



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

What a lovely day yesterday to celebrate Waitangi Day!
I hope you had a restful day to catch up with family.

The Charism for this week is :

Wonder & Awe



- Taking the time to look at God's creation
- Marvelling at the 'simple' things
- Asking questions about what we see
- Thanking God for creating a beautiful world
- Helping to make our world a better place

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Let us be entirely God's
14th December 1890



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

TERM DIARY

Wk 2	Fri 8 th Feb : 'Red' MUFTI DAY R8-9 Swimming TA Events 11:15am-12:15pm Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 3	Mon 11 th Feb : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Justice R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Tue 12 th Feb : Academic Mass 6pm Cathedral Hamilton Wed 13 th Feb : ASH WEDNESDAY : Mass & Ashes 9:15am R1-3 Museum Visit 11am R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Fri 15 th Feb : R8-9 Swimming TA Events 11:15am-12:15pm Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly 2:15pm Meet the Teachers from 5pm Sun 17 th Feb : Weetbix Tryathlon - Hamilton
Wk 4	Mon 18 th Feb : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Justice R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Wed 20 th Feb : R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom Thu 21 st Feb : Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rangiaowhia Fri 22 nd Feb : Class Mass R7 & 6 9:15am R1-5 visit to Rangiaowhia R8-9 Swimming TA Events 11:15am-12:15pm Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 5	PAT and STAR TESTING WEEK Mon 25 th Feb : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Perseverance R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Wed 27 th Feb : R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Thu 28 th Feb : Cricket Skills Day Y4-6 Fri 1 st March : Class Mass R11 & 10 9:15am World Day of Prayer - Baptist Church 10:30am R8-9 Swimming TA Events 11:15am-12:15pm Team 2 (Snr Sch) - Assembly 2:15pm Hall

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.

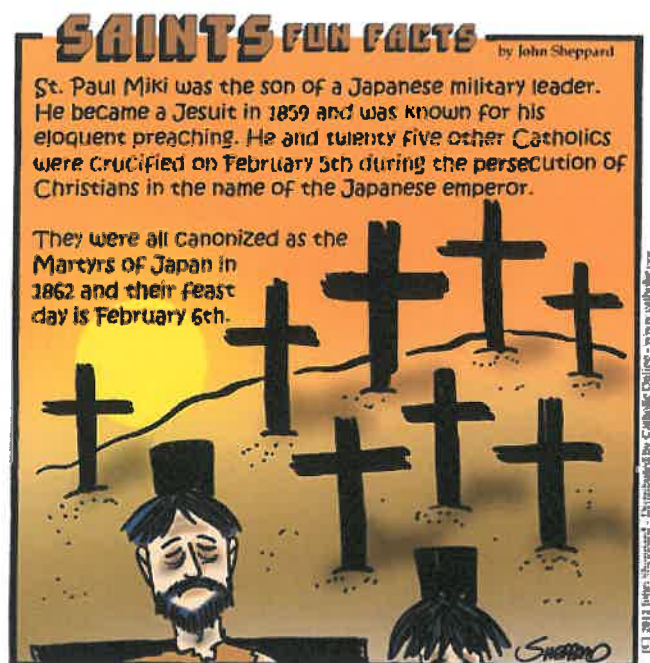


**Lent begins next
Wednesday with Mass
& Ashes for the whole
school at 9:15am
- ALL WELCOME**

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Today is the Feast day of Sts Paul Miki and Companions....



Welcome to our new families...

Fionn (R2), Molly (R8), and Jack (R10) McDaid (from Ireland) and Miguel (R6) and Mya (R8) Chaitika (from Auckland).

We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.

MEET THE TEACHERS.....

DEFERRED to NEXT FRIDAY.....Here's our first opportunity to gather together and mix n' mingle. Bring your tea or buy a sausage /sandwich and support our PTA and have an informal chat with the teachers and BOT from **5:00pm next Friday 15th February**. Even if you are an 'old' parent come along and meet some of our newer families and make them feel welcome.

The pool will be open as well !

IA flyer will come home next Tuesday.

The holidays are over....

Yes I know folks, it's hard to get back into the 'school' routine but teachers are finding it hard to begin the classroom programme when children are arriving late.. please, please can you ensure that children are at school before school starts at 8:50am.

School Pool....

The pool is up and running for 2013. Pool keys are available from the office, the price is \$25.00 with a \$5.00 refund on the return of the key at the end of the season.

**RED MUFTI DAY TOMORROW
GOLD COIN DONATION....**

Delivering/picking up children from school...

We all agree that the safety of our students is paramount. To this end, we ask that when dropping off or picking up your children from St Patrick's, you park in a responsible place and **DO NOT** double park or stop in front of the driveway entrances.



REWI STREET : Students are to wait in the Junior Courtyard area. Parents/caregivers are expected to **PARK** responsibly and walk in to drop off/collect children. Please do not pull into the school driveway as the risks are great when reversing around small children.

NEW KEA CROSSING : You will notice that there is a new Kea Crossing located beside the driveway into the Junior School. This is now ready to be used and we encourage all parents to use this crossing regardless of whether the patrols are out. Be a good role model to your children....

ALEXANDRA STREET – Church carpark :

Students are to wait on the Senior veranda. Parents are expected to :

- park and collect children from there. Children are **NOT** to walk around the church carpark unsupervised as there have been a number of close calls between children and reversing vehicles.
- Pull into the pick up zone and the duty teacher will tell your child that you are coming/waiting.

Children walking out of school on to Alexandra Street are to walk down the school driveway **NOT** through the church carpark.

Duty teachers are actively supervising these areas so please do not ask your child to wait anywhere else other than the two collection points and **please don't be offended if your child is not where you planned to pick them up because they have been told to return to the correct collection point!**

CYCLING to school.... Children should be **10 years** or older to ride to and from school unless accompanied by a parent or adult. (This is in-line with Police recommendations). Only Standards approved helmets must be worn.

Scooters to school... Although there are no specific laws around the operation of scooters, the Police have advised us that they should be walked across roads. **NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden on school grounds**

SCHOOL LUNCHES TOMORROW...

These need to be ordered in the library before school. The pricelist is on the website.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rangiaowhia



The school will be participating in this pilgrimage to the birthplace of Catholicism in the Waikato region. The date is Thursday 21st February – please watch out for further details.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome back everyone to another year at St Patrick's. As you will have read in last week's newsletter a lot of developments have happened, and will continue to happen over the next 12 months.

From a Board perspective we wish to continue the theme of "involvement" raised last year and will be reporting back to you with our plans in that regard in the near future.

In the meantime, the Board is required to file its School charter by the end of February and we are well on the way to finalizing this. This charter needs to include the Board's objectives for student achievement over the next 3 – 5 years, as well as an annual section focusing on short term priorities and targets for student achievements, and include the School's annual budgeted financial statements and financial plans.

The charter must cover the School's aims in developing policies and practices that reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity, including Maori culture.

The Board will be meeting with the faculty to work collaboratively on many aspects of the charter.

Finally, next Friday (15th February) there will be an opportunity for you to meet the Teachers, and members of the Board, at the School grounds from 5pm. The Board guarantees that the weather will be fantastic so don't forget to bring your togs.

Kind regards to all,

Simon Brdanovic
Chairperson
St Patrick's Catholic School Board of Trustees

Annual update of our database

This is coming home with your child TOMORROW. When you receive this, please read through, complete as needed, and return to school as soon as possible – even if all details are correct.

PTA NEWS

Watch this space for 2013!!!

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming

(Senior) School Swimming Sports. These are the first event on the sport calendar at the TA Events Centre on Thursday 7th March. Please watch this space for the date and venue for the Junior School Sports. This is followed by the **TA Interschool Swimming Sports (Y4-6)** on Thursday 14th of March. We will need parents to help with timekeeping this year. If you can help with this event please email me on michelle@stpatta.co.nz. Also for Year 5 and 6 will attend the **Catholic Interschool Swimming Sports** in Matamata (date to be advised). This event is for our elite swimmers. Our elite swimmers in the Senior school (Year 7 & 8) will attend the **Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports** and the Catholic Interschool Swimming Sports. These dates will be advised when they come to hand.

God bless

Brian Belezacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday – Friday

Mass Times Tuesday 5.15pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)

Sunday Mass – 10am



5th Sunday in ordinary time (Yr C)

Gospel : Luke 5:1-11

'Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching men'.

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

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