



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

WONDER & AWE



What do I write when the recent events in Christchurch certainly show the power of God in nature and of course our human reaction is to ask Why? Was this in God's plan? And if so, what is God trying to teach us...

The devastation is widespread and while there is much sadness at the ever unfolding loss of life, there are also amazing stories of lives saved. With a name like Belczacki, I have very few cousins on my Polish side but do have one living in Christchurch. I finally made contact with her last night and all is well although the house has minor damage – and they are so thankful for being alive.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop...Pray for us



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"God kept my heart full of trust,
to make all come right"
30th October 1874

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER

Fri 25th February – Robyn Duncan & Sue Freeman
Fri 4th March – Viv Orange

TERM DIARY

Week	PAT TESTING THIS WEEK
4	Thu 24 th Feb : Y7/8 Technology @ TAI 9am-12:30pm Fri 25 th Feb : Mass @ 9:15am Rms10 & 5 : Swimming TA Centre R8-9 @ 9:30am : Swimming TA Centre R10-11 @ 11am : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm
5	Mon 28 th Feb : Swimming TA Centre R10-11 @ 11am Thu 3 rd Mar : Y7/8 Technology @ TAI @ 9am -12:30pm : Swimming TA Centre R8-9 @ 11am : Swimming TA Centre R10-11 @ 1:30pm : Jun Sch Swimming @ Parawera Sch 9:30-2:30pm (ppt date 4 th Mar) Fri 4 th Mar : Mass @ 9:15am Rms 9 & 3 : Snr Team Assembly @ 2:15pm
6	Mon 7 th Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Tue 8 th Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Wed 9 th Mar : ASH WEDNESDAY - Mass @ 9:15am Thu 10 th Mar : Y7/8 Tech @ TAI @ 9am -12:30pm : Swimming TA Centre R8-9 @ 11am : Swimming TA Centre R10-11 @ 1:30pm Fri 11 th Mar : Sch Swimming Sports Y4 upwards @ TA Events C : 9:30am – 1:30pm : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm

Remember to check the calendar that is linked to the front of our website: www.stpatta.co.nz

This is updated as events or changes come to light.

Welcome to our new student!!

A big welcome to Ryley Hawker (Y1). We hope you enjoy your learning journey with us here at St Pats.



TEAM 1 – JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

The first team Assembly will be **TOMORROW**, Friday 25th February (Wk 4) in the Junior School Quad area for Rms 1-6 at 2:30pm.

Our Vision: To provide 21st Century Catholic Education, that enables children to strive for excellence, centred on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

'Be not afraid'

Our friends in Christchurch need our help!

Please support the fundraising events that are already underway within our community.

MUFTI DAY – TOMORROW!!

As a way to begin the tangible help for our Catholic Community in Christchurch and with the support of the Relay for Life team, our Mufti Day funds will be sent to Christchurch.

The theme remains the same, 'Let's go to the beach'.

The article below has been written by Michael Otto this morning (23rd February 2011) of NZ Catholic.



Christchurch's devastating earthquake on February 22, which has seen dozens of people killed, has also partially destroyed the Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

A 6.3 magnitude jolt, which struck at 12.51pm local time, has seen many major buildings in Christchurch collapse with serious loss of life and hundreds of people trapped in the rubble. Latest estimates of the death toll in New Zealand's second largest city range up to 75, but that number is expected to climb as rescue and recovery teams work through buildings and uncover vehicles buried under rubble.

Much of the city is without power, water and sewerage and a state of civil emergency has been declared. Other nations have sent search and rescue personnel. All schools in the city on the South Island's east coast are closed until further notice.

Cathedral administrator Msgr Charles Drennan said engineers have indicated it is unlikely the historic cathedral can be saved.

Two bell towers at the front of the building have collapsed, bringing much of the front façade down with it,

with large blocks of masonry destroying vehicles in front of the building.

Workers repairing damage to the building caused by an earthquake on September 4, 2010, were able to escape, as was a custodian who was inside the cathedral at the time. Msgr Drennan said there is also major cracking evident around the cathedral's main dome. Stained glass windows, which had survived the September 4 earthquake and some 4000 aftershocks since, are also "in ruins", he told NZ Catholic. Masses had not been celebrated at the cathedral since the September earthquake, but had taken place at other nearby locations.

Msgr Drennan did not know of any loss of life among the Catholic community, but civil authorities have described the situation as "extremely grave".

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key has called the disaster "New Zealand's darkest day".

Priests at the cathedral rectory were forced to shelter under a table when the earthquake struck, but one was able to see a tower collapse through a window.

Msgr Drennan, who had only recently been told of his appointment as coadjutor bishop of Palmerston North in the North Island said that although the damage had been very significant in Christchurch, there was a "sense of thankfulness" among survivors, as it could have been much worse.

He praised the actions of senior students at nearby Cathedral College who put up temporary shelters for junior school children terrified by the quake. The younger children, from St Paul's School, Dallington, had been forced to shift premises to the college after their school was destroyed in last year's quake.

The cathedral presbytery gave shelter during the night to 10 Samoan people whose home was uninhabitable.

The Bishop of Christchurch Barry Jones was on his way to the West Coast of the South Island when the quake struck, but returned to Christchurch. However the bishop was unable to get to the city centre on February 22, due to traffic congestion as people tried to flee the city centre. Bishop Jones told NZ Catholic that the diocesan headquarters is "out of action" and he has had to rely on cellphone coverage for communications. "So I'm not in a position to get information," he said.

The Vatican's secretariat of state sent a message to Bishop Jones on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop's deputy for the pastoral plan Mike Stopforth had seen the destroyed cathedral and said it is "a very sad sight".

Many other churches in Christchurch have been destroyed or damaged, including the iconic Anglican cathedral in the city centre, which lost its spire.

The September 4 earthquake caused severe damage to several Catholic schools and churches in Christchurch, with one parish, St Paul's, Dallington, losing its church, school and presbytery, just 10 days after its parish priest had died.

Badging Assembly

Yesterday our student leaders were badged at a special Assembly. Our leaders are:

Head Girl	Madelaine Livingstone
Head Boy	Hamish Hunwick

House Leaders	
Pirongia	Fintan Cooper
	Harry Hunwick
Maungatautari	Georgia Praat
	Kaitlyn Gibson
Kakepuku	Rose Allen
	Alice Houlihan
Te Kawa	Liam Banks
	Emma O'Keefe

Head Librarian	Laura Densley
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Congratulations to our student leaders for 2011!!

From the Board of Trustees

REMINDER :

The last day for submissions in regards to Draft Strategic Plan and Property Development Plan is tomorrow.

These can be sent to either Simon Brdanovic or myself.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior assembly on Friday 18th February 2011.

CHARISM AWARD – “Perseverance”



Jake Dolan	Eliza Densley
Jack Fraser	Kaleb Chapman
Ben Gaze	

ICAS

The 2011 ICAS (International Competitions and assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three.

<i>Computer Skills</i>	24 May
<i>Science</i>	8 June
<i>Spelling</i>	21 June
<i>Writing</i>	21 June
<i>English</i>	2 August
<i>Maths</i>	16 August

Information and payment forms to enter these competitions will come home with your child on Thursday 10th March. Entries close on the 18th of March.

PAL – (Physical Activity Leaders) Training Days.

On last Monday and Tuesday some of our Y5 -8 students went on team building days hosted by 'Energize' at Albert Park.

We did a range of activities that taught us how to co-operate and to work as a team. They were fun as well!

At the end of the day, we had water games to 'cool off' and then we had an iceblock!!

Now that we have been trained, we will be helping the Junior students by organizing games and activities at lunchtimes.

We would like to thank; Wendy, Garth, Anton and Lydia (from Energize) for organizing our days.

Amanda and Sophie



Kete Korero...

This Diocesan magazine is coming home with the newsletter.

For Sale....

School short-sleeved navy polo shirts, 100% cotton, sizes 8 & 10. \$10 each. Phone : 871-2081

PTA NEWS

Entertainment Books....

Yes, it's that time again!!! An order form is enclosed with this newsletter.



**WATCH OUT FOR ST
PATRICKS DAY
GREEN THEME MUFTI DAY &
MINI GALA
AT LUNCHTIME
17TH MARCH 2011**

ADVANCED NOTICE – PARENT HELP NEEDED

The TA Interschool swimming sports (7yr to Y6) and Catholic Interschool swimming sports (for Y7 & 8's at Waterworld in Hamilton), this year, are scheduled for the same day – **Friday 18th March** – This will put added pressure on us as we will have groups of students in two different venues. Please, consider helping – older siblings, aunties, uncles, grandparents – all considered, when the notification comes home.

School Swimming Sports

Our Senior school swimming sports (Y4 upwards) are on Friday 11th March at the TA Events Centre, while the Junior school Swimming sports (Rms1-6) will be on next week Thursday 3rd March (ppt day Friday 4th March) at Parawera School. Further details are on the permission letter coming home to these students.

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Kiwi Sport Waikato...

Kiwi Basketball is underway on Tuesdays at the TA Events Centre from 3.30-4.30pm. This will run for the next three weeks, so if you are interested in trying Basketball come along and have a go!

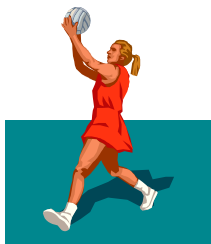
Coaching...

Sport Waikato are running a "Coaching for Life" workshop on Saturday the 9th April for any parents that might be interested in coaching.

If interested, phone Kim Elswood 07 858 5388 or kime@sportwaikato.org.nz for more details.

Netball...

Now is also a good time to be thinking about the Netball season which is fast approaching. We are always needing coaches for both competition and future ferns netball, so give it some thought and please let Maree Waldron know if you are interested.



We are still missing a few Netball and Basketball tops and skirts and shorts can you please look around and return these to the office if you have any. Thank you.

BOOST THAT FRUIT

BLUE BABY



Grapes, blueberries, purple plums.
Make a fruit salad containing at least one blue or purple fruit.

Blue fruits have lots of antioxidants which helps your body to fight against the bugs.



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Adrie Paule

Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday - Friday

Mass Times

Tuesday 5.15pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)
Sunday Mass – 10am

Cenacle of Prayer: Monday 9:15am – 10am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays - 9am to 9:45am

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Te Awamutu Junior cricket

To All Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 boys & girls :

is looking for boys and girls to fill their 3 teams to play on Saturday mornings. Games are from 9am – 12.30pm. We practice on a Tuesday night at the Te Awamutu college nets (by the rugby fields) from 5.30 – 7pm. If you are keen to join us or even want to give it a try, please call Helen Daly on 07 8713321 to register.

Paper Plus Netball Centre AGM...

Paper Plus Te Awamutu Netball Centre AGM is on Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 7pm at the Netball Centre. We have been notified that long standing Executive Committee Members will be standing down over the next couple of years. Any persons with the best interests of Netball at heart are very welcome to attend.

Te Awamutu Association Football Club Inc...

(TAAFC) will be calling for registrations of players aged 5-12 years wanting to play soccer this year. Registration days take place on March 4th at 5pm to 7pm and March 5th 10:00am to midday at the TAAFC clubrooms, The Stadium, Armstrong Ave.

For Sale:-

Sacred Heart Girls College Blazer,
Size 16, \$80.00

Ph: 07 873 1622



Te Awamutu Marist Junior Rugby Registration / Weigh In 2011 Season

Castleton Park, Park Road

6th Grade to 13th Grade

Thursday: 3rd March 5.30pm - 7pm
Sunday: 6th March 12.00pm - 2pm
Tuesday: 8th March 5.30pm - 7pm

All those intending to play 11th grade this year are required to be at muster on Sunday 6th March at 12pm

Birth certificate / Proof of age required
Subs to be paid when registering (Family & Friends)
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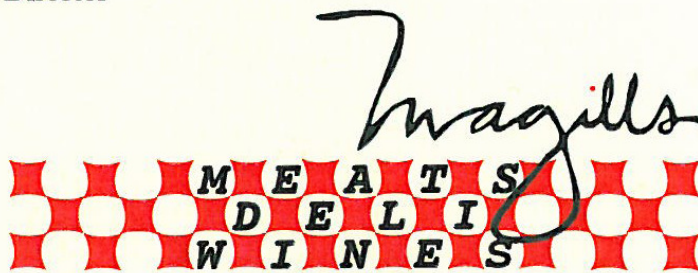
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