

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is

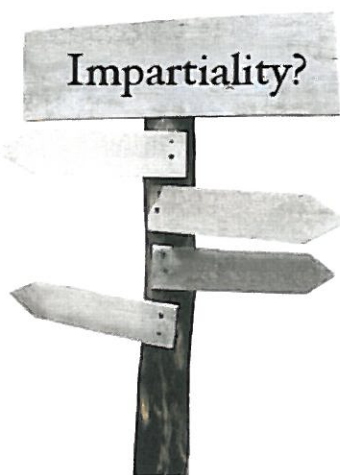
Impartiality

Valarie Adams....
Robbed of her medal!!

How much do we know about the Belarusian athlete who 'stole' the gold medal away from Valarie. What we do know is that Belarus is one of the last dictatorships in Eastern Europe – a free society? – Do we know what pressures were on her to perform?

The easy thing is to jump on the 'media

bandwagon' and condemn. The hard thing is to try and be impartial and perhaps gain some understanding as to why....



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'I hope that you have had more charity and trust and that you have not judged by appearances.'

5th March 1900

St Mary of the Cross

MacKillop...Pray for us



TERM DIARY

Week 5	Thurs 16 th : Technology for Y7/8's @ TAI Fri 17 th Aug: No Class Mass School X Country from 12noon Sat 18 th Aug: PTA Olympic Quiz - CANCELLED
Week 6	Mon 20 th Aug : CH - Impartiality Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Church School X Country (saving day) Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm Team 2 (Snr Team) Assembly @ 2:15pm Thur 23 rd Aug : Technology for Y7/8's @ TAI Fri 24 th Aug : Class Mass @ 11:15am R10/11 Team 1 (Jnr Team) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Week 7	Mon 27 th Aug : CH - Honesty Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Church Wed 29 th Aug : Sports camp @ Totara Springs Thur 30 th Aug : Sports Camp @ Totara Springs Technology for Y7/8's @ TAI Fri 31 st Aug : Sports Camp @ Totara Springs TA I/Schls X Country (Y4-6) Kihikihi Class Liturgy @ 11:15am R1-3 Team 2 (Snr Team) Assembly @ 2:15pm
Week 8	Mon 3 rd Sep : CH – Honesty Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Church Tue 4 th Sep : PTA Meeting 6:30pm Staffroom Wed 5 th Sep : WFPS X Country (Y7-8) Te Aroha Thur 6 th Sep : Technology for Y7/8's @ TAI Fri 7 th Sep : School Photos – Family portraits only Class Mass @ 11:15am R8/9 Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm New Uniform Launch evening

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

http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar
as this is updated as events or changes come to light

School Production – "Come Fly with Me"

DVD... Still available, order forms are at the office.

The cost is \$20.00

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'.

Assumption of Mary...



Yesterday the school attended Mass to celebrate the Assumption of Mary (15th August). The Assumption of Mary is an ancient feast day that celebrates Mary's ascension into heaven – body and soul. The belief of people ascending into heaven is part of both Jewish and Christian

tradition. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary as official Church doctrine in 1915. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Calf Club and Agricultural Day

The following dates have been set;



Judges Day
Tues 18th September
School Agricultural Day
Thurs 18th October
Group Day
Wed 24th October
Waikato Show
Friday 26th October

This year St. Patrick's is responsible for **Group Day** on Wednesday 24th October. As we know many hands make light work, therefore we will be requiring help from parents this year – both Calf Club parents and parents of children without animals.

Our responsibilities include...

- Helping out with morning tea for Judges Day
- Organising the running of Group Day
- Providing morning tea and lunch for the judges on Group Day
- Help with set up on Tuesday 23rd October
- Manning the recording desk on Group Day (parents of children without animals).

If you are able to help with any of these **please** email Michelle Russ on michelle@stpatta.co.nz. Or call to the office asap please.



Winter – ills and chills!!



Over the last couple of weeks, our absence rates for illness have been steadily increasing as more students (and staff) succumb to the winter bugs and flu.

There is a particularly nasty one around that brings on a sudden fever and can turn rapidly into a viral pneumonia if not caught quickly (especially in children).

Related tummy bugs are also doing the round.

Precautions such as keeping children home while they are sick until they are **COMPLETELY** well, as well as encouraging good cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene are ways to help prevent the spread.

Marae Week – advance notice...

Planning is now underway for our biennial visit to Whakamarama Marae scheduled for Week 10 (17th – 21st September 2012). At this stage, students will be at the marae as follows :

Mon 17 th Sep	Rms 10-11 : Arrive / welcome – morning Day activities and overnight
Tue 18 th Sep	Rms 10-11 : Whole day activity Day activities and overnight Hangi Dinner?
Wed 19 th Sep	Rms 10-11 : welcome Rms 8-9* then depart Rms 8-9* : Welcomed by Rms 10-11 Day activities and overnight
Thu 20 th Sep	Rms 8-9* : Welcome Rms 5-7 then depart Rms 5-7 : Day activities - Depart / afternoon
Fri 21 st Sep	Rms 1-4 : Arrive welcomed by Snr group Rms 1-4 : Day activities - Depart afternoon

*Y5's in R7 are included with R8-9.

We will need parents to assist, more details will follow next week. Please think about whether you are able to be a parent helper over this week.

Speech Competition

TA schools have inaugurated and Interschool Speech Competition for Years 5-6, which was held last Wednesday 8th August at Pekerau School.

Congratulations to Mya Meadows who won the Y6 (Girls) and Reuben Ngapo who won the Y5 (boys) sections. Well Done !!

Well done also to Mac Livingstone (Y6) and Kendall Payne (Y5) also represented the school at this event.

WaiMaths Quiz...

Last Thursday two teams went to the WaiMaths Quiz in Hamilton. They were competing against 35 other schools from around the region.

The teams were:

Year 7 - Aylish Waldron, Bailey Orr, Sophie Daly, with Eloise Livingstone as reserve.

Year 8 - Neve Waldron, Keegan Orr, Fjord Tadulan and Drew Ngapo as reserve.



Waimaths is a night where we were together with



different schools from around the Waikato region to compete in different year level to solve mathematical problems. We had 45 minutes which felt like 45 seconds! We had a good time and learnt a

lot. We were under pressure to solve 20 questions in 45 minutes or under. The year 8's placed 24th out of 33 and the year 7's placed 18th out of 32 schools attending. We plan to do even better next year.

Neve Waldron

Delivering/picking up children from school...

Again we have been formally approached by the Waipa District Council to remind parents about parking before and after school on Rewi Street. Concerns are still around : parking across driveways, on yellow lines and the bus stop. There is a misconception (which has been voiced to staff) that stopping to drop off or pick up students on these areas is actually not parking and so therefore is okay. Council wardens will be focussing on our school over the next while and will issue tickets.... In the end this is all about keeping our kids safe....



From the Bursar.... Student Accounts

These will coming home tomorrow.



Brochure enclosed with this newsletter

Cup Stacking success....



Last Friday, St. Patrick's had their first Cup Stacking Competition. Games were run all week with our finals being run on Friday, before the whole school participated in House Leaders Tabloids Day.

1st Maungatautari

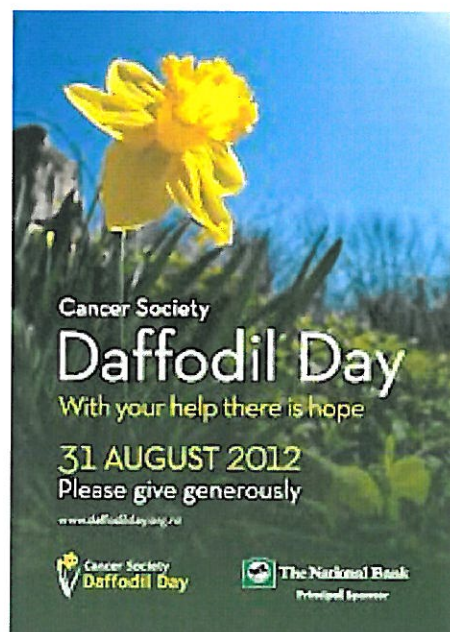
2nd Pirongia

3rd Kakepuku

4th Te Kawa

Do you have old mobile phones at home?

Help us fundraise for Starship's Air Ambulance Service. Bring in your old mobile phones and we will send them to Starship Hospital, who will recycle them. In return our school will be rewarded with things like cameras, interactive whiteboards or sports gear. The more mobile phones we receive the bigger the reward. Please send your old mobile phones to Room 1 or the office..... and **HOUSE POINTS ARE AVAILABLE !!!!!**



Advanced notice – MUFTI YELLOW DAY – coming up Friday 31st August

SITUATION VACANT :

Our Caretaker will be taking leave for Term 4 and Term 1 of next year. We are looking for someone who would like to fill this position while he is away. If you are interested, please contact Brian (Ph 871 4669) - email principal@stpatta.co.nz

Team Assemblies...

Teams assemblies that were to be held on last Friday 10th August (Junior) and this Friday (Senior) will now both be held on Monday 20th August at 2:15pm (Snr) and 2:30pm (Jnr), due to the school cross country.

If the cross country is cancelled both assemblies will go ahead on Friday 17th August 2012 at above times.

Our new Uniform is coming!!!

The launch date is now Friday 7th September – book this evening in your diary !!!! – Further information next week...



Meadow Fresh

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Our school has chosen to take part in the Meadow Fresh Cool Stuff for Kids promotion.

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SPORTS NEWS

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country is happening tomorrow!! (information came home yesterday.) Any cancellation will be posted on the school website in the morning. Otherwise make sure your child has a healthy breakfast to set them up for a day of running. **Spectators...** The PTA have a lovely lunch that you can purchase – come along for lunch!!

Other Cross Country Dates to note...

TA Interschool X Country : 8-11 year olds (up to Year 6) Kihikihi Domain, Friday 31st August, 11am – 12.30pm.

Catholic Interschool X Country : Y7 & 8.

Porritt Stadium, Hamilton. 28th Aug 11am – 12:30pm

Waikato Full Primary X Country: Y7 & 8

Stanley Avenue School, Te Aroha. Weds 5th September, 11am – 1pm.

We wish all our runners well.

Netball...

DRAW FOR: Saturday 18 th August 2012		
St Pat's Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Pink	9:00am	Pirongia Flyers, Ct6
St Pats Yellow	9:00am	St Pats Red, Ct2
St Pats Blue	9:00am	TAS Fluro, Ct4
St Pats Red	9:00am	St Pats Yellow, Ct2
Prize-giving is at 3pm		

Basketball...

DRAW FOR: Monday 20 th August 2012		
St Pat's Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Eagles	5:00pm	TAPS Breakers, Ct1
St Pats Hawks	7:00pm	TAPS Tall Blacks, Ct1
St Pats Panthers	7:00pm	St Pats Falcons, Ct2
St Pats Falcons	7:00pm	St Pats Panthers, Ct2

6 GOLD

2 SILVER

5 BRONZE

Well done to all
of our Olympic
Champions!!!




PTA NEWS

Olympic quiz night – 18th August 2012.

Due to slow ticket sales this Quiz evening has been cancelled. If you have purchased tickets you will be contacted and will be refunded.



God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

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

School Class Masses @ 11:15am

Friday 17th Aug – NO CLASS MASS

Friday 24th August - Rms 10-11

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

20th Sunday in Ordinary time – 19th August

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading : 'Anyone who eats this bread will live forever'...

(Jn 6:51-57)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

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Mooloo Open Day

Sunday 19th August

Beetham Park

10AM - 12PM

Entry is FREE

Meet the
Waikato team

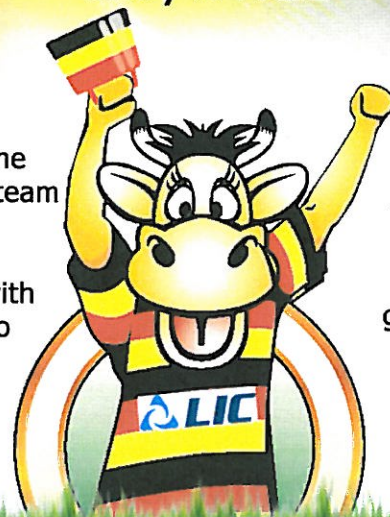
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