



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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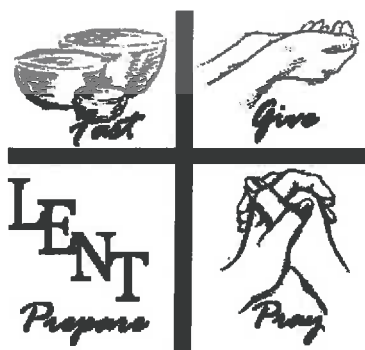
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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2013**

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*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

The Charism for this week is :

## Perseverance



*3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent already!*

*How are you persevering?*

*In days gone by, Lent was all about 'giving up' something and that was great but it only focussed on the individual*

*Now days however, it's much more than that – it's about 'giving up' so as to 'give out' to others.*

### A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

I would rather be judges for any other sin than for charitableness".

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1874

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



### CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

begins on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Enrolment forms are available from the office

### TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 6</b>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March : Class Mass R8/9 @ 9:15am Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Empathy Parent/Student Goal Setting Interview Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Parent/Student Goal Setting Interview Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar : TA Interschool swimming Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Class Mass R4/5 @ 9:15am Team 2 (Snr Sch) - Assembly 2:15pm Hall
<b>Wk 8</b>	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar : <b>ST PATRICK'S DAY Community Mass 10am</b> Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Empathy Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar : <b>St Joseph's Day</b> – School Mass @ 10:30am Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar : Class Mass R3/2/1 @ 9:15am Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm
<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>HOLY WEEK</b> Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar : <b>Palm Sunday</b> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Service Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar : <b>Holy Thursday</b> – Easter Liturgy 2pm Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar : <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> – School closed
<b>Wk 10</b>	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar : <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr : <b>Easter Monday</b> – School closed Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr : <b>Easter Tuesday</b> – School closed Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Service

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

[http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar) as this is updated as events or changes come to light.

### ADVANCED NOTICE – COMMUNITY MASS

Our next Community

Mass is on

St Patrick's Day  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March @  
10am

followed by shared  
morning tea/lunch, games, swimming pool

More info next week.....

**Please mark your calendars !!**



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

*'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'*

## Welcome to our new student!!

Boyd Baldock (R2). We hope you enjoy your learning journey with us here at St Pat's.



## ADVANCE NOTICE – ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. – MASS  
@ 10:30am.

We will be hosting students from St Mary's Otorohanga and St Joseph's Te Kuiti on that day.

**COME JOIN US FOR THE  
MORNING.**

## Confirmation & First Eucharist Enrolments

This preparation process is due to start on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March with 5 training sessions being held on

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 19<sup>th</sup> May. The

Sacraments will be bestowed on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. To enrol, students need to be at least in Year 4. Enrolment forms will be given out to interested (and eligible) students at school tomorrow. Enrolment forms are also available from the parish & school offices. Enrolments close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



## Goal Setting Interviews....

These are coming up on Monday and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March. The online booking system is now open with the access code being circulated with the notice home on Tuesday.

If you do not have access to a computer, please complete the tear-off portion of the notice and return to school by TOMORROW. Confirmation of your time will come home tomorrow (not Monday).

## Staff news...

Our prayers are with one of our office ladies, Dana Macdonald who will be away from us having a hip replacement on Monday. Mrs Maree Waldron will be relieving in the office while Dana is away. God bless Dana and return to us soon!

We are thrilled to hear the news that Aimee Connors is expecting a child in August and so will be on parental leave from Term 3 2013, returning in Term 3 2014. Great news Aimee!!

## Student Leaders 2013.



Congratulations to our student leaders who were badged at Prayer Assembly on Monday.

Head students	Jake Russ, Eloise Livingstone
House Leaders Kakepuku	Anthony Harris, Jossie Fonoti
House Leaders Maungatautari	Marihi Hohepa-Te Huia, Gabriella Payne
House Leaders Te Kawa	Mya Meadows, Tatenda Mandava
House Leaders Pirongia	Bayley Orr, Niamh Cooper
ICT Leaders	Johnny Mahutonga, Ciaran Thomson
Enviro Leaders	Gabriella Payne, Arden Mason
Sports Leaders	Keiton Macdonald, Chloe Veale
Liturgical Leaders	Aylish Waldron, Sophie Daly
Cultural Leaders	Anthony Harris, Tamsin Schrader
Library Leader	Jacob Syder

## World Day of Prayer.

Well done to our students who represented our school at the World Day of Prayer last Friday – we received great reports about how well you represented us!

## ICAS 2013

The 2013 ICAS (International Competitions and assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three.

Computer Skills	Tues 21 May
Science	Wed 5 June
Writing	Mon 17 June
Spelling	Tues 18 June
English	Wed 31 July
Mathematics	Tues 13 August

Information and payment forms to enter these competitions has come home with your child. Entries close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. For further information contact [graeme@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:graeme@stpatta.co.nz)



## THE CARE BEARS ARE BACK!!!



at the **Relay for Life** Event in Hamilton this weekend. The event is held over Saturday 2pm / Sunday 12noon 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March at AgResearch, Ruakura, Hamilton. Members of our community and staff are part of the CAREBEARS team who will be doing the

relay, continuously walking for 22 hours.

This is about supporting the Cancer Society to :

- **Celebrate** & acknowledge cancer survivors and caregivers
- **Remember** loved ones lost to cancer
- **Fight back** against the disease that affects 1 in 3 New Zealanders.

### How can you help?

The school is taking donations – gold coin donation – TOMORROW. The CAREBEARS will ensure that this donation is handed over to the Cancer Society on Sunday at the event.

Most of us know someone or have had direct contact with someone who has/had cancer so **here is your opportunity to support the CAREBEARS in their relay and more importantly support the great work of the Cancer Society.**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assembly on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013



### CHARISM AWARDS – “Justice”

Lily Hayes	Saskia Bullians
Kate Overdevest	Phoenix Smith
Jossie Fonoti	Samantha Brdanovic

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Kale Duncan	Katelyn Holmes
Logan Lindsay	Richard Tubilla
Reuben O'Keeffe	Michelle Shum
Amy Mohring	Daniel Whale
Christine Tubilla	David Subritzky
Bayley Orr	Jack Fraser

### New Uniform Feedback...

We would like feedback from anyone on the new uniform. If you have any thoughts please put them in writing or email them to me on [cass@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:cass@stpatta.co.nz). Thank you.

## Road Patrols...

Road Patrols operate each morning from 8:10-8:40 at which time children and teachers need to return to their classes. Please make sure all children have crossed the road by 8:40am. Thank you.

## Family Groups formation...

One of the focus areas for our school this year is to further build our community spirit - especially in these tough economic times where there is more need than ever to be 'there' for each other.

The work of placing families into 'groups' is almost complete with each family placed in a group according to rough geographical areas.

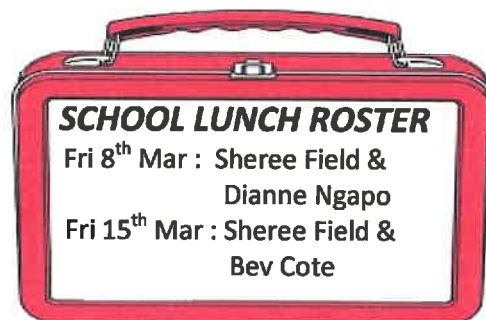
The plan for these groups is for each group to :

- be supportive of each other
- have opportunities to socialize as a 'school' based group
- work together to perhaps assist the PTA with fundraising efforts
- be a place that people can talk about educational issues that affect the school.

Please see the sheet enclosed with this newsletter or contact [brian@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:brian@stpatta.co.nz)

## Notice of Paid Union Meeting.

The Primary Teacher's Union (NZEI) have called a Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 1:30pm-3:30pm. **THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE CLOSED ON THIS AFTERNOON.** See further details with next week's newsletter



## LOW FAT MILK

Along with water, low fat milk is an everyday first choice drink as it is low in sugar and high in calcium which is important for the health of your bones and teeth. Flavoured milk is a good treat option as it does contain calcium but be aware of the sugar content.

1 x 250ml glass milk  
= 2 tsp sugar  
1 x 250ml carton  
flavoured milk = 7 tsp sugar



## PTA NEWS

- Entertainment Books 2013-2014.  
Order forms will be coming home next week.
- Support our sausage sizzle at the TA Interschools Swimming Sports (at the Event Centre) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March .

## SPORTS NEWS

### 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 6	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar : CIS (Y7-8) Swimming Sports (Hamilton)
Week 7	Football – In Schools Starts Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar : CIS (Y4-6) Swimming Sports (Matamata) Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar : TA Interschool Swimming (TA Events Centre)
Week 8	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar : Waikato Full Primary (Y7-8) Swimming Sports (Hamilton)
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	<b>Sailing @ L Ngaroto</b> Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Rm 11 Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Rm 10, Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Rm 9, Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Rm 8 Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Top Schools : Y7-8 (Te Kowhai School, Hamilton)
Week 12	Football Festival

### Te Awamutu Interschool Swimming Sports...

We are desperately looking for more helpers for next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013. If you are able to help please contact Michelle Russ. [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz)

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Council Chairperson : Nick Prendergast

Parish Secretary : Julia Organ

Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday – Friday

**Mass Times** Wednesday – Friday  
9.15am

**Holy Hour:** after 9:15am Mass each Friday

**Weekend Masses - 5.30pm Sat (vigil)**

**Sunday Mass – 10am**



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in LENT (Yr C)**

**Gospel : Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**The Prodigal Son....**

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays – 11:30am to 12noon



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Waipa Home of Champions...**

#### **Come Fly a Kite...**

When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Time: 2pm-5pm

For more information visit [www.waipadc.govt.nz](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz)



Programme: Introduction to Track Cycling

Venue: Te Awamutu Velodrome, Armstrong Avenue

Dates/Time: Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 3:30-4:30pm

Age: School Years 7-10

Bring: Bike, Helmet, Shoes & Drink, Track Bikes provided or bring your own

Limited spaces & Registrations essential.

Phone Amy Burndred on 027 213 5147 or email

[Amy.burndred@bikenz.org.nz](mailto:Amy.burndred@bikenz.org.nz).



### **SACRED HEART COLLEGE AUCKLAND OPEN DAY**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Tours @ 12:30 & 1:15pm

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information Phone :  
(09) 529 3660 extn 714  
or email

[enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz)

### **Individualising Learning for Boys & Girls...**

The University of Waikato is pleased to present the following workshop for parents:

#### **Individualising Learning for Boys and Girls**

*twilight course (Tuesday 12 March, 7pm – 9pm)*

Learners are individual but until recently we did not know just how unique we all are. In fact, recent neuro research indicates that our brain is more individual than our finger prints! Some of this uniqueness is a result of gender brain wiring. Based on top international research, this workshop will challenge some of your beliefs about why males and females act and learn very differently.

**Facilitator:** Mike Scadden CEO of BrainsStems Ltd, Mike has 39 years of educational experience and is a successful and innovative professional trainer. **Venue:** 144 Knighton Road (behind the Hamilton Education Resource Centre), Hamilton **Cost:** \$20 Please contact Sharon for more details: (07) 838 465 or [sharons@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:sharons@waikato.ac.nz)

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Dear parents/caregivers,

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Each group will operate with a 'co-ordinator' but before we go much further we need you to agree to your details being shared **ONLY with others in your family group.**

Please complete the tear -off portion below and return to the office by tomorrow

God Bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

### **FAMILY GROUPS - 2013**

Family name : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of eldest child at school : \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to having my name / ph contact details available to **others in my group**..... YES / NO

**And / OR (if you answered 'no' above)**

I agree to having my email address as a contact with **others in my group**..... YES / NO

My email address is : \_\_\_\_\_

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

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