

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is :

Creativity



The very famous painting showing the Creation of Adam, painted by Michelangelo is full of meaning. The deliberate outstretched hand of God as opposed to that of Adam shows a deliberate act of creation on God's part. The two fingers are not quite touching. This could show that while God's creative act is deliberate, God also leaves us to carry on the creative act and to be responsible for God's creation.

We are co-creators with God and are the pinnacle of God's creation and you know sometimes in the busyness of life it is so easily forgotten....

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'I am not afraid of difficulties. They rather make my courage rise.'

26th March 1873

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



TERM DIARY

Week 2	Fri 26 th Oct : 1:15pm Pet Blessing Jnr Assembly on Monday 29 th Oct
Week 3	Mon 29 th Oct : CH : Respect Prayer Assembly 8:55am – Church King Country Cath School Sports Exchange Y7/8 Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm Thu 1 st Nov ALL SAINTS DAY – Mass @9:15am Technology (Y7/8) @ TAI Fri 2 nd Nov : ALL SOULS DAY – Mass (Snrs) @ 9:15am Team 2 Assembly (Snr Sch) @ 2:15pm
Week 4	MARAE WEEK Mon 5 th Nov : CH : Respect Prayer Assembly 8:55am – Church R10/11 Depart to Marae – powhiri All day and overnight Tue 6 th Nov : R10/11 All day activities at Marae & overnight PTA Meeting 6:30pm staffroom Wed 7 th Nov : R8/9 Depart for Marae – powhiri, all day & overnight . R10/11 return to school 10:30am BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom Thu 8 th Nov : R5-7 Depart for Marae – powhiri, all day & overnight. R8/9 return to school 10:30am Technology (Y7/8) @ TAI Fri 9 th Nov : R1-4 Depart for Marae – powhiri, R5-7 return to School 10:30am . R1-4 return to school 2:30pm Jnr Assembly - on Monday 12 th Nov
Week 5	LIFE ED TRUST WEEK Mon 12 th Nov : CH : Perseverance Prayer Assembly 8:55am – Church Wed 14 th Nov : School Athletics Day Thu 15 th Nov : Technology (Y7/8) @ TAI Fri 16 th Nov : Team 2 Assembly (Snr Sch) @ 2:15pm

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

http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/newsletter_sets/1-read-our-newsletter-here/years/2012 as this is updated as events or changes come to light

Welcome to...

Marara Stirling-Smith (Rm11). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats.



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'.

Religious Education

TOMORROW

Friday 26th October

Pet Blessing.

All domestic pets welcome (not calves, lambs, goats as they have had their day!). Pets to come to school from 1pm - meet on the netball courts.

Blessing immediately after lunch 1:20pm. Pets can go home after the blessing.



You are invited to...

THE LIGHT PARTY!

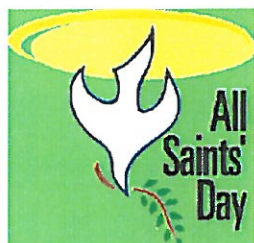
Wednesday 31st October

4:30 - 8:00pm, Selwyn Park, Te

Awamutu

It's all free!!!!

See brochure enclosed!



ALL SAINTS DAY

MASS

9:15am

Thursday

1st November

Everyone is Welcome

NOVEMBER is a month

dedicated to remember our faithful departed loved ones. The whole month we will offer our masses for them. **ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. MAY THEY REST IN YOUR PEACE. AMEN**



Friday 2nd November - ALL SOULS' DAY

A Mass to honour all our faithful departed loved ones at 9:15am. Rms 5-11 will attend.

Advanced notice – next community Mass

Feast of Christ the King.

Sunday 25th

November at

10am.



October – Month of the Rosary....

Week 2 : Learn about the Luminous Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries begin with the **baptism of Jesus** in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. From then on, Jesus began to do great things. In the Second Luminous Mystery we go to Cana in Galilee, where **Jesus turned water into wine** so that the people could have a good time. Mary said "Do whatever Jesus tells you." The Third Luminous Mystery calls us to **go with Jesus through the towns and cities of his own country**. The light of his love shone on everyone he met, especially the poor and the sick and those that others looked down on. On one of those journeys, Jesus led his friends up a high mountain. They saw him shining in light, and he promised they would share his light too. This mystery is called **the Transfiguration**. Just before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends and he gave himself to them in bread and wine. **"This is my body," he said. "This is my Blood."** In the Fifth Luminous Mystery we remember the **Holy Eucharist**. How wonderful to follow Jesus in the Luminous Mysteries. We were baptized too, and God wants us to do great things. We can bring joy to people, like Jesus did, especially to those that others look down on. This is a beautiful world where we live. Let's always see it lighted up with the beauty God gave it. Finally, let's always go to supper with Jesus and receive him in the signs of the Eucharist. The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world.

Pray the Luminous Mysteries

Reconciliation Programme



Planning is now underway for this programme to begin **THIS Sunday 28th October**, to run for 4 consecutive Sundays after 10am Mass. A letter was circulated last term to interested students who need to be baptized, and be at least 8 years old on the 1st July

2012. Please contact the school office ASAP.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW - FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER.

Religious Education Curriculum

This term we will be teaching and learning about the **Communion of Saints - Te Kotahitanga o Te Hunga Tapu** Strand. Please refer to the relevant Year level in the Family-Whanau book for your child.

Learning Intentions

Year 1: Mary

† How Mary did what she was asked to do by God – be the Mother of Jesus, God's Son.

† How Mary was holy by sharing God's tapu and mana (God's holiness and power)

Year 2: Saints and Inspiring People

† Saints and what makes people holy.

† How to become a saint today.

Year 3: Life, Death and Christian Hope

† How faith in God helps people during sad times in their lives.

† What gives Christians hope when people die.

† Ways of saying goodbye to people who have died.

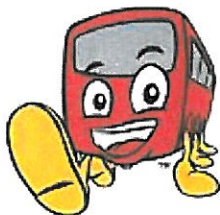
Year 4: Choices

† To achieve goals and make good choices according to Jesus' teaching in the journey of life – Te Wa.

† That we are made for Heaven and choose Heaven by the way we live our lives.

To be continued

DRS



Walking school bus

Advertised in last week's newsletter, there is meeting this afternoon at 3pm

From the Bursar....

Term 4 student accounts will be sent home tomorrow. Please check your child's bag. If you have any queries please email: patty@stpatta.co.nz.

Classes 2013

Yes already!!

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2013, we are aware that from next year, there is increasing pressure on our roll. This particularly applies to the Senior classes (Y6-8) and our new entrant area. Please assist us by making contact with the office :

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.
3. By reconfirming that your pre-schooler is in our database as intending to be at our school from 2014 onwards.

Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and where teachers will be placed for next year. Any specific requests for class placement can be made in writing to Brian or by email principal@stpatta.co.nz by Friday, 9th November.

Uniform – Term 4

Wow the children look really fantastic in the new school uniform!

Just a reminder about sandals...

please consider that the kids are running around and playing in their sandals – hence the reason why we favour the robustness that roman sandals offer as opposed to the more 'strappy' fashion sandals.

Bucket hats too... offer much more protection against the harshness of the sun as opposed to caps



Marae Week – rescheduled to Week 4

We have had confirmation from Whakamarama Marae that we will be visiting in Week 4 (5th– 9th November 2012).

Parents - Please re-confirm whether you can assist, this information came home with last week's newsletter.



School Lunch Roster

Fri 26th Oct : Nicki Timmo, Alana Growe
Fri 2nd Nov : Karen Brdanovic,
Koia Christiansen



Sacred Heart Girls College, Hamilton

**-Year 9 (2013) Entrance testing Date –
change of date.**

Originally this was to be on Thursday 8 November at 8.50am and has now been changed to Friday 9th November at 8.50am. Please be on time.

**Junior Assembly - Team 1
Now on Monday 29th October
@ 2:30pm**

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Congratulations to....

Well done to Gemma Horan who won this Trophy for 1st Place in the Under 12s, for Hamilton Hawkes Harriers Club Champs a few weeks back.



Students Competing Well

Well done to Mason James for placing 4th in the North Island BMX Championship in Whangarei in the weekend.

Agricultural Day

Among the rain, forty students washed, brushed and cleaned their animals in preparation for St. Patrick's Agricultural Day for 2012 held last Thursday 18th October. There were calves, lambs and goats represented this year. To make it to this day many of these students spend time every day with their animals, feeding and preparing them for show. Ribbons were collected, smiles came through and the students all made a lasting friendship with their animals.

We were very fortunate to have the Principal, Deputy Principal and 9 students come down from Mary MacKillop Catholic School in Mangere. They were very excited to be up close to farm animals with some a little hesitant to touch the calves, lambs and goats!!



Te Awamutu Group Day 2012

The Te Awamutu Group Day was held yesterday at Kihikihi Domain in brilliant sunshine. St. Patricks had about fifteen students who pitched themselves against the best from six other schools from the Te Awamutu Area.



Parish Building Programme

You may or may not be aware that our Parish Community is embarking on a substantial building programme that will add substantially to the current meeting room in the church. As a school we, as part of the St Patrick's Catholic family, will share in this opportunity which will also link across to the new school administration currently being considered for our school by the Diocesan School's Office. We are embarking into exciting times!!! Meanwhile, the parish have formed a fundraising committee and they are looking for YOU.... to be involved in the work or just to share ideas about novel ways to fundraise. If you would like to be part of this, or have an idea(s) to share contact : Belinda Overdeest Ph 871 4542

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball...

Miniball started last night and runs for eight weeks every Wednesday at the Te Awamutu College Gymnasium. We have four teams from years 1-4 playing so good luck to them.

Photolife - Sports Teams photos

These were taken with class photos last week. Thanks to those who have ordered. These are currently being processed and will arrive back at school in about 3-4 weeks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Zirka Circus....

Flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

Te Awamutu Junior Hardball Cricket

Refer to the notice in last week's newsletter. There are still spaces available. If you are interested, please phone Helen Bastion (07) 871 3321 by next Tuesday 30th October .

PTA NEWS

MooLoo Breakfast...

Next Thursday 1st November

See Flyer attached with this newsletter.

Help Needed: We are looking for anyone who is willing to help in the kitchen.

Please let the office know if you can.

If anyone would like to donate eggs for this breakfast, it would be very much appreciated.

Advanced Notice :

FAMILY FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 25th November..... further details to come.

Also....**School Disco...7th December 2012...**

more details to come.

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
Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

CLASS MASS @ 11:15am Friday 26th Oct : NO MASS
(as there is a funeral in the church)
ALL SAINTS DAY MASS : Thurs 1st Nov @ 9:15am
ALL SOULS DAY MASS : Friday 2nd Nov @ 9:15am
(no 11:15am Class Mass)

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am

30th Sunday in Ordinary time – 28th October

Gospel Reading : Jesus heals the blind man –
"Go; your faith has saved you." (Mk 10:46-52)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

MOOLOO FEVER!

RANFURLY SHIELD BREAKFAST

Date: Thursday 1st November 2012

Kick Off: 7am sharp – 8.20am

Venue: TA Club, Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu

Cost: \$10 per person (see form below)

Tickets also available from

Louise Livingstone 029 871 7485

Menu: Hot Mooloo Cooked Breakfast

St Pats PTA invites all school students, parents, guardians, grandparents and extended family to a Mooloo Breakfast .
Come and see the shield and meet some of the Waikato ITM Rugby team players...listen to them talk about their amazing achievement of securing the shield back in the Waikato!

Seats are limited so get in quick, bring along your Waikato Jerseys and a black pen for signatures

-----*Tear off Return to Office*-----

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