ST PATRICK'S INGLEWOOD

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*Using our **FAITH** values, we walk in the footsteps of Jesus just as Euphrasie Barbier did.*



From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

"May the Lord bless us and keep us; may His face shine upon us and be gracious to us as we begin this new school year together. Amen."



Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2026! It has been an absolute joy to walk through the corridors this week and see our classrooms buzzing with energy. Our students have returned with a wonderful "ready for learning" attitude, showing great focus and excitement as they settle into their new routines.

Strengthening our Partnership

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our **Head Start Hui** this past Tuesday. We were thrilled with the wonderful turnout! These meetings are such a vital way to kickstart the teacher-parent relationship. By aligning our goals early, we ensure that every student has the support they need to thrive throughout the year.

Gear Up for the Triathlon

Looking ahead, we are already preparing for one of our favorite community events: the **School Triathlon on Friday, 27 February.** This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to demonstrate perseverance and school spirit. Please ensure your children have their gear ready, and we welcome all parents to come along and cheer from the sidelines! All information will be accessible via the Hero App under events. Make sure to checkout!

Attendance

This year the Ministry is placing a strong focus on attendance, and each school is required to have an attendance management plan. Supporting regular attendance helps students build strong learning habits, maintain friendships, and stay connected to school life. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child attends school every day they are able. Attendance can be viewed on HERO. There will be notices sent out if your child/children miss 5 days in a term or more - this is now a requirement from the ministry.

It is going to be a fantastic year of growth and achievement.

God Bless,

Ngā manaakitanga

April Baylis

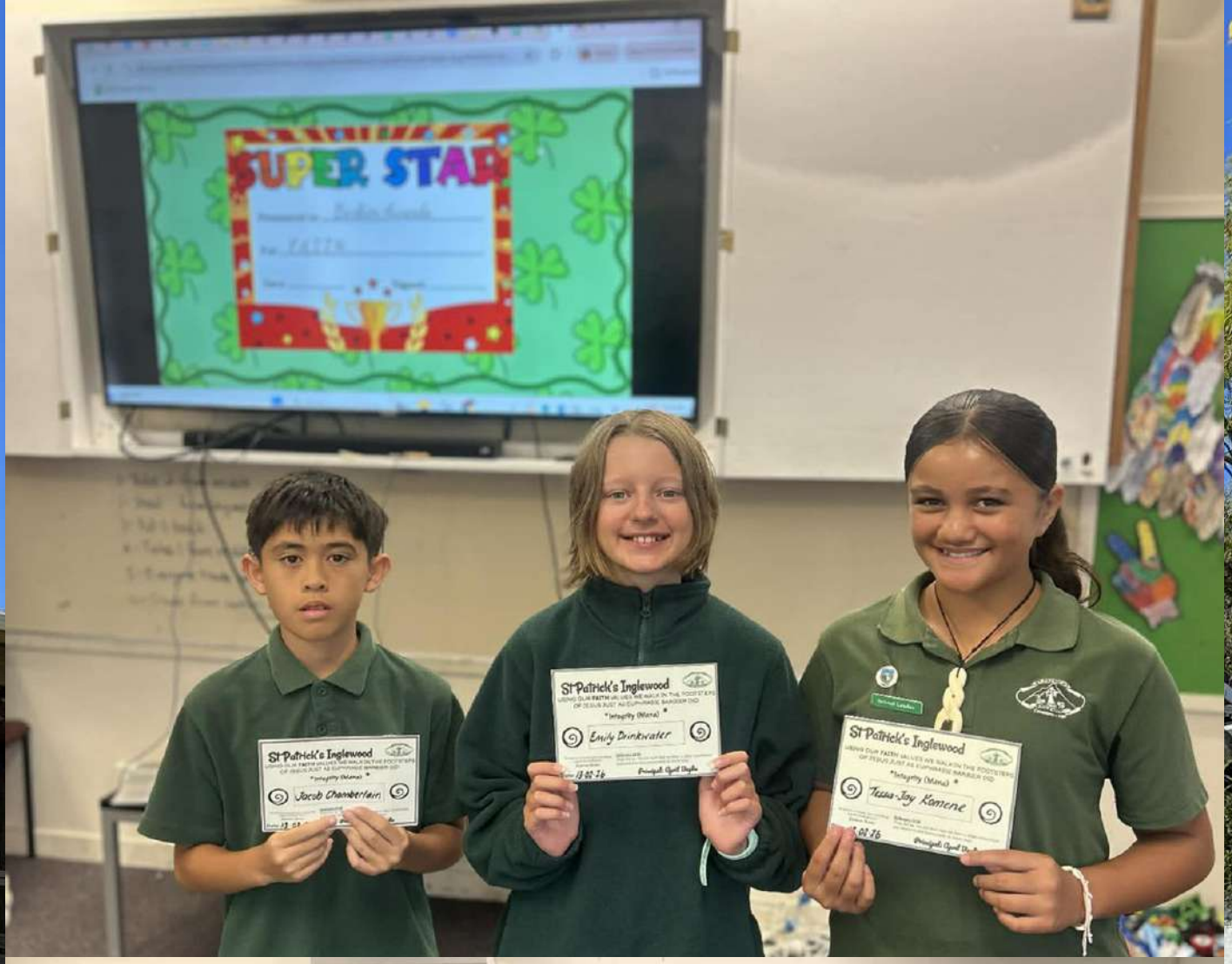
PRINCIPAL



FAITH AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 3

Check out our wonderful children of God showing our values of Forgiveness, Aroha, Integirty, Tiaki or Hauora in their everyday actions. Ka rawe to mahi!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St Patrick's Inglewood
Jacob Chamberlain
St Patrick's Inglewood
Emily Drinkwater
St Patrick's Inglewood
Tessa-Joy Kamene


SUPER STAR
St Patrick's Inglewood
Leah Augustine
St Patrick's Inglewood
Grace Harding



OUR 2026 LEADERS MASS & BLESSING

May our Head and Deputy leaders be blessed with wisdom, courage, and a joyful spirit as they guide our school community through this exciting year ahead!




EXIT

FAITH FACTS



Lent is a 40-day Catholic season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, offering a time for interior conversion, reflection on God's mercy, and spiritual renewal. It is an invitation to declutter one's life, moving away from sin and distractions to draw closer to God through self-denial and acts of charity.

Key Dates during Lent:

Ash Wednesday (start of Lent): 18 February 2026
Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday: 17 February 2026
First Sunday of Lent: 22 February
Palm Sunday: 29 March 2026
Chrism Mass 31 March 2026
Holy Thursday (Lent ends at sundown): 2 April 2026
Good Friday: 3 April 2026
Holy Saturday: 4 April 2026
Easter Sunday: 5 April 2026

Key aspects of Catholic Lenten reflection include:



A "Change of Heart" (Metanoia):
Lent is not just about giving up items, but a "return to God with all your heart". It is a call to turn away from selfishness and toward a deeper, more loving relationship with God and neighbour.

The Three Pillars:
Prayer: Deepening one's communication with God and contemplating the passion of Christ.
Fasting: Practicing self-denial (including abstaining from meat on Fridays) to gain self-discipline and remember Christ's sacrifice.
Almsgiving: Giving of one's time, talent, or treasure to support those in need, fostering charity.
Internal Reflection: It is a time to ask: What holds me back from God? Am I creating "holy moments" in my daily life?.
Preparation for Easter: The ultimate purpose of these 40 days is to prepare our hearts to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. common reflection is to view the season as a, "to be, rather than to do"

— allowing God to love us and, in turn, loving Him and others. As Cardinal Hume once suggested, it is a time of grace to turn towards what unites us to God.



We are pleased to announce that we will be offering **Baptism classes** this term, culminating in a special **Baptism Ceremony** for our students.

An information pack and formal notice will soon be sent home to the families of all students who have not yet been baptised. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to begin their sacramental journey within our school community.

Please keep in mind that this is an open invitation; we understand that every family's spiritual journey moves at its own pace. If you feel that now is not the right time for your child, please know that is perfectly okay.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Keep an eye for all the events happening this term!

Term 1

- 17th Feb - Shrove Tuesday
- 18th Feb - Ash Wednesday
- 18th Feb - Swimsafe Poolside Session
- 20th Feb - Rippa Rugby session for all classes
- 20th Feb - Community Link Pool Party
- 24th Feb - Cycle Skills Yr 5, 6, 7&8
- 27th Feb - School Triatholon
- 3rd Mar - Kahui Tabloid Sports Yr 0-3
- 5th Mar - Rippa Rugby Session for all classes
- 9th Mar - Taranaki Anniversary NO SCHOOl
- 13th Mar - School Swimming Sports

- 16th Mar - Kahui Swimming Sports
- 17th Mar - St Patricks Feast Day
- 2nd Apr - School Photos, Holy Thursday, Community Link Hot Lunch, Community Link Easter Egg Hunt
- 3rd April - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY LINK

Wow, what a year 2025 was! Thank you to everyone who helped make our events a success and to all those who took part. Everything we do is for the benefit of our school community, so we are genuinely thrilled that the year was such a success.

December was packed with awesome activities. The Christmas Disco was a fun night—it was great to see so many happy faces, and the effort that went into the costumes was truly impressive. At the seniors' skate night, we were so proud of our students; they displayed our school values of kindness and respect while supporting each other throughout the night. Well done, kids!
Our final event of the year was the Christmas Parade. Wow, what a turnout! From those who put huge effort into planning to those who built the float or dressed up to join the procession—thank you! We proudly shared our faith through the story of the Nativity, and winning first prize was the icing on the cake. It was wonderful to see our school shining so brightly in the community.

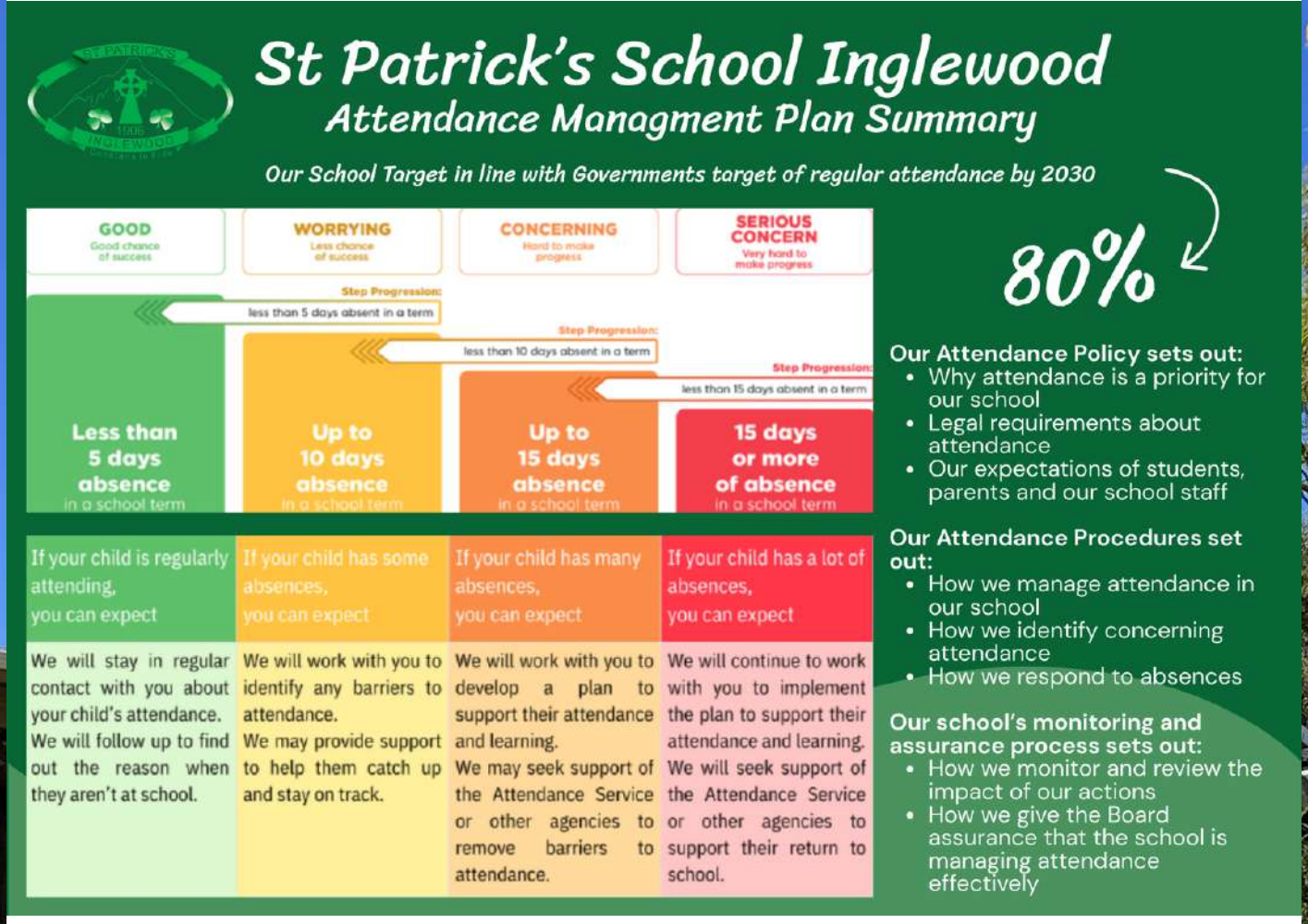
Looking Ahead to 2026 We are kicking 2026 off with a **Whanau Pool Party and BBQ** on Friday, 20 February, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information; we look forward to seeing you there!

Our golf shifts for the year have also begun. We appreciate every one of you who gives your time to this. As our main fundraiser, all proceeds go directly back to the school to benefit our students through free stationery, subsidized camp fees, classroom resources, sporting equipment, and special experiences. Without your help, we simply could not provide these extras. Lori is currently making contact to cover the shifts for Term 1.

Join Us Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 3 March, at 7:00 pm** in the school hall. We will be planning our 2026 event calendar, so if you have ideas, please come along! We would love to hear from you; the meeting is open to everyone.


ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL
POOL PARTY
20TH FEBRUARY 2026
4:00 TO 6 PM
INGLEWOOD POOL
WHOLE FAMILY WELCOME
BRING POOL TOYS
PAY POOL FEE ON ENTRY
CASH SALE
SAUSAGES, DRINKS & ICE BLOCKS
GAMES AND PRIZES
FUNDRAISER
TOWARDS PASTORAL
CARE FUND
PUBLIC VENUE-
PARENTS PLEASE STAY
TO SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN

ATTENDANCE



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Update on 2026 School-Based Immunisation Programme for Year 7 & Year 8 Students

Kia ora,
We would like to inform you of some upcoming changes to the school-based immunisation Programme (SBIP) for Year 7 and Year 8 students, which will come into effect in 2026.
As part of national changes to the immunisation schedule, Year 7 students will now be offered both their Boostrix (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping cough booster) and HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccinations at the same time.
Year 8 students in 2026 will continue to receive their scheduled HPV doses, as per current guidelines.

What this means for your school:
 2026 will be a busier year for the immunisation programme as we transition to the new

model.
 A suitable space, additional clinic dates and coordination will be required to ensure smooth delivery.
 We will work closely with you to plan effectively and minimise and disruption to classroom learning.
 From 2027 onward, the programme will be more efficient, with fewer visits and interruptions to learning time.

Consent Forms:
Please note that consent forms for year 7 will look slightly different, as they will now include both immunisations (Boostrix and HPV) on a single form. We will provide further information and support to help the collection of these forms closer to the time.

Forms for vaccination consent have been handed out, please return them to school by Thursday 19th Feb. These need to be returned to even if your child isn't getting vaccinated.

We understand the additional time and support this may require from your school during the 2026 transition year, and we are committed to working closely with your team to minimise disruption and
maintain a smooth process for staff, students, and whānau.

Your Public Health Nurse will share further information and resources that can be shared with whanau closer to the time. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how these changes for 2026 might impact your school, please don't hesitate to contact your Public Health Nurse.





Once again we are collecting Yummy Fruit stickers Terms 1, 2 and 3, 2026. Collect Yummy Apple stickers & bag cut-outs, and get free sports gear for our school!
Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets and cut-out labels on cut-out label collection sheets.

Collection sheets are available from the office to take home. Fill a sheet and then drop it back into the office.

EDVENTURE



Looking for before school and after school care?

Edventure Before & After School Care – Inglewood
Edventure provides a fun, safe and reliable **Before & After School Care programme** for local families, operating onsite at **St Patrick's School, Inglewood**, with **transport available to and from all Inglewood schools**.
Programme times:
Before School: 7:30am – 8:30am
After School: 3:00pm – 5:30pm

OSCAR approved
Light afternoon tea provided
Important notes:

- All programmes start and finish onsite at the school hall
- Morning drop-off from 7:30am
- Children come straight to the hall at 3:00pm
- Pick-up by 5:30pm

For bookings or enquiries, please contact Edventure directly. Transport options can be arranged after booking.
www.edventure.co.nz



SCHOOL DOCS

What is it?
The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

What does the mean for you as a parent?
If you are wanting to view or find out any information regarding any of our school policies then this is how you can access them. Use the following login information below and search in the search bar anything you wish to find out more about.

School name: St Patricks School Inglewood
SchoolDocs site: https://stpatsinglewood.schooldocs.co.nz
Community username: stpatsinglewood
Password: catholicstandish

Please get in contact with the school if you have any questions or require support finding a school policy.

April Baylis
April is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters