



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 29th November
2012**

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Deputy Principals: Cass Sutton, Graeme Norman
Director of Religious Studies : Raewyn Jackman
Office Staff : Sue Cresswell, Dana Macdonald
Bursar : Patty Dudson
Parish Priest : Fr Adrie Paule
BOT Chairperson : Simon Brdanovic

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is :



As we move through the last week in the church's year we begin to look forward with **FAITH** towards the beginning of the church's year with the first Sunday of Advent.

A very appropriate quote to describe FAITH

Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark.
- Rabindranath Tagore

The Feast of Christ the King.



We had a great celebration last Sunday and it was great to see a small number of our students there. This is when our worshipping community (school and parish) gathers together as one – yes, and it needs all of us!

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Only what you will, my God".
1st December 1898

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



Begins this Sunday....

TERM DIARY

Week 7	Fri 30 th Nov : Swimming pgme – survival R10/11 Anointing of the Sick - 2pm Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm
Week 8	Mon 3 rd Dec CH : Advent / Hope Prayer Assembly 8:55am Church Tue 4 th Dec : PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm in Staffroom Wed 5 th Dec : Swimming pgme – survival R10/11 BOT Mtg 6pm (deferred to Mon 10 th Dec) PTA Disco Jnr 5:30-6:45pm. Snr 7:00-8:30pm Thu 6 th Dec : Technology (Y7/8) @ TAI Swimming pgme – survival R8/9 Y8 Leavers Dinner @ 6:30pm Fri : 7 th Dec : Class Mass @ 11:15am, R7 Whole School Assembly @ 1:30pm End of Year reports sent home.
Week 9	Mon 10 th Dec CH : Advent / Love Prayer Assembly 8:55am Church Year 8 Retreat BOT Meeting 6pm (deferred from 5 th Dec) EOY Class part day Thur 13 th Dec School Prizegiving 1:30pm Christmas Liturgy/Y8 Farewell 6:30pm Fri 14 th Dec End of Year Mass 11:45am (children may go home after Mass) School closes/buses run @ 2pm

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.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS PRAYER

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them... May they rest in peace
Amen**



**Senior Assembly – Team 2
Tomorrow @ 2:15pm - Hall**

Our Vision: 'To provide 21st century learning in a Catholic environment which empowers children to strive for excellence'.

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'



What is Advent?

Advent begins this Sunday....

Advent is a season of four weeks of preparation before Christmas.

The word **Advent** means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus Christ.

The season emphasizes a threefold coming of Christ:

- We Celebrate his coming in **HISTORY** at Bethlehem,
- We celebrate his coming in **MYSTERY** through word and sacrament,
- and we celebrate his coming in **MAJESTY** at the end of time.

Many people expend great energy preparing for Christmas, yet fail to appreciate the true meaning of the season. Advent, if properly observed, can change all that, helping us to realize more fully what the coming of Christ can mean in our lives.



First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME THE LORD.....

We light the First PURPLE Candle which symbolizes hope.

For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah.

As we finish 2012.....

Year 8 Dinner is on Thursday 6th December 2012 at the TA Club from 6:30pm.

Year 8 Retreat Day is on Monday 10th December 2012.

End of Year Reports will be issued on Friday 7th December 2012

Prize giving Assembly is on Thursday 13th December @ 1:30pm followed by the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** which will be at 6.30pm.

End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4.

We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Friday 14th December**. Students may go home after Mass with school closing when the final buses run at 2pm.

And move into 2013.....

The office will be open on **Wednesday 23rd**, **Thursday 24th** & **Friday 25th January** from 8:30 to 12:30pm. All staff will be attending professional development on Tuesday 22nd January 2012. The office is closed on Monday 28th January being Auckland Anniversary Day and will be open again on **Tuesday 29th January** from 8:15am – 3:15pm with school open for instruction for 2013 at 8:55am on **Wednesday 30th January 2013**.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior team assembly held on Friday 23rd November 2012.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Perseverance"

Jake Gunn	Riaan Underhill
Emily Baldock	Xanthe Johnson
Reese Sanders	

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Max Wilson	Reef Wardlaw
Jade Brindle	Mia Ellis
Lily Smith	Awatea Tamaki-Woolly
Henare Harris-Raukawa	Lily Hayes
Quinn Wilson	Jorja Underhill

From the bursar....

Student accounts will be coming home tomorrow.

Donations for ICT and RE have now been exempted...

but we will still welcome payments!

If you have a '0' balance you will not receive an account unless you request one. Payments for all student accounts are now due... Could you please settle these before the end of the year..

God bless

Patty Dudson

The pressure is on !!!!!

Our school roll continues to be under pressure for 2013 and onwards with almost daily inquiries for spaces. Our maximum roll is 291, and currently we will finish the year with 294 students. If you are aware that your child is not returning to our school next year (not Y8's!) – **please advise us (in writing) urgently so that we can then assure some of our enquiring families of spaces here at St Pat's next year.**



School Lunch Roster

Fri 30th Nov : Richenda van den Bosch
& Bev Cotes

Fri 7th Dec : Nicky Mason & Jewel
Harris Pakeho

PLEASE NOTE:- There will be no school lunches on the last day, Friday 14th December 2012.

Do you have?.....

A child's car seat (suitable for a 1 year old) that Cass can borrow for the period 7th- 9th December ?

If so please contact Cass – Ph 870 4079 or at school.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of St Patricks Catholic School,

Financial Reserves

As we move into a busy time for all those involved with our School the Board has been meeting more frequently to ensure that it's planning for the future is well underway. To that end, the Board has discussed a draft budget with a view to finalising this by the end of the year. While our School Management Team has continually been able to balance the budget there is no secret to the fact that the School is not able to generate large surpluses. This is a point highlighted by our auditors, and mentioned in the recent Education Review Office Report, and so the Board is working on a policy to develop a reserve fund.

It is acknowledged that the reserve fund will need several years to be built up, and that our School will need to think of different ways in which extra funds can be raised within our community.

These funds are additional to those generated through the sterling efforts of the PTA and so the Board will continue to encourage and support the PTA in their efforts, as well as look at alternative ways of contributing to that reserve fund. The Board will provide further feedback as this develops.

Strategic Plan

The Board has reviewed the strategic plan, along with the current annual plan. The initial findings are that the strategic plan is generally appropriate, but some minor alterations may need to be made. There will, of course, be consultation with our community throughout this process.

The various targets which need to be reached as part of our annual plan have been provided to our community, and we will know by the end of the year whether these have been achieved. The Board's role is to set targets, monitor them throughout the year, and assess the final results. Additionally, the Board needs to ensure that there are appropriate resources in place to support the School in reaching those targets. Once again, the Board will report further on this by the end of the year.

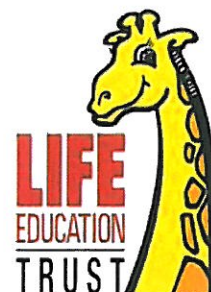
Kind regards to all

Simon Brdanovic
Chairman
St Patricks School Board of Trustees

We've had a great visit with Harold !!!

It has been great to have Harold, Nicky & Chris with us.

The costs were: Yrs 7/8 - \$5.00 and Yrs 1-6 - \$3.00.
Please pay at the office as soon as possible.



SCHOOL BOOKS – TEXT BOOKS – LIBRARY BOOKS

A plea..... could you please have a look around the house for school books which may be sitting around and return these to school.

From the Librarian ...School library books need to be returned by Friday 7th December.



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ICAS Results....

Congratulations to the following students who achieved credit or distinction in the 2012 ICAS tests.

ICAS Spelling

(24 students sat this test)
Christine Tubilla – **High Distinction** (this put Christine in the top 1% of children in NZ)
Kate McQuilkin – Credit
Ross Cockburn – Credit
Sophie Tervit – Credit
Caitlyn Jowsey Bourke – Credit
Belinda Chong – Credit
Jacob Syder – Credit
Emma Tervit – Credit

ICAS Writing

(28 students sat this test)
Paige Falconer – **Distinction** (top 9% of NZ)
Kate McQuilkin High Distinction (top 1% of NZ)
Ross Cockburn - Distinction
Lauren Higgs – Credit
Caitlyn Jowsey Bourke – Credit
Georgia Loomb - Credit

ICAS Science (17 students sit this test)
Caitlyn Jowsey Bourke – Credit

ICAS English

(28 students sat this test)
Cameron Lindsay – Credit
Kate McQuilkin – Credit
Rueben Ngapo – Credit
Kendall Payne – Credit
Lauren Higgs – Credit
Belinda Chong – Credit
Sophie Daly – Credit
Caitlyn Jowsey Bourke – Credit
Emma Tervit - Credit

ICAS Mathematics

(28 students sat this test)
Ross Cockburn – Credit
Bayley Orr – Credit
Keegan Orr - Credit

ICAS Computer Skills

(11 students sit this test)
Dominic Kabel – Credit
Caitlyn Jowsey Bourke – Credit

Do you have old mobile phones at home?
Tomorrow is the **last** day for cellphones.



Vinnies Group

(with SVDP St Patrick's Parish)

We are collecting non-perishable items which will be given out to families in our

parish and community for Christmas. Take to your class and they will be collected tomorrow and all next week.

10 house points per item. **SUGGESTIONS:**

(Please NO perishable or dated food items)

canned food	soap powder
dried food	toilet paper
noodles, pasta, rice	toiletries
cereals	baby/toddler supplies
tea/coffee/milo	gift for a child
drink sachets	Christmas family treats

Situations Vacant

Board of Trustees – Minute Secretary

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Mrs Heather Frankland who has been the minute secretary for the BOT this past year. Heather will finish at the end of this year. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Brian at principal@stpatta.co.nz This is a paid position. Applications close – Thursday 6th December 2012

Lost...

School jersey named 'SICKELMORE' on the tag.

School jersey named Jasper Freeman (Rm3).

These were both lost on Athletics Day. If these have made their way home to your house, please return to the office.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics dates this term....

Waikato Full Primary (WFPS) Athletics Day (Y7/8) : Is on today - Thursday 29th Nov. Porritt Stadium, Hamilton

TA Interschool Athletics day

Was held on Tuesday 27th November. Congratulations to all our participants. See the report in the next week's newsletter.

Weetbix TRYathlon – Sunday 17th February 2013... We need athletes!!!

St. Patrick's are after athletes to compete in the Weetbix Tryathlon in Hamilton on the 17th February. Once you have entered online please let Mrs Russ know so you can be added to the School Team List. **WHEN:** Sunday 17 February 2013

WHERE: University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

We will need to know before school finishes in 2012 as School registrations close on Thursday 31 January 2013.

PTA NEWS

Calendar Art...Calendars 2013.

This has now closed. Calendars will be delivered as soon as we receive them.

School Disco...Wednesday 5th December..

Flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

Pre order of Pizza slices @ \$1.50 each and soft drinks can be made on Wednesday morning at school.

Don't forget to bring some extra money for entry fee and to buy some lollies and 'glow in the dark' goodies...

Christmas Grocery Raffle....don't forget to bring your food item to school by tomorrow!!!

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

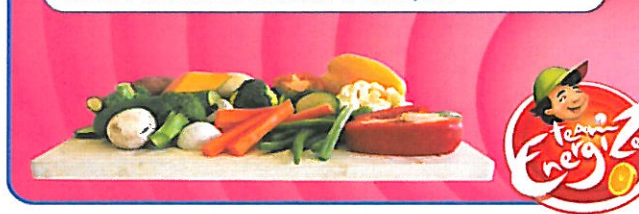
FOOD FACTS!

Sweet chilli sauce can be 2/3 sugar, while tomato sauce can be 1/3 sugar. Go easy on the sauces with your meals or try flavouring with herbs and spices!



FOOD FACTS!

Only 1/3 of young people in NZ are reported to be eating the recommended amount of fruit and veg. To make sure you get your 5+ a day, eat what's in season to make it cheaper!



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 30th Nov R3/4
Friday 7th Dec R7**

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am

1st Sunday Advent (Year C)

Gospel Reading : 'At that time they will see the son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
Stay alert...'

(Lk 21:25a, 27-28, 35-36)



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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL TIMETABLE

PRE CHRISTMAS NOVENA –

Christmas Masses from around the World

(Mass each evening @ 7:30pm with each mass being hosted by a specific parish group)
there are no 9:15am or 5:15pm (Tues) masses during this time



Sat 15th Nov : Filipino Community (no 5:30pm Mass)
Sun 16th Nov : Youth Community (there is a 10am Mass)
Mon 17th Dec : Dutch Community
Tue 18th Dec : Catholic Women's League
Wed 19th Dec : Samoan Community
Thur 20th Dec : St Vincent de Paul
Fri 21st Nov : Zimbabwean/African Community
Sat 22nd Nov : Passionist Family Gps (no 5:30pm Mass)
Sun 23rd Nov : Maori Community (there is a 10am Mass)

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th Dec : Vigil Mass @ 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th Dec : Mass @ 10am

Sat 29th Dec – Vigil Mass 7:30pm

Sun 30th Dec – Mass @ 10am

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1st Jan 2013 : Mass @ 10am

After New Year's Day, Mass times revert back to the normal schedule

COMMUNITY NEWS

[Get] CREATIVE: Art, Design and Tech Workshops...

A fun summer workshop series running January 7-11 2013 that provides 20 eclectic workshops for participants to experiment or to further develop existing skills. Workshops cover areas of photography, established craft, arts, illustration, film, creative writing and even edible garden design. Registrations are now open with Early Bird opportunities closing on 30th November and late registrations closing on 15th December.

When: January 7-11 2013 – Early Bird Registrations

Close 30th November

Where: Hamilton

Cost: Workshops range from \$50-\$375 depending on length

For more information: Visit www.getcreative2013.co.nz or hello@getcreative2013.co.nz

Te Awamutu Library

Summer Reading Programme for Children

17 December 2012 to 25 January 2013

Enrolments start 3rd December and finish on the 14th December.

Limited to 70 children at each library.

Join at your Public Library
get The Great Book Mystery Folder

Your passport to:



Reading!



Rewards!

Fun!

A Finale Celebration! and ... it's Free!!!

Bring your Library Card

or join the Library

Be quick – Places are limited!!!!!!

Disco!

*Wednesday 5th December
At School Hall*

*Junior school yrs 1-4
5:30pm to 6:45pm*

*Senior School yrs 5-8
7pm-8:30pm*

*Entry fee...Gold Coin
Food available Pizza, drinks, lollies
Glow in the dark goodies*

*Children must be collected from door
after disco*

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