



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 8th September
2011**

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

stewardship

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



The role of a steward is to ensure that those that they are stewarding are comfortable, safe and informed. We are stewards of God and we have been entrusted with Gifts to share with others – our talents, our time, our energy. When our time to stand before God comes, we will held accountable for how we have used our gifts no matter our grand or small we perceive the gifts given to us to be. As in the parable of the three servants, it will be not enough just to hand the gift back to God as it is – for God is expecting a return on the investment !!

**COMMUNITY MASS
THIS SUNDAY @ 10AM
ALL WELCOME !!**

TERM DIARY

Week 6	Charism : Stewardship Fri 9 th Sep : School Photos : Mass @ 9:15am R10 & 6 : I/School X Country (Y4-6) Kihikihi Domain : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Week 7	Charism : Caring SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK Sun 11 th Sep : Community Mass @ 10am Tue 13 th Sep : Hamilton Zoo Trip (Rms1-4) Wed 14 th Sep : WFPS X country (Y7/8) Hamilton : Vinnies Day @ St John's College Thu 15 th Sep : Parents Pubertal Change Mtg Y6-8 Fri 16 th Sep : Mass @ 9:15am Rms 11 & 5 : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly @ 2:15pm
Week 8	Charism : Caring Tue 20 th Sep : Hockey Tourn (Hamilton) Y6-8 Wed 21 st Sep : Hockey Tourn (Hamilton) Y2-6 : BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom Thur 22 nd Sep : PTA Fundraising – Calendar Art home Fri 23 rd Sep : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Week 9	Charism : Impartiality BOOK FAIR WEEK Weds 28 th Sep : HPV (final) Y8 Girls Thur 29 th Sep : Grandparent's Day Fri 30 th Sep : St Pat's Agricultural Day : Whole School Assembly 2pm School Hall

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER



A quote from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

"Seek to please God"
8th June 1868

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop...

.....Pray for us



Friday Lunch Roster

9th Sept – Nicky Timmo & Tina Blackwell
16th Sept – Robyn Duncan & Stephanie Rush

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

As you prepare for Sunday's Readings....

SUNDAY 11th September 2011

Year A: Matthew 18:21-35 - Forgive each other - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's parable follows on from last week's formula for dealing with problems of wrong doing in the community. The focus is completely on forgiveness, something that comes more easily to some than to others. There are too many stories of people who have walked away from their families and their friends because of a lack of forgiveness. Many of us could reflect on the various relationships in our lives and be aware of difficulties that strain our friendships, but the question remains - what do we do about it?

We hear the parable of the king who decided to settle his accounts and the first servant brought to him owes him an amount of money that we would associate with the richest people in New Zealand. So the evangelist is trying to point out that the amount is ridiculously large and the man would have no hope of repaying it so that the focus is on the incredible generosity and compassion of the king in forgiving the debt.

We then hear of that same servant's lack of compassion and greed when he insisted that a fellow servant be put in gaol until he can repay the debt. There is a serious lack of forgiveness here that then affects the other servants and this is what sin does. Too frequently people kid themselves into thinking that their sin does not affect anyone else however, the ripple of sin ends up affecting the whole community.

We too are servants of God's Basileia or Kingdom, we too continue to experience the incredible generosity of God's forgiveness and the abundance of grace to be open to our self-revealing God. We frequently pray the Our Father, where we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." but sometimes we focus on the first bit where we are forgiven instead of the whole concept of forgiveness and apply that to all of our relationships.

It is when we contemplate the enormity of the self-sacrifice of Jesus that we come close to understanding how much God loves us and in a relationship of love there must be forgiveness. If God is willing to forgive the exorbitant debt we owe God, surely we can forgive the insignificant debts owed us. It might take a phone call, a visit, a letter, an invitation or even a Christmas card to reconnect with those we have found hard to forgive - our reward will be peace



YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP FUNDRAISER KITTY KIBBLE...

See insert attached to this newsletter.

Grandparent's Day – is coming!

Start making those phone calls to get grandmas and grandads to come to school on **Thursday 29th September**. We will start the day with Mass at 9:15am and have planned a great day so that grandparents can see some of the wonderful things that happen at school. Further details later.

2011 BOOK FAIR IS COMING –

Watch this space – ideal Christmas gifts!

Religious Education

The Focus for Religious Education in the second half of this term is **Church: Community of Disciples – Te Whanau a te Karaiti Strand Years 1-4**. Below is a summary of what the children are learning.

† Year 1: Belonging

What it means to belong, join in and celebrate at home, at school and in our parish; What Jesus did and how we can be like Him too.

† Year 2: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence

About our parish and how it is a sign of God in the world when we gather and celebrate together; That it is a privilege and a responsibility to belong to our parish.

† Year 3: Called to be Like Jesus

About people who waited for Jesus to come, followed Him in His time and how people follow Him today in worship and in action; How people become full members of the Catholic Church; How Catholics believe in Jesus and carry on His work today.

† Year 4: Called to Service

Baptism calls all people to grow in holiness; How people in the Church carry out its work of service; The need for reconciliation and how people can be reconciled to God and to one another.

SCHOOL PHOTOS...

Class and Sports team photos will be taken on Friday 9th September.

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF PLAN.

Due to insufficient portrait bookings, the PTA have cancelled the Portrait fundraiser which was to be held this Sunday. So to enable an opportunity for parents to have individual / group photos this year, we have arranged for Photolife to return to the school on **Monday 7th November** (PM) to take these photos. Envelopes for orders will come home early next term.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assembly on Friday 2nd September 2011.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Honesty"

Pheonix Smith	Emily Gleeson
Gabriella Payne	Kaitlyn Gibson
Luke Mansell	

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Ruby Loomb	Anika Bailey
Arden Mason	Megan Jones
Caitlin Firmin-O'Rourke	Jason Aukett-Boensma
Paige van den Bosch	Aylish Waldron
Cara O'Brien	Harry Hunwick

HOUSE POINTS As at the end of T3 Wk 3

Kakepuku	Maungatautari	Pirongia	Te Kawa
5080	5665	6149	5370
4 th	2 nd	1 st	3 rd

Ex students doing well!

Congratulations to the following ex students who are currently at Sacred Heart Girls College.

Isabella Milner (Y10) - Credit (University of NSW Science Competition). **Elizabeth White** (Y10) – Dean's 'Endeavour' Award.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball & Netball Uniforms

Can all players please return their uniforms in a bag (named) to the office **BY TOMORROW** as Sports photos are tomorrow and we can only have these taken **if all uniforms are returned**.

Hockey Tournament – Tuesday 20th September and 21st September



We have had a fantastic response to this event with some already sharpening their hockey skills at lunchtime. Players will need

to supply their own mouth guards and if they have shin pads bring them – the school does have some shin pads for use.

This is a fantastic opportunity to try a new skills, but for this event to go ahead parent help is required. If your child has put their name forward for one of the Hockey teams please re look at the date and let the office know if you are able to help.

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Interschool Cross Country...

On Friday 9th September athletes from 8 years old through to 11 year olds will compete at Kihikihi Domain in the Interschool Cross Country. This event will start 11am. Parent help will be required for this day and lots of cheering will be essential. Because of Interschool Cross Country some class photos will be taken in the morning, therefore all runners are to come to school in full school uniform. We wish our athletes well.

Catholic Inter School Cross Country 2011

Yesterday a squad of runners represented St. Patrick's School at the Catholic Inter School Cross Country and represented well. You can be proud of the determination, persistence and exhaustion displayed by all the runners.

We had 3 top ten placements this year...

- Jonny Beaver (Year 8 Boys) 6th place
- Georgia Loomb (Year 7 Girls) 8th place
- Lucy Harder (Year 7 Girls) 10th place

Many of the St Patricks' runners were in the top half of the field. Congratulations to all who made it a wonderful day.

After this event, some runners were selected for the team and/or as an individual runner to represent St Patricks' again at the Waikato Full Primary Cross Country, next Wednesday. We look forward to hearing of their success.



Kiwisports Waikato Afterschool Sports programmes

CRICKET	ON : Thursdays WHEN : 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Sept, 6 th Oct WHERE : TA Primary School; Field AGES : Years 2 – 6 WHAT TO BRING : Shoes & drink TO REGISTER : Text or email Carl Schwarz 021 942 569 cricket@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz
	ON : Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm WHEN : 12 th , 19 th , 26 th Sep , 3 rd Oct WHERE : Kihikihi School AGES : Year 5+ (8 years +) WHAT TO BRING : Drink & change of clothes TO REGISTER : Text or email Gary Peacham 021 274 6975 rugbyleague@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

PTA NEWS

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

Family Portraits

This fundraiser has now been cancelled
(refer to information about School Photos in this newsletter)

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

For Sale...

Item	Size	Condition	Price
PE shirt x2	4	Excellent	\$11.00 each
Short sleeve school shirt x3	6	V Good	\$7.00 each
Boys summer shorts x 2	5	Excellent	\$11.00 each
School Jersey	6	Excellent	\$25.00
Boys winter shorts x 2	6	Excellent	\$15.00 each
Track pants	6	New	\$15.00
Track pants	8	New	\$15.00
Track suit jacket x2	8	New	\$15.00 each
Will sell individually or the lot for \$150.00. Please phone Selena Ph 870 2933			

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SKY

GO, GROW, GLOW!

Next time you make your lunch, check to see if it contains something to help you GO, GROW and GLOW!

GO

with a sandwich



GLOW

with a couple of pieces of fruit or some carrot sticks



GROW

with a pottle of yoghurt, a boiled egg, a handful of nuts or some ham, tuna or cheese on your sandwich



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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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

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays - 9am to 9:45am



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