



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

Co-operation

What a wonderful world we would have if we all used the 'art' of co-operation – but as we know, as Christians we are all 'journeying to.' So here's some 'starters'

- **LISTEN** carefully to others and be sure you understand what they are saying.
- **SHARE** when you have something that others would like to have.
- **TAKE TURNS** when there is something that nobody wants to do, or when more than one person wants to do the same thing.
- **COMPROMISE** when you have a serious conflict.



"We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools."

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Welcome to....

Emma Lindsay, Rm1. We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.

Friday Lunch Roster

12th Aug – Gill Higgs
19th Aug – Virginia Livingstone & Paula Wilson



TERM DIARY

Week 2	Charism : Co-operation Fri 12 th Aug : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Week 3	Charism : Honesty Mon 15 th Aug : FEAST – ASSUMPTION OF MARY : Liturgy @ 8:55am Wed 17 th Aug : Y6 Parent Mtg 5:45pm R11 Fri 19 th Aug : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Hall Sat 20 th Aug : PTA Pub Quiz Night
Week 4	Charism : Honesty Thur 25 th Aug : Y7/8 Netball Tournament Fri 26 th Aug : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Week 5	Charism : Stewardship Fri 2 nd Sep : School X Country

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A quote from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop



"God is good".
9th August 1894

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.....

.....Pray for us

A big thanks to our 'cup cake' makers for St Mary's feast day on Monday – they went down a treat !!!

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The school will celebrate this special feast with a Liturgy on Monday 15th August @ 8:55am
ALL WELCOME



Our Vision: 'To provide 21st century learning in a Catholic environment which empowers children to strive for excellence'.

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Religious Education Curriculum



The Strand for Religious Education this term is the God - Te Atua Strand.

Below is a summary of what the children are learning.

Year 1: God is the creator of all that is and keeps it in being; Each person is God's creation made in love for love; We praise God for all the good gifts of creation, both seen and unseen.

Year 2: God's gifts to people are a sign of God's love; God's greatest gift is Jesus who showed us God is a loving and forgiving Father; People are called to appreciate God's gifts and be grateful for them.

Year 3: God is everywhere in the world through creation; God works through people who accept God's gift of grace; God speaks to people through the Scriptures; God works in the world through every culture.

Year 4: God is the mystery of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Giving respect to the gift of God's creation because it is tapu; God's love expressed through the ten commandments.

Year 5: Scripture stories of God's call to people and their response; The meaning of covenant and God's faithfulness; The call to believe in God and build up Te Rangitiratanga – the Reign of God on earth.

Year 6: Images of God reveal something of what God is like; Christians come to know God through Jesus and respond in worship and action; Catholic beliefs within the Creed.

Year 7: People are created to grow through grace to become like Jesus and turn away from sin; Using talents for the work of the Church and the Reign of Tika, Rangimarie and Aroha on earth; God's desire for humanity; Although affected by sin, all creation is redeemed by God and has been given its own tapu and mana.

Year 8: God is mystery – personal and distant (immanent and transcendent); God revealed as Trinity of three persons – creating, redeeming and sanctifying.

Raewyn Jackman, Director of Religious Studies

As you prepare for Sunday's Readings.... THIS SUNDAY 14th August 2011

Year A: Matt 15:21-28 - The Canaanite woman.
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's gospel does not portray Jesus in the best light. In fact, it is a pagan woman who challenges Jesus who is presented well. In the passage prior to this reading, Jesus has been explaining what makes a person 'clean' or 'unclean' and then travels to gentile country which, according to the Pharisees, makes him 'unclean.' So Jesus willingly goes to the region of Tyre and Sidon a place where good Jews do not go where he encounters a Canaanite woman who cries out to him.

This is rather shocking behaviour because she is a woman in a man's world, speaking publicly to a male stranger. In a 1st Century Mediterranean world, men did not speak to women in public, even if they were wife or daughter, the rules were very strict. This woman has no shame because she is desperate to get help for her daughter, so she risks everything and would not be quiet. Jesus ignores her.

This nameless woman is doubly marginalised because she is a woman and she is a gentile and Jesus states quite clearly that he has come to gather the lost sheep of Israel - Jews only thank you. However, the woman's desperation, humility and faith impel her towards Jesus and on her knees begs Jesus for help. What ensures is one of the best debates in the Scriptures - brief, with great wit, humility and faith - these are the essential attributes.

Jesus is convinced by the woman's arguments and so the pendulum swings from ignoring her to Jesus giving her the most generous praise because she is the only person in Matthew to be described as having "great faith." There would be numerous times in our lives when we have repeated the woman's cry, "Lord, help me" and imagined ourselves pleading at the feet of Jesus, desperate to hear words of consolation and encouragement.

So for us today...

This woman also teaches us to be confident in our relationship with God. Confident and persistent in our convictions sure in the knowledge that God will always listen to us. We who are not Jewish have her to thank that the Christian mission was extended beyond the lost sheep of Israel out to all people. We see this mission continuing today where God's message of love and salvation is offered to everyone. We do not live in a perfect world and so it is up to us to remain on "mission" as we live out our Baptism, nourished through Eucharist to be Christ in our part of the world.

Calf Club...

Calf Club is fast approaching! St Patrick's Catholic School's Calf Club date is **Friday 30th September**, with Group Day being held on the first Saturday of the School Holidays, 8th October. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our children in our rural environment. An 'intent to enter' form can be collected from the office.

Sacramental Programmes 2011.

Reconciliation. This preparation programme starts next week. Children need to be 8 years or above. If you have any queries or would like your child to participate please contact the school office.

Confirmation & First Eucharist Programmes

Will start next term – please watch this space for further details closer to the time.

And so about National Standards...!!

The Board have submitted the school's Charter to the Ministry and have received notification that our Charter legislatively complies with their expectations that all schools will have targets that compares our students' achievement with the National Standards. A copy of the Charter is available in the office and will shortly also be on our website.

Mid Year Reports and interviews.

In regards to the mid year parent reports and interviews, teachers noted that there seemed to be some concern among parents where their children were **working towards** the standard and not **at** the standard. On the front page of the mid year report and in the newsletter of 30th June, I explained that as the standard is an **end of year** assessment most students, at this mid point in the year, would be working towards the standard so that by the end of the year they would have reached the standard.

Our school wide data is outlined below:

Progress against the Nation Standards Mid Year 2011				
	B	WT	AT	AB
Reading	4.3%	72.1%	18.6%	5.0%
Writing	4.6%	81.0%	13.6%	0.8%
Mathematics	8.5%	75.2%	15.5%	0.8%
Key : B = Below the Standard (there is a high likelihood that without specialized help that these students will not reach the standard at the end of the year). WT = Working towards the standard (there is a high likelihood that these students will be at the standard by the end of the year). AT = Already (at this mid point of the year) at the standard AB = Already (at this mid point of the year) above the standard				

Science Fair Boards – Rms 10 & 11...

Tomorrow, Friday 12th August in the school hall, Rms 10 & 11 will be displaying their Science Fair boards that the children worked on last term as part of the Communication in Science Topic. The boards will be on display from 9am till 3pm. Come along and see the great work that all the children have done and learn something new. **Do you know what kills grass the fastest? Is it vinegar or weed killer? Which brand of bubble gum lasts the longest?** Come along and find out.

Well done to our ex students !!

It's great to see our ex students doing so well.

Hine Nolan : Y11 @ TAC - black belt in Karate

Hayden McCormick @ St John's College: Cycling - representing NZ in a range of European races in preparation UCI Junior Track World Championships in Moscow. Hayden is also a House Captain at St Johns.

Fraser Robertson Y12 – Winner of the NZ under 19 Base Solo Championship.

Kieran Waldron Y10 @ St John's College – Swimming in the North Island Championship (7th 50m Freestyle, 5th 200m Freestyle, and 8th 100m Freestyle).

Assembly tomorrow Friday 12th August Team 1 (Jnr School) @ 2:30pm in the Junior Courtyard (Room 1 if wet).

Year 6 Parents - Information Evening.

Next Wednesday (17th of August) there will be an information evening in room 11 at 5.45pm for Y6 parents who have children moving into Y7 next year. Further information will come home with your Year 6 child.

Advanced Notice : Parent information Evening on Mathematics.

This is for all parents...

Please mark in your diary **Wednesday 7th September @ 5:30pm**. Look out for the information sheet coming home.



TEAM ENERGIZE

Brochure coming home today.

Congratulations to : Michael Van der Hoeven and his team at Magills Meats (one of our newsletter sponsors) for their Silver Award for the Best of the Best NZ Bacon (made from 100% NZ Pork) in the NZ Bacon Competition.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball...

DRAW FOR: Saturday 13th August 2011		
St Pat's Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pat's Blue	12:20pm	Pirongia Stormers, Ct2
St Pat's Red	2:50pm	Al Know Juniors, Ct4
St Pat's White	2:00pm	St Pats Silver, Ct6
St Pat's Silver	2:00pm	St Pats White, Ct6

Future Ferns Netball...Final games

DRAW FOR: Saturday 13th August 2011		
St Pat's Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pat's Pink	9:00am	TAPS Silver Ferns Ct 7
St Pat's Denim	9:00am	Kihikihi Ferns Ct 8
St Pat's Yellow	9:50am	Rukuhia Ponga Fronds Ct 7

Future Ferns Prizegiving is at 1:30pm on Court 8 (approx. 20mins)

Kiwisports Waikato Afterschool Sports programmes – Term Three

Volleyball and Touch are now underway. See last week's newsletter for details.

HOME PLAY CHALLENGE 2011!

Starting very soon in your schools is the **Team Energize Home Play Challenge**.

Over a four week period, children will bring home a character card each week which has lots of physical activity challenges for you and your family to complete while having heaps of fun.

Look out for the new cards coming your way soon!!

CONTACT ENERGIZE ON 0800 ACTIVE



South Waikato / King Country Catholic Schools Sports Exchange

On Friday the 5th August 35 Year 7 and 8 students travelled down to Taumarunui to participate in a new sports challenge between St Pat's Taumarunui, St Joseph's Te Kuiti, St Mary's Otorohanga and ourselves to take home a brand new shield donated by a parent from the Taumarunui community. This new shield is known as the '**Mary MacKillop Shield**'. The teams played two games of Basketball, Netball and Rippa Rugby. This was a great opportunity for a road trip, to meet some new friends and to participate against other schools. It was closely fought with the shield this year going to St Josephs. Next year we will be hosting the event here in Te Awamutu.

Basketball...

The season has now finished and congratulations to all players, coaches and supporters for a great season!

The **Panther's** Basketball Team has had an amazing session, coming runners up in the Year 7 and 8 grade of the competition. The final was well fought and a great display of skill by both teams. Congratulations to **Liam Banks** for being voted Most Valuable Player for the Year 7 & 8 grade. Once again Thank You to Ray Banks for coaching this team.



The **Hawk's** Basketball Team has also grown in skill and confidence this season. Thank you to Fred Van Den Bosch for coaching this team.

The **Falcons** Basketball had an amazing season taking out the cup in the Y 5 & 6 grade. They played the season unbeaten which is a fantastic effort. Congratulations to **Bradley Egglestone** for being voted Most Valuable Player for the Y 5 & 6 grade. A big thank you to Fred van den Bosch for coaching this team.



The Eagles Basketball team have improved their skills this season and enjoyed playing as a team. A huge thank you to Amy Knight for coaching this team.

Rep Trials.....All basketball players are invited to trial for the Rep Teams on Monday 15th August, 5pm at the Event centre. We are also looking for Coaches, Managers, Referees, people for bench duty and helpers. All interested please come along on Monday night or contact Selina Gibson.

PTA NEWS

The following fundraising opportunities are coming up – mark you calendars !!!

Pies !...Pizza !...Pies !

Orders have now CLOSED.

Delivery on Friday 19th August @ 2pm in the school hall.

Pub Quiz Night

Saturday 20th August

*We heard that there is lots of interest in booking tables but have only had a few actually confirmed... **Please make your intentions known to the office** so that in the last minute rush, people don't miss out....*

Family Portraits

Sunday 11th September 2011

Keep an eye out for the booking form to come home with your children.

Remember these photos can have anyone in them and you can book more than 1 sitting (\$10 per sitting)

NOTE: Photographer will take 3 shots per sitting - the **FIRST** photo taken is your \$10 photo (not neg)

you may purchase any of the others on day of pick up as they will be on display.

So get your friends, grandparents, and family together and book a sitting and update your Family Photos!!!!

Term 3 -Calendars

Abacus Calendars

Keep an eye out for your child's artwork coming home with the newsletter on **Thursday 22nd**

September. Orders will need to be returned before the end of Term 3.

Term 4 –Triathlon

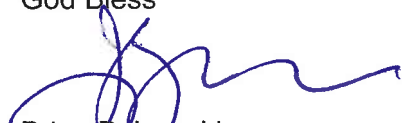
Planning is underway with this.

Scheduled for **Saturday 19th November.**

Term 4 – Disco

Friday 25th November – School Hall

God Bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

"House for Rent"

Very tidy 3 bedroom house, large fenced back section, available from 13 August 2011. Lawns cared for by owners. Within walking distance of the school. \$290 per week. Please phone Patty Dudson 0276647180 or 871-7514 after 6pm.

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Mon 8th August – The Rose Gardens

Tues 30th August – Pekerau School

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Annual Pirongia Craft Day...

The Pirongia Craft Day is to be held on Saturday 8th October 2001 between 9am to 3pm on Franklin Street. All Welcome!!!

GO, GROW, GLOW!

Meals and snacks should be based around the four food groups. The first group is **BREADS & CEREALS** which includes rice and pasta.



Every day **GO!** with 5-6 servings of breads & cereals

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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

Miha Maori Mass – 11:30am
(first Sunday of each month)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays - 9am to 9:45am



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