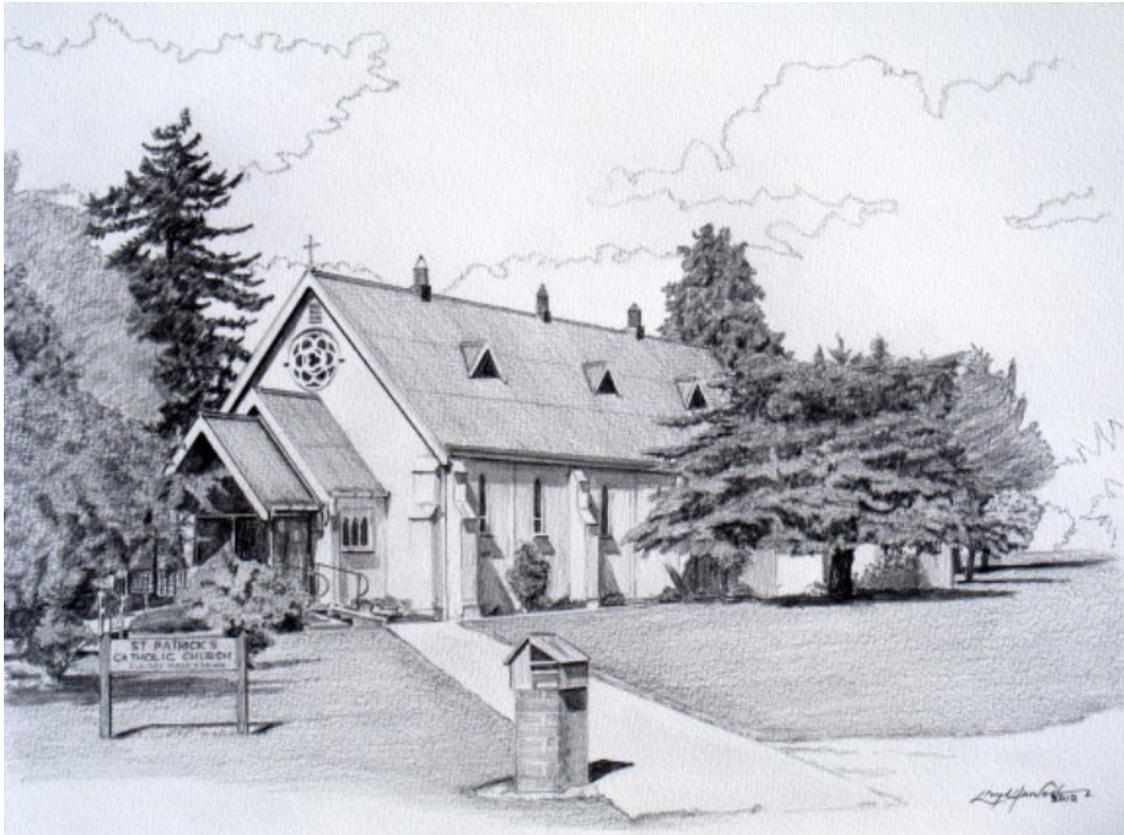
Term 4 Monday 12th October to Tuesday 15th December (92 half days)

Public Holidays in Term Time:

Queen's Birthday Monday 1st June 2020

SC Anniversary Monday 28th September 2020 (School Holidays)

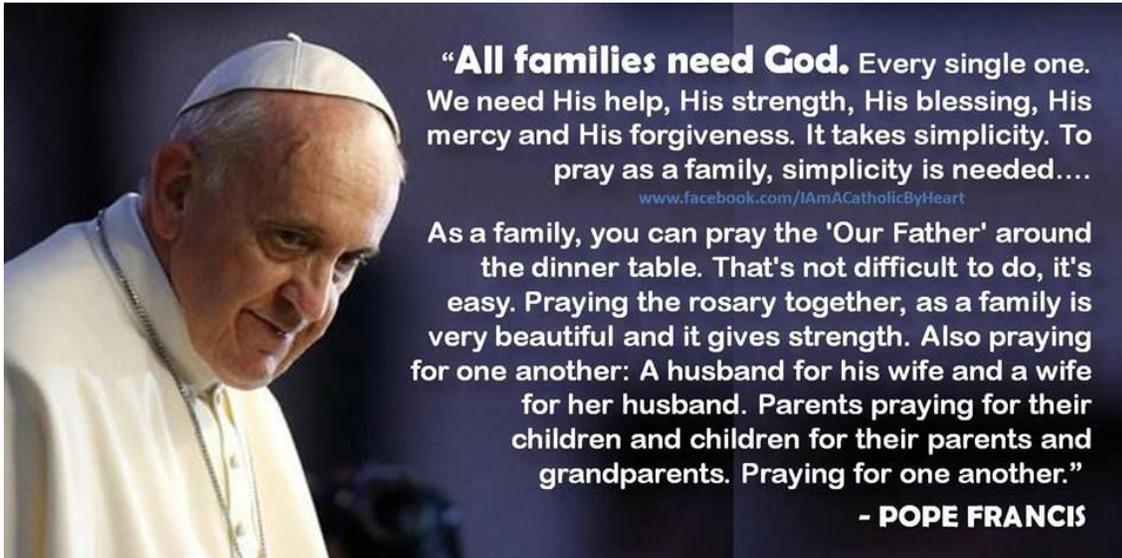
Labour Day Monday 26th October 2020



Mackenzie Parish Notices

The church is currently closed and there are no Mass.

If you would like to receive the weekly parish newsletter and you are not currently receiving this please let us know and we can ensure that your name is added to the list.



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