



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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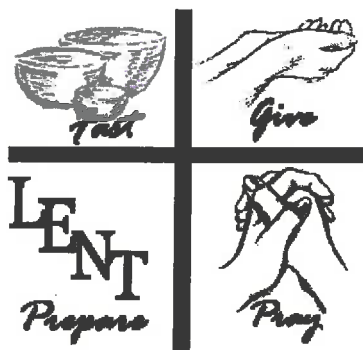
**Thursday 14th February
2013**

Principal : Brian Belczacki
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Director of Religious Studies : Raewyn Jackman
Office Staff : Sue Cresswell, Dana Macdonald
Bursar : Patty Dudson
Parish Priest : Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson : Simon Brdanovic

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is :

Justice



As we move into the season of Lent we are reminded of the three aspects of our Lenten preparations : prayer – fasting – almsgiving.

Lent is an ideal time to evaluate how we are treating others and whether we can say that Justice is at the core of our daily interactions with others – and if we have to say... well no.... Lent is the ideal time to (as the song says) Turn back to God.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Let us ask ourselves if we give God the perfect service to which God has the right.'

12th March 1899

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



TERM DIARY

Wk 3	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
Wk 6	Mon 4 th Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Perseverance R10-11 Swimming TA Events 1:15-2:15pm Thu 7 th Mar : Snr School Swimming Spts (AM) – TA Events C Jnr Sch Swimming Spts (PM) – Venue TBA Fri 8 th March : Class Mass R8/9 @ 9:15am Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm

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.

MEET THE TEACHERS.....
Tomorrow evening
from 5:30pm

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

So what about Valentine's Day?

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her.



Happy Valentine's Day !!!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rangiaowhia



The school (from Y4 upwards) will be participating in this pilgrimage to the birthplace of Catholicism in the Waikato region. The date is **NEXT Thursday 21st February 2013**. See information coming home with this newsletter.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior team assembly on Friday 8th February 2013



CHARISM AWARDS – "Wonder & Awe"

Jake Gunn	Rory Kendrick
Penelope Rice	Grace Armstrong
Rachel Gleeson	

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Lylah Wood	Kaelyn Strawbridge
Georgia Kendrick	Rory Kendrick
Lucy McKay	Jackson Montague
Jasper Freeman	Seth Olsen
Jordyn Smith	Regan Linehan



SCHOOL LUNCH ROSTER

Fri 15th Feb: Nicky Timmo & Paula Wilson
Fri 22nd Feb: Sandra Russ & Alana Growe

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.



THE NEW KEA CROSSING ON REWI STREET IS NOW UP AND RUNNING : We encourage all parents to use this crossing regardless of whether the patrols are out. Be a good role model to your children.

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 and that children really need to be at least 10 years old (see cycling above). **NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden on school grounds**

Te Matatini National Kapahaka Festival Rotorua : Thur – Sun 21st-24th February 2013.

An invitation is extended to any students who wish to go to this Festival to watch TOP QUALITY Kapahaka on a national stage. We are planning to take a group over on **NEXT Friday 22nd February**. Students in our Kapahaka group have been given a letter. Other students can request a letter from the office.



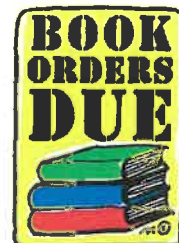
TE MATATINI

Annual update of our database

This came home with last week's newsletter to all families and thank you to those who have already returned them. Please read through, complete as needed, and return to school as soon as possible – even if all details are correct.

Scholastic Book Orders...

Orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 15th February.



World Day of Prayer, Friday 1 March 2013

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement for informed prayer and prayerful action. For over 80 years services have been held around the world on the first Friday of March. Overall it is administered by an International Committee in New York; in New Zealand a national committee is based in Christchurch. (Check it out at www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz).

Each year the celebration comes from a different country: the theme is chosen and the service prepared by the women of the national World Day of Prayer committee. This year's service comes from France and has the theme, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'.

In New Zealand there will be around 250 services organised by local interdenominational groups – there should be one near you to which you are warmly invited.

Our school is involved in World Day of Prayer with a class attending the Service in Te Awamutu (at The Baptist Church) at 10:30am on the 1st March 2013.

Congratulations

to the TA Volunteer Fire Brigade for their 100 years of service to our Community. **Our Red Mufti Day held last Friday raised \$352.00.** The Brigade visited as part of a trial school evacuation at 12:15pm... coming up our driveway with lights flashing and sirens blaring!!



See more pictures in today's TA Courier.

Lost...

One blue school shirt, It has the name 'Isla Joyce' sewn on the tag. Please return to the school office if this has made its way home to your house.

Academic Mass – Hamilton Tuesday 11th February.

Five staff members attended the Diocesan Academic Mass last Tuesday and it was great to see some of our ex students there who are holding leadership positions at St John's College this year .

Pictured with Mrs Sutton are : (from left) **Miguel Ramon** (Prefect - Special Catholic Character, **Logan Walsh** (Prefect) & **Matthew Staijen-Leach** (Prefect – Deputy Head Boy).



You make us very proud !!!

PTA NEWS

Meet the Teachers – tomorrow night!!

Come along and buy tea from us !!!

Sausages, Steak and Fish Sandwiches drinks and juices all for sale... see you there!!

SPORTS NEWS

Weetbix Tryathalon

On Sunday 17th of February, the Weetbix Tryathalon is being held at Waikato University. We have 17 students so far entered under the school's name. There will be a meeting place on the embankment at the venue. Competitors may choose to sit together as a school to eat their Weetbix Breakie. Being entered under the school's name means you will know other competitors in your section – you may wish to stick together at the start of your event. Remember this is about you doing your best and pushing yourself!

On completion of all the age divisions, after prize giving, there will be an opportunity to have a school team photo taken. It would be great to have all our competitors present for this.

Please forward any photos taken during the event, to michelle@stpatta.co.nz.

Sports Events for Term 1

This is an outline of the sporting events for Term 1. Please keep checking the online calendar as any changes will be made to that calendar.

Week 3	Sun 17 th Feb : Weetbix Tryathlon
Week 4	Bike Day TBC
Week 5	Thur 28 th Feb : TA Cricket Competition
Week 6	PAL Training Starts Thu 7 th Mar : Snr Sch Swimming Sports (TA Events C – 9-1pm) Jnr Sch Swimming Spts (PM – Venue TBA) Fri 8 th Mar : CIS (Y7-8) Swimming Sports (Hamilton)
Week 7	Football – In Schools Starts Wed 13 th Mar : CIS (Y4-6) Swimming Sports (Matamata) Thur 14 th Mar : TA Interschool Swimming (TA Events Centre)
Week 8	Wed 20 th Mar : Waikato Full Primary (Y7-8) Swimming Sports (Hamilton)
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	Sailing @ L Ngaroto Mon 8 th Apr : Rm 11 Tues 9 th Apr : Rm 10, Weds 10 th Apr : Rm9, Thurs 11 th Apr : Rm 8 Sun 14 th Apr : Top Schools : Y7-8 (Te Kowhai School, Hamilton)
Week 12	Football Festival

Calling for helpers – Helpers List

With so many sporting events this term, we would like to start a Helpers List. This list could include grandparents, extended family or immediate family who can offer help for events. When we are short on Parent Help we could call people on this list. As well as helping out on particular events this adds to our community vibe. Please complete and return this slip to the office if you are able to help,

2013 Helpers List

I am able to help with supervise and transport with sporting events for 2013. I am available on the following days.

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday /
Friday / Any Day

Name : _____

Ph : _____

Email : _____

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

Phone 871 6109 Fax : 871 6079

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Email : stpatsteawa@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Parish Council Chairperson : Nick Prendergast

Parish Secretary : Julia Organ

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



Sunday 17th February

1st Sunday in LENT (Yr C)

Gospel : Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is tempted in the desert.....

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon

COMMUNITY NEWS

DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES - 2013



Dynamic classes which extend oral skills and give confidence to children to enable them to face High School, University and 'life's' speaking challenges.

Classes: Weds weekly - Te Awamutu

ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email

info@chatterbox.net.nz www.chatterbox.net.nz

Te Awamutu Marist Sports Club

are planning to establish Junior Netball teams within their club.

We are seeking interest from any parents/guardians who would be interested in enrolling their children for 2013 netball season.

If you think you would be interested or have any questions,

please feel free to contact the Club Captain/Netball Delegate Casey on 0274728084 (text or phone) or

connack@hotmail.com.



For Sale... St Patrick's Uniform items

2 x Pinafore Dresses - Size 7

2 x Woollen Jerseys (old style uniform)- Size 8

2 x blue shorts (old style uniform)- Size 6

2 x Sports shirts (old style uniform) - Size 6 & 8

Contact Sally : 07 873 7612 or 027 857 2301

Marist Sports Netball Club....

Are you looking for a local sports club to play netball for this year?

We'll bring your teams down to Marist Sports!

Casey is taking registrations now and will offer full support for finding coaches, organising uniforms, team building exercises and ensuring your team has plenty of ongoing practices and communication.

Please phone or text Casey (Club Captain/Netball Delegate) on 0274728084.

Te Awamutu Y.M.I Gymnastics Club

Playgym (Pre-school) 9.30-10.30

Mondays. Can start anytime during term

Ph Bronwyn 07 870 4378



5-8 yrs 4-4.50pm Mon

8-10 yrs 5-5.00pm Mon

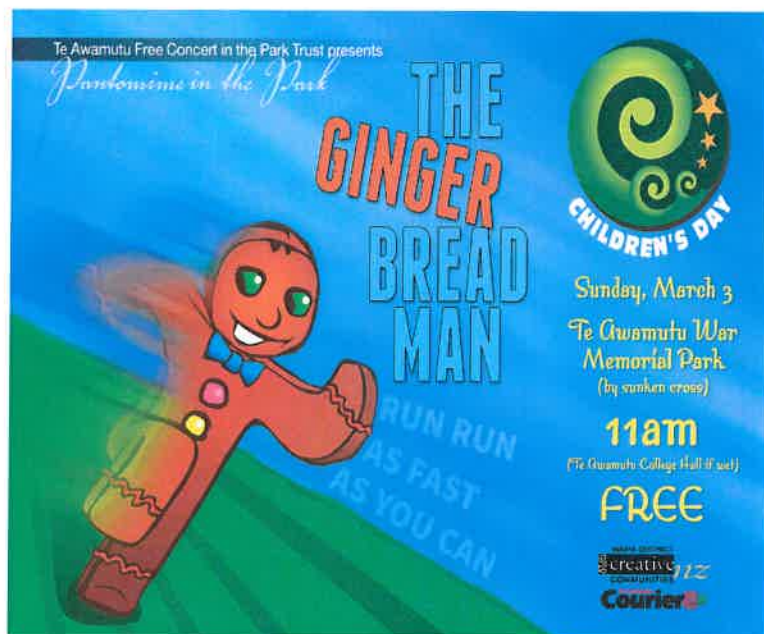
9yrs+ 6-7.30pm Mon

Teenage Girls Fri 5.30-7pm & 7-8.30pm

Teenage Boys Fri 5.15-7pm

Ph Leanne 07 8715026

www.sportsground.co.nz/taymigym



TRY THIS ONE OUT!! REV Cycle Festival

The Avantidrome REV Cycle Festival invites all kids for a great day of cycling fun with the Rev Mini! And to make things even better, it is completely FREE to participate in!



Designed for kids 12 years old and under, the Rev Mini consists of a non-competitive 2km loop which kids can ride 1, 2 or 3 times (maximum of 30 minutes) as well as an array of activities designed to help children develop cycling skills in a fun way

The REV Mini runs from 9.30am to 3pm on Saturday 23rd February at Tom Voyle Park, Cambridge and parents are welcome to ride with their kids if they wish.

All kids get a REV Kids Certificate to collect stamps for each activity they do.

Enjoy the festival atmosphere with live music, picnic areas and a bouncy castle for lots of kids' fun on the day. Check out www.therev.co.nz for more details.

An Evening with Judge Andrew Becroft Principal Judge of the NZ Youth Court



When : Tuesday 19th Feb at 7pm

Where : At TA College

Cost : Tickets are \$10 with entertainment prior from the College.

Purchase tickets : From TA Primary or First National Real Estate.

An excellent advocate for the marginalised and youth. TA Lions Club Project – funds to support local youth. See further information in the flyer on the online version of this newsletter.

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Te Awamutu Lions Club

presents



Judge Andrew Becroft

Principal Judge of the NZ Youth Court



Photo: Mike White, North & South Magazine

Te Awamutu College Hall

7.00 pm - Tuesday, 19th February, 2013

Judge Becroft graduated from Auckland University in 1981 with a BA. LLB (Hons) degree. He practised in an Auckland law firm prior to setting up the Mangere Community Law Centre in 1986, where he became widely known for his support of underprivileged and marginalised members of the community. Since his appointment as Principal Youth Court Judge in 2001, he has been a strong advocate of youth issues and his opinions are widely valued. Judge Becroft speaks with authority, understanding and compassion about New Zealand youth and articulates a strong evidence-based approach when promoting policy directions.

Tickets - \$10.00 - can be purchased from
First National Real Estate (35 Alexandra Street) or
Te Awamutu Primary School

A Te Awamutu Lions Club Project raising funds to support local Youth activities.

For further details - please contact Alan Taylor (phone 871-4644)