



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

It was a very foggy drive down this morning and as I drove through the mist I couldn't help but think of the Weekes family in Doha who are dealing with such a horrendous loss. I'm sure you join with me in extending our prayers and support to them.

We feel this huge loss because of the great respect we have for the gift of human life and it is in times like this that we really see the fragility of life.

All of us are precious in God's sight and so this really brings home to us this week's Charism of :

**Having
and
showing
respect
for....**



- **SELF**
- **OTHERS**
- **OUR WORLD**

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

'Seek first the poorest and
most neglected parts of
God's vineyard.'
6th March 1900

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



TERM DIARY

Week 6	Fri 1 st Jun : (No 11:15am School Mass) : Jnr Sch Assembly @ 2:30pm – Quad Sat 2 nd Jun : No Netball (Queen's Birthday weekend)
Week 7	Mon 4 th Jun : QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY Tue 5 th Jun : CH – Excellence Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am PTA Meeting – 6:30pm Staffroom Wed 6 th Jun : ICAS Science Fri 8 th Jun : School Mass @ 11:15am (R8,9) Snr School Assembly @ 2:15pm – Hall
Week 8	Mon 11 th Jun : CH – Excellence Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Wed 13 th Jun : BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom Fri 15 th Jun : School Mass @ 11:15am (R10,11) Jnr School Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad
Week 9	Mon 18 th Jun : CH – Creativity Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am ERO REVIEW WEEK St John's visit @ 11am for Y8 boys Tues 19 th Jun : ICAS Spelling @ 10am Fri 22 nd Jun : No Class Mass & No Assembly
Week 10	Mon 25 th Jun : CH : Creativity Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Tue 26 th Jun : School Production – Dress Rehearsal Wed 27 th Jun : School Production – Matinee School Production – Evening show (1) Thu 28 th Jun : School Production – Evening show (2) Fri 29 th Jun : Last Day of Term Liturgy / Assembly @ 2:15pm
Week 1	TERM 3 Mon 16 th July : School opens for Term 3

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.

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'.

Class Sizes.....

The twin announcements last week by the Government of altering student-teacher to 1:27.5 for years 2-8 - as it affects our school - (was 1:23 for Y2 and 1:29 Y3-8) and removing the ratios of 1:120 for Technology at Intermediate Schools are disturbing to say the least and do nothing to improve the morale of teachers who have are increasingly feeling undervalued by the public comments of Minister Parata and Prime Minister John Key that our teachers under-performing. A quick calculation based on our current roll under this new model gives us 10 classes (we would loose 1 teacher) putting our senior classes well into the 30's.

You will have noticed Tuesday's article on the front page of the Courier, the dilemma faced by Intermediate schools which as a full primary we also share, as we gain staffing but don't have enough to employ people with the specific expertise to deliver the Y7/8 Technology programme but also loose staffing because of the changes in ratio outlines above.

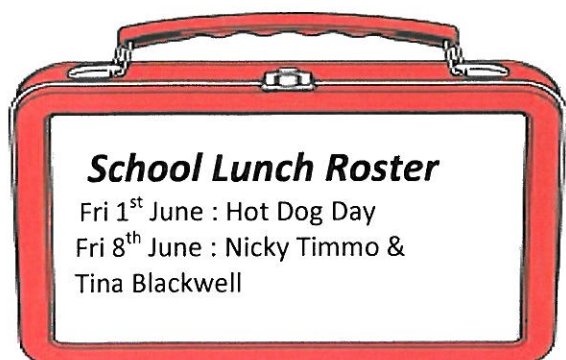
Minister Parata often talks of a 'trade off' and uses John Hattie's research as the means for promoting this change. The key finding from John Hattie was that students receiving feedback and feed forward is the most powerful way that children learn and class sizes are not significant.

One only has to sit in a classroom for a few minutes to see that the quality and quantity of feedback given to students is **MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE** when there are less students in a class.

Folks this is a serious issue – and one we need to be talking about with each other, people in the community and our MPs !!

From the Bursar....

Student accounts are coming home today. Please check your child's bag. If you have any queries please email : patty@stpatta.co.nz.



Welcome to Whaea Nessa...



Whaea Nessa Gotty is now working in the school on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. She is working in classes alongside teachers with Te Reo Maori and is also currently forming a Kapahaka Group (last one in the school was at least 10 years ago) that will perform at the TA

Schools Kapahaka Festival in September . Nessa comes from the Otaki area and is an ex student of St Joseph's Maori Girls College, Napier. Welcome Whaea Nessa !

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assembly on Friday 25th May 2012.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Honesty"

Devon Maber	Hannah Timmo
Erin Penny	Emily Gleeson
Toni Mundell	Niamh Cooper

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Tyla-Rose Sicely	Jack Livingstone
Moya Fernandez	Cameron Lindsay
Bradley Gibson	Sinead Cooper
Seth Horne	Paige Ellis
Blair Elliston	Sophie Overdevest
Neve Waldron	Aylish Waldron

**Junior School Assembly
tomorrow @ 2:30pm Quad**

Pastoral Care Help

Many of you will be aware that the Parish, through the School, often provides meals for families who are in need of support because of events such as illness, new babies, bereavements etc. We have been donated a large amount of meat, mostly mince and sausages, to cook up for the meals. We store them in a freezer and add a salad and bread when we distribute them. We now need volunteers to cook the meat for us. If you are able to help please contact the school, either through Sue or Cass and we will get the frozen meat to you for cooking. You may be able to pick it up if you are at school for something, or we could send it home with your child. Your help would be much appreciated.

God Bless
Cass Sutton

What a turnout at the Community Mass !!

Great to see so many families at our Community Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Even though there were a number of sporting commitments that our students were involved in, we estimated just on 100 children to be at Mass. Thanks to the PTA for providing morning tea.

The Vinnies Cakestall Wow!! This was well supported with the cakes being sold REALLY FAST! They raised \$338.00 – Thanks to all!!

Health Curriculum consultation

Information was in last week's newsletter. Health Units and Resources are now available for viewing upstairs each afternoon until **tomorrow**. Please contact the office if you want to have a look.

ICAS Tests...

Science is on Wednesday 6th June.

Spelling and Writing will be held in week 9

Wanted...

Does anyone have any boys' white, long sleeved shirts and berets that Mrs Jackman in Room 7 could borrow for the production.

Farewell to Kevin & Mary Corboy

On Tuesday, Mary and Kevin Corboy came to morning tea so that we as a school could farewell and thank them for their huge support to the school stretching back into the 1970's. Both were very involved in the modernization of the school buildings that occurred around the time in Integration, in fundraising and the PTA. Mary was the first Chairperson of the First Board of Trustees formed as a result of 'Tomorrow's Schools' and continued on Boards thereafter. Both Mary and Kevin maintained close contact with the school and Mary was a frequent visitor at morning tea.

They head north into retirement to Auckland, but I'm sure they will be frequent visitors at Mass in TA.

God bless you both !!

Lost

2 School jerseys – named Caitlin J-B and G Payne. If either of these have come home inadvertently, please return them to the school office. Thanks.

Uniform Shop :

Wednesdays from 2 – 3 p.m.

For all your 2nd hand uniform needs.

Ex students doing well!!

Congratulations to :

Hayley Duncan (Y9, SHGC) – who placed 1st in the 2012 Jersey NZ Holley Geck Memorial Junior Calf Showing.

Erin James (Y13, TAC), **Hine Nolan** (Y12, TAC) and **Keeley Swinton** (Y12, TAC) – who gained Bronze Awards (for 10-19 Excellence Credits for NCEA) in 2011.

Jacob Wellman (Y12, TAC) – who gained a Gold Award (30-59 Excellence Credits for NCEA) in 2011.

Olympic Games 2012



In the lead up to the Olympic Games 2012 in London watch this space as we will be sharing Olympic stories, history and values with you to support classroom programmes.

So, let's start at the beginning...

See the whole page insert with this newsletter.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball...

There are NO Netball games this weekend (Queen's Birthday).

Winners of the Fred Amess Cup 2012



St Pats Strikers Report

On the 27th May St. Patrick's Strikers competed in the Fred Amess Cup, played at Sherwin Park. We had a quick line of wins, the scores being 7-0 against Pekerau, 8-0 against Arohena, 4-0 against Ohaupo, 2-0 against Paterangi and 1-1 against TAPS. Because of the score against TAPS we had to have a penalty shoot out. The shooters in our team were Tatenda, Bradley, Keegan, Keiton and Danielle. Our Keeper was Sophie. We scored 3 goals and the opposition scored 2, so St. Patrick's retained the Fred Amess Cup.

by Sophie Daly

St Pats Defenders Report

On the 27th of May, two teams from St Pats went to the Sherwin Park to participate in the Fred. J. Amess soccer tournament. We held our heads high as we came runners-up for the Plate. Our team played outstandingly in the Plate final against Pekerau. On the positive side St Pats have won the cup for the sixth time.

by Bayley & Lauren Orr

Mackenzie Cup

On Sunday 27th May two students from our senior school, Drew Ngapo and Jake Russ and a past pupil, Wairehu Hohepa- Te Huia represented Te Awamutu playing rugby in the Mackenzie Cup. MacKenzie Cup is played between Te Awamutu, Cambridge, Hamilton East and Hamilton West. The Te Awamutu representative team was played runner up to Hamilton East.

PTA NEWS

Entertainment Books 2012-2013..

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God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

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LUNCHBOXES FOR CHAMPIONS

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Use vegetable fillings to ensure kids get the vitamins and minerals to GLOW.



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday - Friday

Mass Times Tuesday 5.15pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

School Mass : Friday 1st June – NO 11:15am Mass
Friday 8th June – 11:15am Rm 8 & 9

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am

SUNDAY READINGS :

Sun 3rd June – HOLY TRINITY

Gospel – Matt 28:16-20 'Go make disciples of all nations...'



TRINITY SUNDAY

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bubble Dome

Brochure enclosed with this newsletter

Guitar Lessons Available

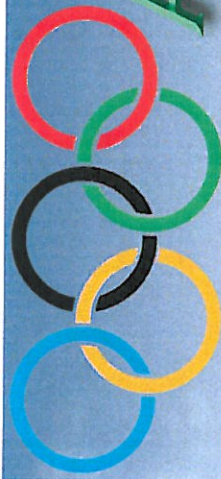
Brochure went home in last week's newsletter,

Thursdays 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.

Ph Dave Murray 027-2484827.

Lawn Mowing Services available

For a free quote phone Sharon 027 249 6373



THE OLYMPIC GAMES— A CELEBRATION

The Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 BC, in Olympia, Greece. They were held once every four years. Unlike today, the event was always held in the same place, and women had their own Games. In 393 AD, a powerful earthquake destroyed much of Olympia, and the Ancient Olympic Games came to an end.

Around 1500 years later, a Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin, wanted to bring the Olympic Games back to life. In 1894, he invited his friends and colleagues to a meeting in Paris, France, and he told them about his plan to start the Modern Olympic Games. The group became known as the International Olympic Committee (IOC). New Zealand was one of the 13 nations represented at the signing of the IOC. Together, the Committee decided on some aims.

At the Ancient Olympics, awards were given to athletes, artists, musicians and writers, who all took part in the celebration. In keeping with this idea, Pierre de Coubertin created symbols and encouraged ceremonies, music and pageantry in the Modern Olympics. This combination of sports and culture makes the Olympic Games very different from other sports events.



The Olympic Flag



The Olympic Flame

Adapted from *Teaching Values*, An Olympic Education Toolkit, © 2007, International Olympic Committee, www.olympic.org
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Olympic Motto

In 1891, a friend of Pierre de Coubertin called Father Henry Didon came up with a simple motto for the Olympic Games. In Latin, it was 'Citius, altius, fortius.' It means 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'.

Olympic Message

On the score board at every Olympic Games, a message reminds athletes that taking part is the most important thing, not winning.

Sacred Truce

At the Ancient Olympic Games, a truce was made that meant that, regardless of current wars, athletes, artists and their families, as well as ordinary people, could travel in safety to the Olympic Games and return home safely afterwards. The Olympic truce today promotes peace, friendship and understanding in the world around each Games.

The Athlete's Oath

At every opening ceremony a chosen athlete reads the oath on behalf of all other athletes. The oath was first used in 1920. A more modern version of the oath is used today.

The Medal Ceremony

Only first-place winners received an award at the Ancient Olympics. It was a wreath cut from the branch of a sacred olive tree and a container of olive oil! These days, medals are awarded to the top three placegetters:
Gold for first place, Silver for second place and Bronze for third place.



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