



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**2011**

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**Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,**

The Charism for this week is:

# LOVE

'.....And the greatest of these is Love'

(1 Cor 13)

As our school very rapidly comes to the end of the school year, our focus turns to the charism that underpins all other charisms – that of LOVE - St Paul's statement about love in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13) tells us just how important love is. Mother Theresa also echoed his words when she said that God is not interested in the quantity of good deeds done but how much LOVE is put into the deeds we do. At this very busy time of year, expectations on all of us to have things sorted and done 'by Christmas' often means that people become 'very short' with each other. Let us remember in that expectation, that LOVE has to be in the mix !!

**A quote from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop**



"So great is the strength we possess in our unity".  
30<sup>th</sup> August 1874

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

## MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS PRAYER

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them...  
May they rest in peace

**Amen**



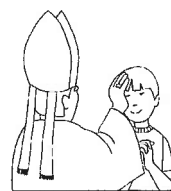
## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>Charism : Love</b> Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Hall : School Disco 5:30pm Jnrs, 7pm Snrs, Hall
<b>Wk 6</b>	<b>Charism : Love</b> Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov : TA I/School (Y4-6) Athletics (ppt day) Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Vinnies – rest home visit : Swimming Survival (Y5-6) TA Events C : Parent Info Evening – Writing, 5:30pm Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec : WFPS (Y7/8) Athletics (Hamilton) Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm – Jnr Quad
<b>Wk 7</b>	<b>Charism : Advent</b> Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec : Surf Life Saving Day (Y5-6) @ Raglan Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec : BOT Meeting @ 6pm Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec : Yr 7&8 Retreat Day : Yr 8 Leavers Dinner Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Hall : EOY Reports home to parents
<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>Charism : Advent / Christmas</b> Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec : EOY Prizegiving 1:30pm : EOY Liturgy & Farewells 6:30pm Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec : LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR : EOY Mass @ 11:45am

## SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### Confirmation and First Eucharist

Congratulations to :



Anika Bailey, Danielle Brdanovic, Sinead Cooper, Jake Dolan, Michael Dolan, Rohan Dolan, Emma Dove, Kim Fox, Savannah Freeman, Griffin Gibson, Jack Gibson, Cameron Greenhalgh, Dominic Kabel, Mary Rose Millie Livingstone, Macleod Livingstone, Harry Livingstone, Ruby Loomb, Nicola Marshall, Elliot Marshall, Kate McQuilkin, Blessed Mukundu, Jake Russ, Harry Russ, Liam Shaw, Sophie Tervit, Erin Penny, Madeleine Watt, Emma White, Matthew Young & Richard Young

who received these Sacraments last night. Our prayers are with you as you continue on with your Faith journey.



**Our Vision:** 'To provide 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Mark 13:33-37 - Stay awake!**

**1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)**



I have heard that if you live to be seventy years old, you will spend three years of your life just waiting. Waiting in line at the supermarket, waiting in the doctor's office, waiting for lunch to be ready, waiting for playtime at school.

In his book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," Dr. Seuss talks about a place called "the waiting place." He describes it as a useless place where people are just waiting.

*Waiting for a train to go  
or a bus to come, or a plane to go  
or the mail to come, or the rain to go  
or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow  
or waiting around for a Yes or No  
or waiting for their hair to grow.  
Everyone is just waiting.*

I don't particularly like waiting, do you? I don't like it, but I don't know of any way to avoid it. We all have to spend some time in this "waiting place" that Dr. Seuss talks about, but I don't think it has to be a useless place. While we are waiting, life goes on, and we must make good use of our time. What can we do?

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "to come." Do you know what's coming? Of course, Christmas is coming. This is an exciting time, but it may also be a difficult time of waiting -- especially for children. Waiting for the day when you can open the gifts that you see under the tree. What can we do to make this time of waiting for Christmas more than just a useless time in the waiting place? Well, we can think about the true meaning of Christmas. We can think about Jesus and his love. We can think about giving instead of receiving. We can enjoy all of beautiful music and the decorations of the season. When we do those things, we will find joy in the waiting place.

We are waiting for Christmas, but we are also waiting for something else. We are waiting for Jesus' return. He told us that he would come again and he told us to watch and be ready for him. What should we do while we are waiting? We should worship and praise him, love and serve him, and share his love with others. When we are doing those things, we will be ready for his return, and we will find joy in the waiting place.

### PARENT EDUCATION EVENING – WRITING

Continuing on from the Numeracy evening held last term, the Writing Evening will be held on **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** from 5:30-6:30pm in Room 11. Come and see how Writing is taught at our school – It will be just an hour and be REALLY INFORMATIVE. See the separate information sheet and return slip with this newsletter.

## Donations – 2011

Thank you to those people who generously paid this year's donations with their child's accounts. The amount collected is outlined below:

Donation 2011	Paid	% Pd	unpaid
RE Digital Res	\$2,309.75	52.7%	\$1,787.25
ICT Donation	\$9,227.50	46.3%	\$10,712.50

If you still wish to pay these donations, we are very happy to accept them.

## As we finish 2011.....

**Year 7 & 8 Retreat Day & Year 8 Dinner** is on **Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011** followed by the **Year 8 Dinner** at the TA Club from 6:30pm

**End of Year Reports** will be issued on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011**.

**Prize giving Assembly** is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30pm** and the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** will be at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

**End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4.** We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. School will finish after Mass at around 12:30pm. Buses will run earlier than normal – we are waiting for this time to be finalized.

## And move into 2012.....

The office will be open on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Thursday & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January** from 8:30 to 12:30pm. All staff will be attending professional development on **Tuesday & Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. The office is closed on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** being Auckland Anniversary Day.

**School starts for 2012 at 8:55am on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.**

## Friday Lunch Roster

25 November – Karen Brdanovic & Sheree Field

2 December – Nicky Timmo & Rachel Falconer



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior team Assembly on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011**.



### CHARISM AWARDS – "Hope"

Ben Grainger	Riley Hawkes
Nikita Scott-Petersen	Katelyn Holmes
Mere Green	Tyla-Rose Sicely

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Cody Mackie	Jorja Underhill
Jasper Freeman	Sinea Fraser
Sam McQuilkin	Mia Ellis
Logan Lindsay	Connor Ward
Jack Livingstone	Aidan Greenhalgh
Dylan Gunn	Sinead Cooper

### HOUSE POINTS As at the end of Wk 4

Takepuku	Maungatautari	Pirongia	Te Kawa
1520	2002	2090	2088
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>



## Christmas presents...

It is that time again and we are now gathering Christmas presents for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to less fortunate families. These can be left under the Christmas Tree which is in the office foyer. Please label on the outside with 'boy/girl' and 'age'.



## SCHOOL BOOKS – TEXT BOOKS – LIBRARY BOOKS

**A plea.....** could you please have a look around the house for school books which may be sitting around and return these to school.

**From the Librarian** ...School library books need to be returned by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## SPORTS NEWS

### School Athletics Day – Last Thursday

A great day was had by all!! And a big thank you to those parents who assisted in the running of the day. The results are available on our website – follow the link below :

[http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/newsletter\\_set\\_newsletter/files/466/stitched/Athletics%20Results%2018%20November%202011.pdf](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/newsletter_set_newsletter/files/466/stitched/Athletics%20Results%2018%20November%202011.pdf)

### Waikato Valley Cricket Tournament

Good luck to Liam Banks, Jamie Higgs, Jake Russ, and Kristian Clarke who are playing in this tournament on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November at the Waikato University.

## PTA NEWS

## Christmas Disco

### TOMORROW - Friday 25th November

Come to the Christmas School Disco for a night of fun with line dancing, games and much more!

**Junior School (years 1-4) 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

**Senior School (years 5-8) 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

Make sure you come down for dinner with American Hotdog and Drink combo for just \$3.00!

**Glowsticks and other fun goodies for sale!**

*A special guest will also be at the disco!  
Can you guess who it will be?*

**Parents:** please collect your children from the Hall Front Door. Come and enjoy our parents lounge which will be open with refreshments while your children enjoy the disco.

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

God Bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**For Sale...** 1 portacot – excellent condition - \$70.00  
Phone 871 6952

**For Sale....** School Jersey – excellent condition, Size 8-10yr \$20, School Roman Sandals Good Condition, Size 3, NZ Made \$15  
Phone Viv Veale, 871 5747

**For Sale....** 2 blue long sleeved polo shirts size 14, 2 blue short sleeved polo shirts size 12, St Pats sports polo (blue and yellow) : 1x size 10-12 yrs and 1x 12-14 yrs., 1 skirt size 14 yrs, 2 grey winter shorts size 80, 1 St Pats blue jersey (wool/nylon) size 12-14 (estimate), 1 yellow sports polo shirt size 14.  
Phone : Hannie or Kees Rombouts 871-3848

**Porse Magazine** – is enclosed with this newsletter. (not available online)

**DIY TAKEAWAYS**

The end of year is a busy time, but don't give in to a dinner of high fat and expensive takeaways. Choose a healthy choice or make your own quick and easy homemade takeaways.

**SAVE TIP #3**  
Homemade pita pizzas make a healthy and quick dinner. Add toppings of your choice (remember your 5+ a day!) onto a wholemeal pita bread, sprinkle with edam cheese and bake in the oven for 10-15mins.

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Adrie P 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

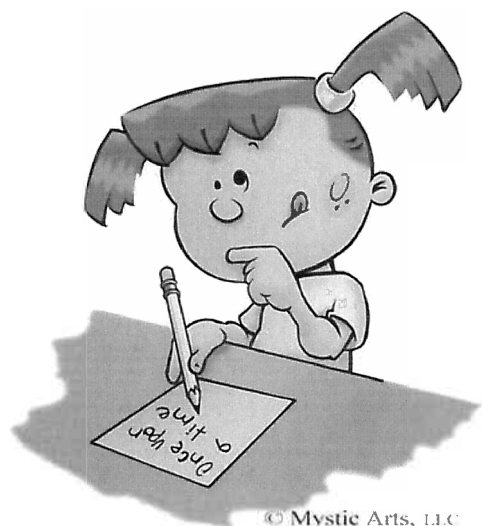
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon



# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TE AWAMUTU

YOU ARE INVITED TO A :

## ***Parent Literacy - Writing Evening***



I <sup>always</sup> <sup>keep</sup> my <sup>door</sup> dot  
shut when I'm in  
my bed room it is  
<sup>all</sup> <sup>private</sup> privit with my  
brother not being  
<sup>able</sup> able to get in. He  
is an <sup>annoying</sup> annoying brother.

On : **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 5:30-6:30pm**

Where : **In Room 11.**

***Come along and learn how your child learns in Writing.....***

- *the Levels that your child moves through*
- *National Standards & Writing*
- *What you can do at home to help*

Please complete the tear off portion below and return to the office by Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**PARENT EVENING – LITERACY / WRITING : WEDS 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2011**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

I / we will be attending ..... (No attending)

**OR**

I / we are unable to attend, but would like some information.....☐

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_



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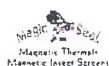
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