



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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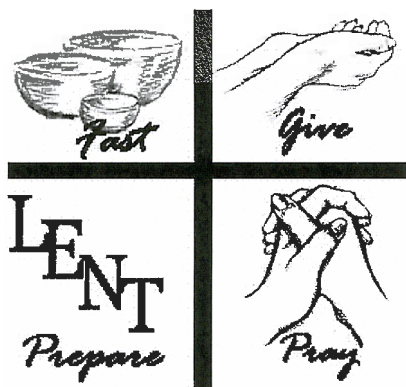
Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:



Lent is an ideal time to evaluate how we are serving others as the act of service is related to one of the key aspects of Lent; almsgiving. To serve is to give of ourselves – our gifts, our talents, our time.

We are already one week into Lent – have we enabled God to begin a change of heart?



TERM DIARY

Week 5	Thu 1 st Mar : Snr Team Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall Fri 2 nd Mar : Sch Swimming Spts – Hamilton : (no class Mass @ 11:15am)
Week 6	Mon 5 th Mar : Prayer Assembly CH : Service 8:55am : School Swimming Spts (ppt day) Tue 6 th Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Wed 7 th Mar : Goal Setting Interviews Fri 9 th Mar : Class Mass R5&6 @ 11:15am : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad
Week 7	Mon 12 th Mar : Prayer Assembly CH : Empathy 8:55am : Interschools swimming @ TA Events Wed 14 th Mar : CIS Swimming (Y4-6) @ Matamata : Parent Ed evening – Writing @ 5:30pm Thu 15 th Mar : CIS Swimming (Yr7&8) @ Cambridge Fri 16 th Mar : St Pats Day Liturgy @ 12noon : Snr Team Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall
Week 8	Mon 19 th Mar : St Joseph's Day – Whole School Mass @ 9:15am Tue 20 th Mar : WFPS Swimming Spts @ St Peter's, Cam Wed 21 st Mar : BOT Meeting @ 6:00pm in Staffroom Fri 23 rd Mar : Class Mass R8 & 10 @ 11:15am : HPV 1 (Y8 girls) & Boostrix (Y7s) @ 9am : Jnr Team Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link :
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

'Let us all have courage.'
13th April 1874

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

School Lunch Roster

2nd Mar : (no lunches as swimming sports day)
9th Mar : Nicky Mason & Tina Blackwell



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'.

Welcome to...

Annabelle Fielder (R2) We hope you enjoy your learning journey with us here at St Pat's.



Goal Setting Interviews....

These are coming up on Tuesday / Wednesday 6th / 7th March. Information went home on Tuesday and the online booking system is now open.

ICAS

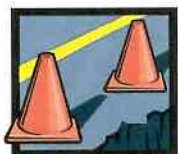
The 2012 ICAS (International Competitions and assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three for Yr4-8.

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 8th March. Entries close on the 16th of March.

Water main upgrade – workers have finished outside our school

The workers have pretty much finished outside our school as they work down Rewi Street. Thanks so much for your patience



Student Accounts...

These were sent home last Friday. We appreciate your attention to these. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior team assembly on Friday 24th February 2012.



CHARISM AWARDS – “Justice”

Penelope Rice	Mitchell Rawson
Michaela White	Alexandra Timmo
Madeline Schrader	

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Madison Chisholm	Joshua Chisholm
Jacquitta Taipari-Hana	Eden Sterritt
Hamish Owens	Cooper Rush
Cooper Blackwell	Brodie Falconer
Saskia Bullians	Katelyn Holmes

Second hand fridge...

The school is looking for a 2nd hand fridge to purchase. Please contact the office if you can help.

Vinnies Commissioning Mass...

Mass for our Vinnies is at The Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday 7th March @ 6pm. All Welcome!!



Pokuru School - Country Fair Saturday 24th March

Junior Farmer Competition.

Children 8-12 years, in teams of 3, practical farming, activities, General knowledge, safety, Geography etc. A brochure is available from our school office.

Leadership Day...



On Monday 27th February, leaders from year 7 and 8 participated in a Team Building Day held at Albert Park. There were three schools involved in this event, which was run by Project Energize. The day was based on the 2012 London Olympics. The activities were based on the Paralympics and Olympics Games. Three St. Patrick's teams worked on our team building skills. This was an awesome opportunity for the upcoming year 7's to work on their leadership skills and the year 8's to consolidate their leadership skills. Overall the day was fun and hard work and now we have to run our own Olympic Games back at school!

By Gabriella and Shantel

WORLD HARMONY RUN 2012

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary

This year between 5th and 12th March schools throughout New Zealand are participating in history's longest relay, the **World Harmony Run**.

Te Awamutu participates in this event on Tuesday 6th March when WHR runners carrying the World Harmony torch arrive in Te Awamutu from Hamilton before moving on south to Otorohanga.

The torch bearers arrive in Te Awamutu from Hamilton at 12:15pm and leave for Otorohanga at 1pm. The senior classes (Rms 10 & 11) will represent the school at this event to be held at Selwyn Park (behind TA Information Centre)



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Patrick's School

School Charter 2012

Since our last report to you the Board has been busily engaged in preparation of the school charter for 2012, which is a legal requirement imposed on each school. As part of that charter the Board reviewed its strategic plan and goals, and would like to thank those members of the community who provided input and feed back at the Meet the Teachers evening.

Whilst our vision and mission statement remain fundamentally the same we have altered the strategic focus by removing a previous goal which revolved around increasing our roll. Further investigations have shown to us there are significant logistical difficulties in seeking an increase in our roll, and we also believe we are able to work within our capacity for the next three years.

Another key point from the alteration to our goals is the inclusion of science as an area in which we wish to raise student achievement. Whilst we have linked targets to all our goals we acknowledge that there still needs to be a review undertaken of our science learning areas before a target in this area can be set next year.

With reference to those specific targets we have once again aimed for a very high achievement rate

in every category, for example that 90% of our students are achieving at or above the relevant standard in reading, writing and numeracy by the end of 2012.

Whilst similarly high targets were also set in 2011, and not always achieved, the Board is nonetheless confident that aspiring to excellence is far better than being satisfied with mediocrity. It is of course our role to ensure that our school is provided with whatever resources and support are practicably possible to enable the achievement of those targets, and we will continue to consistently monitor progress, and to keep you informed.

Information about our 2011 targets will be enclosed with our Annual Report for 2011 currently being compiled. We will advise you when a copy is available.

Meanwhile, a copy of the 2012 charter is available in the office for viewing with a one page summary being enclosed with this newsletter.

Property Development Plan

The Board have recently granted their consent to a draft property development plan which features a new administration block to be located beside the presbytery as well as the relocation of classrooms and tennis courts. It is quite possible that work will commence in the second half of next year. Once again, once matters are finalised we will keep you informed.

Uniform Report

A great deal of time has been spent by a Board Sub-committee on investigating a new uniform. We anticipate being able to sign off on the final outcome within the next few months. Rest assured, there will be a significant lead in to allow sufficient time for the new uniform to be incorporated in each student's wardrobe.

Kind Regards

Simon Brdanovic
Chairperson

PTA NEWS

Swimming Sports in Hamilton - Friday 2nd March

Orders for the children were placed today. There will be extra on the day for parents/caregivers and guests.

Interschools swimming sports - Mon 12th March

A BBQ will also be at this event!

St Patricks Day

Keep an eye out for flier, we will be having a sausage sizzle, drinks and green jellies!



The next PTA Meeting.....

Is on Tuesday 6th March @ 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Come along for a coffee and check out our fundraising plan for the year. Any other ideas are greatly appreciated !! Look forward to seeing you all there!

St Patrick's Day (celebrating on Friday 16th 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...

Competition teams are being finalised. We have been delayed due to the bad weather. There will be a practice for ALL Netball players in Y6,7 & 8 (not Future Ferns) on Monday 5th March from 3 to 4pm here at school. Players will need to be collected from the school this day.

Waipa Fun Run...

We have the opportunity to enter our school in the Waipa Fun Run Schools Challenge at St Peters Catholic School in Cambridge on the Sunday 18th March for years 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8's. This is a 2km run and times for the age groups are. Years 7-8 at 10.30am years 5-6 at 10.40am and years 3-4 at 10.50am. The entry Fee is \$5 per child and there will be a Zumba warm up! You will need to transport your child to and from the event and supervise them while they are there. If interested email maree@stpatta.co.nz before 3rd March. This is a great way to support another Catholic School !

Bay of Plenty Magic Netball team...

The Bay of Plenty Magic team will holding a Netball Clinic at Minogue Park Netball courts on Thursday, 15th March. Registrations are at 3.45pm, clinic 4-5.30pm. All years 1 through to 8 can join them and participate in activities and get autographs etc. Registrations need to be in by the 9th March and can be emailed to you from maree@stpatta.co.nz

Swimming Dates to Note:

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



Whole School Swimming Sports (Hamilton)

Tomorrow Friday 2nd March 2012 – Further information and Programme came home on Tuesday.

Reminder : Students to come to school in PE shorts and may wear a house coloured T shirt (or else PE top). BBQ Lunch cannot be ordered on Friday. There are NO normal school lunches on Friday (unless the sports are postponed)

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

Year 7 & 8 – Thursday 5th March 2012

TA Inter-school Swimming Sports (Event Centre) : 8-10 year olds – Monday 12th March 2012

Catholic Inter-school Swimming Sports

(Matamata) : Y4-6, 8-10 year olds –Wednesday 14th Mar 2012

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

Year 7 & 8 – Tuesday 20th 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

Parish Priest: Fr Adrie P Paule

Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday - Friday

Mass Times Tuesday 5.15pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

Fri 2nd March : No school Mass (Swimming Sports)

Fri 9th March : School Mass (R5 & 6) @ 11:15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am

2nd Sunday of Lent
Sunday 4th March 2012

Gospel : Mark 9:2-10
The transfiguration

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon



COMMUNITY NEWS



ART AUCTION

Friday 9th March 2012
Te Awamutu College Hall
Viewing @ 5:30pm
Auction 7pm

Bar open & continuous food served.

All proceeds to TA College Girls' Soccer Team participating in International Tournament July 2013



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

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

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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

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

Soroya McGall-Bodywise Active Families

Co-ordinator Sport Waikato 07 8585388

soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz

SACRED HEART COLLEGE AUCKLAND OPEN DAY

Wednesday 14th March 2012

Tours @ 12:30 & 1:15pm

ALL WELCOME

For more information

Phone : (09) 529 3660 extn 800

Or email :

enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz



Junior Soccer...

Te Awamutu AFC are calling for junior soccer players to register for the 2012 season. Players aged 5-12 years are welcome to come and register at the Stadium, Armstrong Ave, Te Awamutu on Friday 9th March 5-6pm or Saturday 10th March 10am to midday. Registration fees cost \$50 for the first family member, \$45 for the second, \$40 for the third and a fourth child from the same family gets to register for free.

You can contact the club secretary at teawamutua.f.c@gmail.com or call/text 021 2537979

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – TE AWAMUTU : ACTION PLAN 2012

Goal 1 – Special Catholic Character

To integrate the Special Catholic Character into all aspects of our school's community.

- 1.1 RE Curriculum. We will :
 - a) Have the RE learning area developed alongside and embedded within our local school curriculum
 - b) Teachers & students will be confidently using the RE digital resource as the key resource for RE
 - c) Teachers and students have an increased knowledge & understanding of the revised Mass
Target 1 : That 80% of students have a proficient or advanced knowledge of the Mass at the appropriate level.
- 1.2 Prayer & Charism. We will :
 - a) Show that the place of prayer and the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop are central to how the school expressed its Faith.
- 1.3 Professional Development in RE. Teachers will :
 - a) Have an increased knowledge & understanding of the revised Mass
 - b) Be more knowledgeable about & confidently use the RE digital resource
- 1.4 Community Links. We will :
 - a) Promote the school and parish as one worshipping community
 - b) Ensure that Catholic families know about and are given preferred enrolment into the school according to their needs & desires
 - c) Encourage families to attend the Sunday community Mass.
- 1.5 Pastoral Care We will :
 - a) Ensure that Pastoral Care continues to be an important aspect of the school's work

Goal 2 – Student Achievement (N1)

To raise all student achievement with an emphasis in : Literacy, Numeracy & Science.

- 2.1 National Standards in Reading . We will be :

Target 2 : Using the National Standards in Reading as benchmarks to ensure that school wide, 90% of our students are Reading at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our Yr1's Reading at or above the standard (and therefore their CA) from 76.6% (2011) to 90%.
- 2.2 National Standards in Writing. We will be :

Target 3 : Using the National Standards in Writing as benchmarks to ensure that school wide, 90% of our students are Writing at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our Yr1's Writing at or above the standard from 78.9% (2011) to 90%.
- 2.3 National Standards in Mathematics. We will be :

Target 4 : Using the National Standards in Mathematics as benchmarks to ensure that school wide, 90% of our students are at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our Yr4's (Y3's 2011) Maths at or above the standard from 77.8% to 90%.
- 2.4 Success in Science. We will :
 - a) (Teachers) Participate in PD provided through the Science Learning Hub.
 - b) Review the Science programme as part the revised curriculum
 - c) To ensure that the conceptual understandings of the nature of Science are embedded within the school's Science programme

So that : Students enjoy success through learning through the conceptual understandings of the Nature of Science

Goal 3 – Parents, business & community partnerships

To build & foster strong relationships with community stakeholders.

- 3.1 Students – extra curricular opportunities. We will :
 - a) ensure students are actively involved in a wide range of curricular activity.
 - b) ensure that Kiwisport funding enhances these opportunities.
 - c) provide opportunity for staff and parents to be comfortable in varying cultural settings
 - d) give opportunity for students to gain an appreciation of Maori Culture through involvement or watching Maori performing arts.

Students – successes are celebrated. We will :

- a) ensure that student successes are acknowledged and celebrated.
- 3.2 Parents as first educators. We will :
 - a) ensure that there are formal and informal opportunities available so as to support parents as first educators.
- 3.3 Involvement of the local business community. We will:
 - a) ensure that local businesses are approached for fundraising opportunities.
- 3.4 Communication :
 - a) ensure that the community is well informed through : Newsletters, digital calendars, website
- 3.5 St Patrick's as an Enviroschool. We will :
 - a) develop student ownership of this concept.
 - b) link existing enviro initiatives to the Enviroschools organization.
 - c) maintain links to the national organization.

So that : The school continues to develop as an Enviroschool



EMPOWERED TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

Goal 4 – 21st Century Learning

To develop 21st Century Learning.

- 4.1 NZ Curriculum. We will :
 - a) ensure that there is schoolwide adoption of the St Pat's inquiry model.
 - b) Encourage students to independently use an appropriate range of thinking skills in their learning.
 - c) Ensure that teachers and students are increasingly confident in their use of ICT tools for teaching & learning.
- 4.2 ICT infrastructure. We will :
 - a) continue to develop our ICT infrastructure so that we are ready to take advantage of the Government's Ultra High Speed Broadband initiatives for schools.
- 4.3 Communication with parents in ICT. We will :
 - a) ensure that where parents have access to ICT, that the school communicates with parents using the medium
- 4.4 Professional Development – My Portfolios. Staff will :
 - a) become confident in using My Portfolios to record and share their professional learning.
 - b) begin looking at ways about how this learning can be transferred to students accessing My Potfolios (2013).

Goal 5 – Safety

To provide a safe and secure spiritual, physical, emotional and technological environment.

- 5.1 Professional Development Plan (N3). We will :
 - a) develop a professional development plan with goals from this plan linked into individual staff's PMS.
- 5.2 Safety Manual Update (N5) . We will :
 - a) review an update the Safety Manual.
- 5.3 EEO update 2012. We will :
 - a) ensure that our EEO plan is responsive to the needs of staff
- 5.4 Cyber safety for parents . We will :
 - a) communicate with parents to highlight the need for their children to be cyber safe at home.

Goal 6 – Governance.

To provide excellence in Governance.

The Board will :

- 6.1 Self Review (N2) : Operate an effective self review programme.
- 6.2 Principal's PMS (N3) : Ensure that the Principal is appraised.
- 6.3 Finance (N4a) : show how Income & Expenditure is balanced within the current fiscal year
- 6.4 Property (N4b) : have a functional 10 year property plan.
- 6.5 Legislative Requirements are met (N6) : a) be knowledgeable about potential changes in legislation and make changes to policy to reflect such changes.
 b) ensure that enquiries of non preference enrolments are treated equitably

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