



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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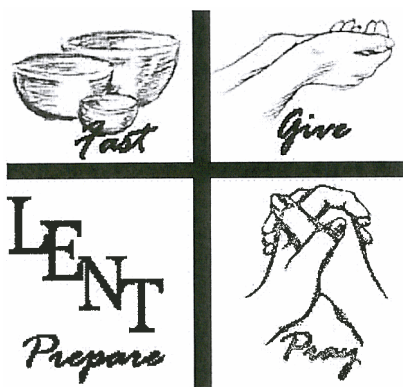
Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:



As we move into the season of Lent we are reminded of the three aspects of our Lenten preparations : **prayer – fasting – almsgiving.**

Lent is an ideal time to evaluate how we are treating others and whether we can say that Justice is at the core of our daily interactions with others – and if we have to say... well no.... Lent is the ideal time to (as the song says) **Turn back to God.**



**KETE KORERO**

The Kete Korero is enclosed with this newsletter.

## TERM DIARY

Week	PAT TESTING THIS WEEK
4	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb : Class Mass R3&4 @ 11:15am : Swimming TA Events R10-&11 11:15am : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad
5	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb : Prayer Assembly CH : Service 8:55am Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb : Swimming TA Events @ R8&9 9:15am Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb : Hearing & Vision Checks (Y1's) Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar : Snr Team Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar : <b>Sch Swimming Spts – Hamilton</b> : (no class Mass @ 11:15am)
6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Prayer Assembly CH : Service 8:55am : School Swimming Spts (ppt day) Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Class Mass R5&6 @ 11:15am : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad
7	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Prayer Assembly CH : Empathy 8:55am : Interschools swimming @ TA Events Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar : CIS Swimming (Y4-6) @ Matamata : Parent Ed evening – Writing @ 5:30pm Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar : CIS Swimming (Yr7&8) @ Cambridge Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar : St Pats Day Mass @ 12noon : Snr Team Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link :  
[http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1351/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1351/embedded_items/1-school-calendar) as this is updated as events or changes come to light.

## A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



'Take fresh courage. Lean more on God and less on ourselves.'  
21st May 1877

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

## School Lunch Roster

24<sup>th</sup> Feb : Virginia Livingstone & Sheree Field  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar : (no lunches as swimming sports day)



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

*'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'.*

## ***We remember the citizens of Christchurch .... 1 year on !!***



The school held a 2 minute silence at 12:51pm on Wednesday.....

***The Junior Team Assembly***  
(Rms 1-5) tomorrow afternoon  
@ 2:30pm in the Jnr Quad

### ***Welcome to our new students!!***

Belinda Chong (R10) and Sienna Sanders (R1). We hope you all enjoy your learning journey with us here at St Pat's.



### ***Goal Setting Interviews....***

These are coming up on Tuesday / Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> March. Online bookings will open next week. Please refer to the information coming home on Tuesday.

### ***ICAS***

The 2012 ICAS (International Competitions and assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three for Yr4-8.

Computer Skills	22 May
Science	2 June
Spelling	18 June
Writing	19 June
English	31 July
Maths	14 August

Information and payment forms to enter these competitions will come home with your child on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Entries close on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.



***ASB School Banking...***  
***Is your child enrolled in school banking ?***

Information brochure enclosed with this newsletter.

***CYCLING to school....*** Children should be **10 years** or older to ride to and from school unless accompanied by a parent or adult. (This is in-line with Police recommendations). Only Standards approved helmets must be worn.



***Scooters to school...*** Although there are no specific laws around the operation of scooters, the Police have advised us that they should be walked across roads.

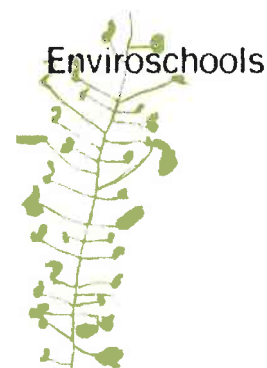
***NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden on school grounds***

As part of our school becoming an **Enviroschool**

we are developing a community garden to help feed the families in need. As part of this we need more tools to help us with the gardening. If you have any old tools that you would like to donate to the school could you please drop them off to room 11. We need spades (big and small), garden forks (big and small), hoes, rakes and weeding tools.



We are also looking for any old gumboots that the children can wear while they are helping in the garden. If you have any old gumboots between the size of 3 till 10 and would like to donate them please drop them to Room 11 as well.



**Enviroschools**

*Thank you*  
*Neve Waldron and Daniel Densley*  
*Enviro Leaders*

### ***A message from Health Waikato...***

NZ is currently experiencing a rise in the incidence of Whooping Cough. We are expecting to see increased cases here in the Waikato over the next few months. Symptoms can vary widely and at the onset can be very similar to the common cold.

#### ***Signs to look out for are :***

- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Low grade fever
- Mild cough

The most common symptom is a continuous rapid coughing often characterised by a high pitch 'whoop'.

#### ***Treatment :***

See your GP as your child will probably require antibiotics. Children should stay away from school from the onset of symptoms and for the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 days of the course of antibiotics or for 3 weeks if no antibiotics are sought.

#### ***Prevention :***

Good hygiene – washing hands, immunization up to date, good cough and sneeze etiquette.



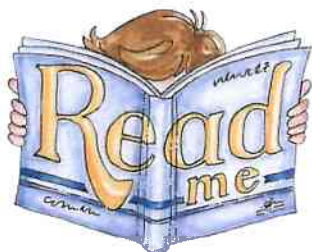
## Student Accounts...

These will come home tomorrow.

## Lost...

Blue school hat named 'Jacquitta Taipari-Hana'. If found please return to the office.

## Parent Education Evening – Reading



A big thanks to the 12 parents who attended this workshop last evening and to the further 15 people who were unable to come and have requested information.

This will come home to you over the next week or so.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012.



### CHARISM AWARDS – “Wonder & Awe”

Shelby Haworth	Renee Gibson
Joshua Froggatt	Kole Haworth
Jack Fraser	Alice Houlihan

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Keana Shum	Michael Parsons
Reuben O'Keeffe	Hannah Timmo
Waimarie Emery-Atutahi	Ross Cockburn
Lauren Higgs	Marihi Hohepa Te Huia
Abigail Mansell	Ciaran O'Dwyer
Kaitlyn Gibson	Logan Pene

## PTA NEWS

**Meet & Greet...** Thank you to those who came to our meet & greet last Monday, it was great to meet you and we look forward to working together on our fundraising! Remember if there is anyone else who is able to help out in any small way please feel free to contact Maree Orr or Louise Livingstone we would be happy to see you!!

## COMING UP!!!!

### \* BBQ at the School Swimming Sports.

We will be putting on a BBQ at our swimming sports at the Municipal Pools in Hamilton on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – these will need to be pre-ordered for children so they do not have money with them on Friday - see information on the programme letter coming home on Tuesday.

### \* BBQ at the TA School's Swimming Sports.

We will also be providing a BBQ at the interschools on March 12<sup>th</sup> see flyer coming next week!!

**\* St Patrick's Day (celebrating on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March)** - Keep an eye out for what we will be up!!

### Entertainment Books 2012-2013..

The new book is almost ready to go on sale... Watch this space....

## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball – Coaches Needed...

We are putting our Netball teams together and need coaches for our competition teams. If you or if you know of anyone in the community who is able to coach a team please let the office know.

### Netball Fees...

Fees for netball **do not** need to be paid until your child's team has been confirmed. Further information will be sent home regarding fees at a further date.

### Swimming Dates to Note:



Just keeping these dates at the front of people's mind.

### Whole School Swimming Sports (Hamilton)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 – Programme to come home next Tuesday.

**URGENT PLEA....** We need 12 timekeepers for the day – we have 1 name so far – please contact the office ASAP or email Michelle direct [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz) if you are able to help.

### Catholic Inter-school Swimming Sports (St. Peters, Cambridge)

Year 7 & 8 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### TA Inter-school Swimming Sports (Event Centre)

: 8-10 year olds – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### Catholic Inter-school Swimming Sports (Matamata)

: Y4-6, 8-10 year olds –Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2012

### Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports (St. Peters, Cambridge)

Year 7 & 8 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Please refer to the School Calendar on the School Website for up and coming events.

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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

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Email : [stpatsteawa@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stpatsteawa@xtra.co.nz)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Adrie P Paule

**Office Hours:** 8am – 12noon Tuesday - Friday

**Mass Times** Tuesday 5.15pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March : No school Mass (Swimming Sports)**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March : School Mass (R5&6) @ 11:15am**

**Holy Hour:** after 9:15am Mass each Friday

**Weekend Masses** - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

**Sunday Mass** – 10am

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Gospel : Mark 1: 12-15**

**Jesus is tempted in the desert**

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

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



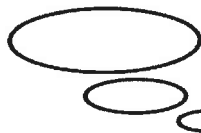
## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TA EVENT POOL PARTY...

at Te Awamutu Event Centre on Saturday the 31st March.

Bring your friends and family for a nice relaxing day out at Te Awamutu Event Centre. Lots of fun and laughter and prizes to be won. Bookings from Monday 20th February. For more information phone Te Awamutu Event Centre. 07 8712080

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## JUNIOR RUGBY

Registration/Weigh In Evenings  
Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms  
Monday, March 5

Wednesday, March 7

Tuesday, March 13

**All 6.30pm - 8.00pm**

All grades 6th-13th

\$45.00 per player (shorts/socks included)

**Must pay on night**

All grades to wear boots in 2012

Age Identification Required/Birth Certificate

Any late registrations will incur a late fee  
of \$10 per player

**Contact: Jeremy Collett - 021 830 614**

### Found...

Black and white kitten found at school. Very friendly and has made itself at home at our school. If this could be yours, please contact the office.

## RUGBY LEAGUE COMMUNITY ROOTS CARNIVAL



NEW ZEALAND  
RUGBY LEAGUE

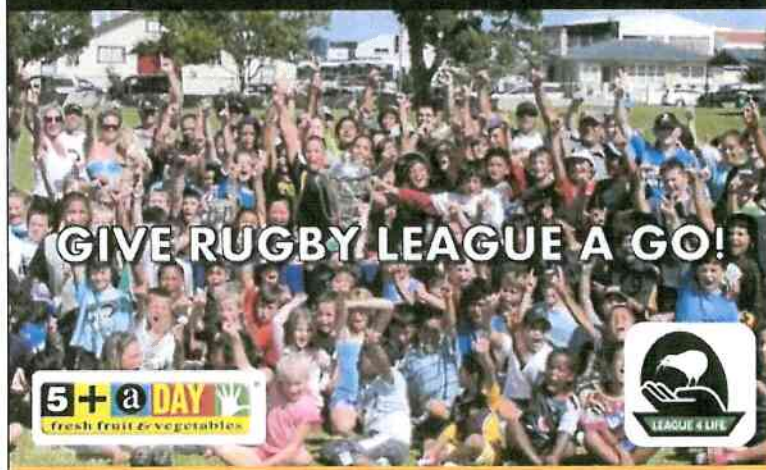
**Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Hopuhopu Sports Complex**

**9.00am Start**

Activities and fun for 5-12 year olds and parents:

- + FREE breakfast
- + FREE fundamentals coaching course
- + Skills and drills
- + Family activities and games
- + Meet Ruben Wiki or have your photo taken with the Rugby League World Cup



**GIVE RUGBY LEAGUE A GO!**



John Devonshire  
Sportsforce WRL Development Officer  
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## Bodywise Programme

(For managing weight issues in children 5-12 yrs)



Bodywise is a family based programme held in Hamilton aimed at managing weight issues in children of primary and intermediate school age. Each group runs initially for 6 weeks, with twice weekly

meetings, after which time children and their families are followed up with support for a period of 12 months.

Label reading for healthy food choices, food preparation, family goal setting, introducing new foods and backyard games are just a few of the things included in the group activities. If you would like further information have a chat to your school public health nurse, or phone Helen or Soroya for an information leaflet or follow the link:

[www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/page/pageid/2145848362/Bodywise](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/page/pageid/2145848362/Bodywise)

Bodywise Programme is a District Health Board/ Sport Waikato initiative.

Bodywise Programme contacts:

Helen Stockman Bodywise Dietitian – 07 8383565 ext 22142

[helen.stockman@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:helen.stockman@waikatodhb.health.nz)

Soroya McGall–Bodywise Active Families Co-ordinator Sport Waikato 07 8585388

[soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz)

## the Parenting show with Pio

### Building Awesome Families with Pio Terei

Salvation Army Hall, 99 London Street, Hamilton 3204

Friday 16 March, 2012  
10.30am followed by Pio's presentation at 11am

Lunch will be provided at no cost.  
No childcare available.

This is a FREE community event  
ALL WELCOME

For further information contact  
Family Works Northern, Waikato Site 07 858 4413  
Liz Kerapa 027 563 1018, Sam Sako 027 563 1019,  
Maria Love 027 418 4597

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