



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

KINDNESS

With All Saints Day behind us and now with the month of the Holy Souls (November) before us, we are reminded that we are indeed part of a human family that includes our Tipuna (ancestors) who have gone before us. There is a wonderful analogy that we actually **stand on the shoulders** of our ancestors. We, as Christians have a responsibility to carry on the good works that have been passed down to us and to teach our children by passing onto them. This is not only about 'school stuff' but its about how to live, what to value and above all to treat others with kindness – as we would want to be treated.

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A quote from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop



"May God bless you and keep you strong and help you in your anxieties." 3rd Dec 1900

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

**MONTH OF NOVEMBER
HOLY SOULS PRAYER**
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine on them...
May they rest in peace

Amen



TERM DIARY

Wk 2	Charism : Kindness Fri 4 th Nov – Pet Blessing CANCELLED NOTE : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm – Jnr Quad
Wk 3	Charism : Hope Mon 7 th Nov : School Photos – Family & individuals Tue 8 th Nov : PTA Meeting 6:30pm Staffroom Fri 11 th Nov : Touch Tourn (Y5-8) @ Kihikihi : St Johns Y9 (2012) Orientation Day : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Hall
Wk 4	Charism: Hope Wed 16 th Nov : BOT Meeting @ 6pm Staffroom Thu 17 th Nov : School Athletics – TA Stadium @ 9am Fri 18 th Nov : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm – Jnr Quad Sun 20 th Nov – COMMUNITY MASS @ 10am
Wk 5	Charism: Love Tue 22 nd Nov : School Athletics (ppt Day) Wed 23 rd Nov – Celebration Mass Confirmation & 1 st Eucharist with Bishop Denis 6pm Thur 24 th Nov : TA Interschool Athletics (Y4-6) Day Fri 25 th Nov : Cath I/schools Athletics (Hamilton) Y7/8 : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Hall



Reminder – summer uniform HATS - HATS - HATS !
Our policy is NO HAT - NO PLAY

Welcome to...

Westen Tauroa (Rm9). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats.



Friday Lunch Roster

4 November – Robyn Duncan & Paula Wilson
11 November – Virginnia Livingstone & Tina Blackwell



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Classes 2012

Yes already!!

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2012, we are aware that from next year, there is increasing pressure on our roll. This particularly applies to the Senior classes (Y6-8) and our new entrant area. Please assist us by making contact with the office :

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.

Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and beginning to allocate children to classes. If you have any specific requests for class placement, these need to be made in writing to Brian or by email to : principal@stpatta.co.nz by **tomorrow** Friday, 4th November.

Religious Education

This term we will be teaching and learning about the Communion of Saints - Te Kotahitanga o Te Hunga Tapu..

Please refer to the relevant Year level in the Family-Whanau book for your child

Learning Intentions :

Year 1 : Mary

- † How Mary did what she was asked to do by God - be the Mother of Jesus, God's Son.
- † How Mary was holy by sharing God's tapu and mana (God's holiness and power)

Year 2 : Saints and Inspiring People

- † Saints and what makes people holy.
- † How to become a saint today.

Year 3 : Life, Death and Christian Hope

- † How faith in God helps people during sad times in their lives.
- † What gives Christians hope when people die.
- † Ways of saying goodbye to people who have died.

Year 4 : Choices

- † To achieve goals and make good choices according to Jesus' teaching in the journey of life - Te Wa.
- † That we are made for Heaven and choose Heaven by the way we live our lives.

To be continued

DRS

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

SUNDAY 6th November 2011

Year A: Matthew 25:13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids



Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

In the past year we have seen many natural disasters in our world. Things such as : floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, and fires. One thing that we are hearing over and over again these days is that it is very important for us to be prepared in case of an emergency.

I remember when I was in school, we used to have disaster drills. Sometimes it was a fire drill. They would ring the school bell three times. All of the students lined up and marched outside the school building to a safe place. When they were sure that it was safe, they rang the bell two times and the students returned to their classrooms. It is very important to be prepared for when something unexpected happens. In our school, it was important that all of the students and teachers knew the warning signal, knew where they were supposed to go, and when it was safe to return to their classroom. Being prepared can mean the difference between safe or sorry...so be prepared.

Jesus once told a story to teach us the importance of being prepared. In Jesus' story, ten bridesmaids took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Jesus said that five of them were foolish because they had their lamps, but they didn't bring any extra oil to put in their lamps. When it was time to go out and meet the bridegroom, they were out of oil. The other five were very wise and well-prepared. They had brought plenty of oil for their lamps. When it was time to go out and meet the bridegroom, they were ready. In this story, the bridegroom is Jesus and you and I are the bridesmaids. The story is teaching us that one day we are going to go to meet Jesus. It teaches us that we must be prepared, because we don't know exactly when that time is coming. Do you know what we must do to be prepared?

We must invite Jesus to come into our hearts and be living a life that Jesus would want us to. As we are doing this, we are making ourselves ready!

HOUSE POINTS As at the end of Wk 1

Kakepuku	Maungatautari	Pirongia	Te Kawa
690	1,547	1,085	975
4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd

Bishops' statement on euthanasia

Often we only hear one side of the debate around euthanasia, which omits or downplays the risks it presents to society. Our bishops have released a statement titled "The Dangers of Euthanasia", which outlines many of these risks. It is available online at www.catholic.org.nz under 'Bishops' statements'.

**TEAM 1(Jnr Sch) ASSEMBLY
TOMORROW @ 2:30PM**



Confirmation and First Eucharist 2011



The Confirmation and First Eucharist programme starts today after school at St Patrick's Catholic School with the next class starting with Mass @ 10am (programme 11:15am to 12:30pm) on Sunday. All children who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation are invited to be part of this programme. You do not have to go to our school. The Sacraments will be celebrated on **Wednesday 23 November at 6pm** by Bishop Denis Browne.

Late enquiries can be made to the School office or by email to [<jackman@stpatta.co.nz>](mailto:jackman@stpatta.co.nz)

God bless,
Raewyn Jackman, Director of Religious Studies.

Attendance Dues – 2012.

By now all parents should have received advice that the Attendance Dues rate for 2012 will be \$384.00 per annum (incl GST) – an increase of \$16.00. Just a reminder that assistance is available for those families who may find paying these fees financially difficult. Please contact me if this is the case.

Congratulations to..

Sam Gaze (brother to Ben Y8) who, in Cycling as part of the Hamilton BHS team, were placed 3rd in the National Schools Road Cycling Championships recently held in Levin.

Xandra Morrissey who won both the Senior and Junior sections at the National Contemporary Art Competition recently held.

ADVANCED NOTICE
NEXT COMMUNITY MASS SUNDAY
20TH NOVEMBER @ 10AM

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations....

Well done to the following students who were selected for the Waikato Valley South Cricket Rep Team : Liam Banks, Jake Russ, Kristian Clarke & Jamie Higgs. Excellent work boys we look forward to hearing how the tournament goes.

Congratulations...

to Simon Cox who competed in the National Surf Life Saving Pool Champs at Te Rapa Pools. He placed ninth in New Zealand for the 13 and under 200m Obstacles.

2012 Weet-Bix Tryathlon

is on again next year on Sunday 12th February. St Patrick's is looking at putting in a school team, which will consist of meeting at the Hamilton event under the school Gazebo. There will even be a group photo! If you are interested please leave your child's name at the office.

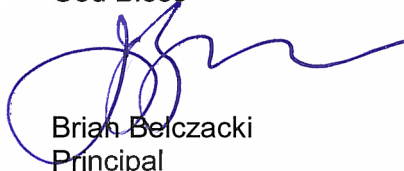
NOTHING STOPS A WEET-BIX KID!

PTA NEWS

Term 4 – Disco

Friday 25th November – School Hall

God Bless



Brian Belczacki
Principal

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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 – 11:30am to 12noon



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