



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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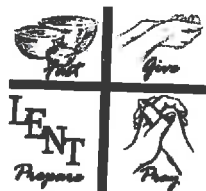
Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is :

Empathy

5th week of Lent

*Before you judge, have you
walked a mile in their shoes??*



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday this Sunday. This week is one of the most important weeks in the church's year as we lead up to the Triduum – **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.**

Please take the opportunity to take your children to celebrate these liturgies in our church...

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm

Good Friday – Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Saturday evening - Easter Vigil at 7pm

There is an insert in this newsletter that you can also follow the days of Holy Week. It would be a great idea to refer to this each day this coming week with your child and as a family.

TERM DIARY

Wk 8	Fri 22 nd Mar : Class Mass R3/2/1 @ 9:15am Postponed : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) - Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 9	HOLY WEEK Sun 24 th Mar : Palm Sunday Confirmation & Eucharist session 1 Mass at 10am- Session 1 @ 11.15am Mon 25 th Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Service Tue 26 th Mar : Chrism Mass 7pm Cathedral Hamilton Thur 28 th Mar : Holy Thursday – Easter Liturgy 1:30pm Fri 29 th Mar : GOOD FRIDAY – School closed
Wk 10	Sun 31 st Mar : EASTER SUNDAY Mon 1 st Apr : Easter Monday – School closed Tue 2 nd Apr : Easter Tuesday – School closed Wed 3 rd Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Service Fri 5 th Apr : Whole school Assembly @ 2:15pm Sun 7 th Apr : Confirmation & Eucharist session 2 Mass at 10am – session 2 @ 11.15am
WK 11	Mon 8 th Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Stewardship Thur 11 th Apr : Hamilton Cath Principals Mtg in TA HPV & Bostrix immunisations Fri 12 th Apr : Hamilton Cath Principals Mtg in TA Sun 14 th Apr : Confirmation & Eucharist session 3 @ 11.15am : Top Schools –held at Te Kowhai School @ 8am – 4pm
WK 12	Mon 15 th Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Stewardship Fri 19 th Apr : Last Day of Term One Whole School Assembly 2pm

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.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"May God bless you and keep you strong"

28th Sept, 1875

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



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

St Patrick's Day

It was great to celebrate St Patrick's Day last Sunday with our Community Mass. It was great too, to have a visit from some young men from St Bedes in Christchurch who are up here rowing in the Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro. They were fine examples to our students and to the wider community. The promised rain arrived as we prayed and so our picnic was effectively washed away! But God knew that it was the rain we needed!! A big thanks to those who came to mass and celebrated with us!



ST JOSEPH'S DAY



We had a lovely day with our two closest Josephite schools – St Joseph's Te Kuiti and St Mary's Otorohanga last Tuesday 19th March starting with a beautiful mass @ 10:30am. Because of the rain the previous evening, the tabloid sports were not held, but the students had a great time in classes interacting with our students. Unfortunately

because of the Paid Union Meeting on in the afternoon, St Mary's had to go early with St Joseph's heading away just before 2pm. We had a great day and are thinking about making this an annual event.

I do want to acknowledge the work that our two Josephite sisters do in our community – Sr Margaret and Sr Maria, you are both true GEMS !!!!

Welcome to our new students!!

Boyd Maber (R2) and Sean Osborne (R2) We hope you both enjoy your learning journey with us here at St Pat's.



Mrs Macdonald is on the mend....

We had a visit from Dana on Wednesday who is slowly becoming more mobile. Carry on with the recovery!!

Confirmation & First Eucharist Enrolments



This preparation process starts on Sunday 24th March after Mass at 11:15am.



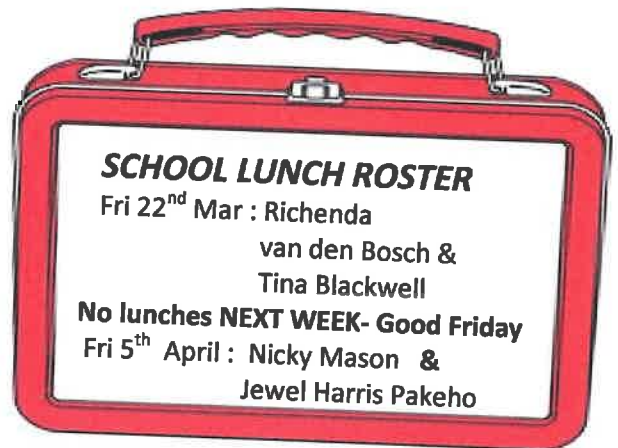
Please pray for the 21 enrolments thus far. The Sacraments will be bestowed on Sunday 26th May.

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 TOMORROW. For further information contact graeme@stpatta.co.nz



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our senior assembly on Friday 15th March 2013



CHARISM AWARDS – "Perseverance"

Mere Green	Kyle Fraser
Dominic Kabel	Cameron Greenhalgh
Jossie Fonoti	Finn Krippner

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Connor Ward	Paige Hughes
Delaney Cotes	Jorja Ilott
Molly McDaid	Ruby Loomb
Harry Russ	Kendall Payne

EASTER LITURGY NEXT THURSDAY

1:30pm – we start on the Junior playground – please join us...

From the Bursar...

Term one students accounts will come home on Monday.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As you are aware the triennial Board of Trustees Elections are to held in 2013. Your Board of Trustees have determined that we will follow the national dates for the election – the election day being Thursday 30th May 2013. Mrs Dana Macdonald has been appointed as returning officer. There are 5 parent elected positions on our board, and the timeline for the electoral process is set out below :

2013 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

✓ **Step forward Piki ake**

Date	Action
1 st April – 15 th May	Community information forums
15 th April	Call for nominations (nominations are open).
Noon : 30 th April	Main Roll closes, supplementary roll opens
Noon : 14 th May	Supplementary Roll closes.
Noon : 16 th May	Nominations close
By 21 st May	Voting papers issued
Noon : 30 th May	Voting closes
5 th June	Votes counted, results declared
6 th June	New board takes office

Our chairperson, Simon Brdanovic and board member Hayley McConnell are available to answer any queries you may have, their contact details are :

Simon : 872 0236 email : simon@edmondsjudd.co.nz

Hayley : 021 241 7482 email : hayley.mcconnell@hill-labs.co.nz

There is also a brochure enclosed with this newsletter,
PLEASE CONSIDER STANDING FOR ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.

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.
BY TOMORROW - Thank you

Family Groups formation...

A huge thanks to those who have returned their forms.
JUST WAITING ON A FEW NOW TO RETURN THESE PLEASE

Have a look at some writing from Room 6....

PTA NEWS



Entertainment Books 2013-2014. Order forms went home last week.... This is a great way to get some really good discounts!!!

We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day at school on next **Thurs 28th March !!**

Come along in your favourite green colours and enjoy a sausage sizzle, drinks and green popcorn with all your mates!!!

There will be a prize for the best dressed boy and girl and even best dressed teacher !!!

Watch out for more details early next week....

Sausage Sizzle Price List

Sausage \$2

Juice Box \$1

Green Popcorn \$2



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 8	Wed 20 th Mar : Waikato Full Primary (Y7-8) Swimming Sports (Hamilton)
Week 11	Sailing @ L Ngaroto Mon 8 th Apr : Rm 11 Tues 9 th Apr : Rm 10, Weds 10 th Apr : Rm 9, Thurs 11 th Apr : Rm 8 Sun 14 th Apr : Top Schools : Y7-8 (Te Kowhai School, Hamilton)
Week 12	Football Festival

Rural Touch Tournament

This held tomorrow Friday 22nd March at Albert Park

Netball begins!

The first grading game starts off the Netball season this Saturday 23rd March good luck to all our netball teams. There is no Netball on Easter Saturday 30th March. If you have enrolled in netball, have you paid your fees?



Waikato Full Primary Swimming

Four of our year 7&8 students participated in the Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports held at St Peter's School Cambridge yesterday. Well done to all our swimmers Chloe Veale, Niamh Cooper, Eloise Livingstone and Nye Linton. Nye placed 1st in the 50m Backstroke and a great day was had by all.

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
PALM SUNDAY

Gospel : Mark 15:1-39
'The Passion of the Lord.'

HOLY WEEK / EASTER TIMETABLE.

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Mass of the Oils, 7pm Cathedral, Hamilton

Wednesday – Mass at 9:15am

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper 7pm followed by adoration until 10pm

Good Friday – Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm (no 5:30pm mass)

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection at 10am.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Programme: Badminton Te Awamutu Competition

Venue: Te Awamutu Events Centre

Dates/Time: Wednesdays 20th & 27th March & 3rd & 10th April.

Time: 3:30-5:00pm.

Age: School Years 5+6, 7+8. Bring: Drink Bottle.

To secure places please register by March 18th.

To register please contact Tracey Hallam, Kiwi Sport Badminton ph 021816932



Te Awamutu

Junior Rugby Sub-Union

Rugby Coaches wanted for all representative teams.

Written applications for Year 5, Year 6 :

Bowers Cup & Under 45kg together

Gwynne Shield

Mackenzie Cup

Forward Written Applications to:

Steve Gibson

PO Box 173

306 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu

For any enquires please contact

Judy Mathews 0211-602-951

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Applications close Thursday, 28th March 2013

MOTORCROSS FUNDRAISER DAY



Saturday 23rd March

Sign in 9am – Racing starts 10am • Adults \$25 – Children \$15

Parkes property Cruickshaw Road, Te Awamutu

All classes catered for:

Minis, Juniors, Seniors & Mudbugs

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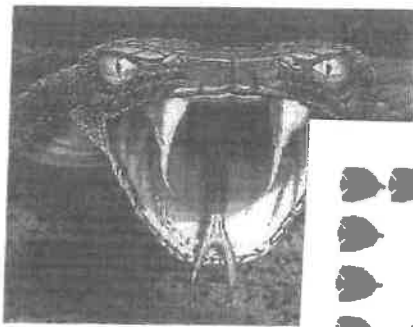
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By Connor

Writing from Connor and Reese in Room 6

Ally the Dolphin

Eek eek! Dashing through the waves I go. My blue skin feeling smooth and slack. I dive in and out of the ocean all day long. I have all my fishy friends swaying around me. Eating yummy fish and squid all hiding down in their caves. Squirting out my blowhole lots of tasty water! Orange and black eyes I have and a big colossal beak that's good for eating mackerel. All I really need to say is" I'm a great dolphin called Ally."



By Reese

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The events of Holy Week



Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important times in the church's liturgical calendar. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from the events of Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on the Cross on Good Friday and finally to his Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Sunday

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt accompanied by his disciples. The crowds were overjoyed to see him and covered the streets ahead of him with cloaks and palms.

Palm Sunday 24th March 2013

For us in 2013...

At Mass this **Sunday 24th March @ 10am**, We re-enact the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by starting our Mass outside of the church. Palms are blessed and we all process into church. We listen to the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus which sets the scene for the week.



Monday

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus chases the money-changers out of the temple saying that the temple is his Father's house of prayer.



Monday 25th March 2013

For us in 2013...

We are on Monday of Holy Week, how has our Lenten observance gone? Have we become people of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?

Tuesday & Wednesday

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus preached and taught in the temple in Jerusalem while the Chief Priests plotted on how they could capture Jesus.

Tuesday & Wednesday 26th & 27th March 2013

For us in 2013...



During this week, a **Chrism Mass** (or the Mass of the Oils) is celebrated in every Cathedral throughout the world when the Bishop of the Diocese blesses the Oils to be used by Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. In our Diocese this is celebrated at the Cathedral in Hamilton @ **7pm on Tuesday 26th March 2013**. Members of our parish and students from the school will attend this Mass and bring back the Oils to our community. All priests are expected to attend this celebration with their Bishop who leads them in a re-commitment of their priestly vocation.

Thursday – Feast of the Passover.

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus calls his disciples together to celebrate the Jewish Feast called the 'Passover' and washes their feet. He later eats with them instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist as he says the words, 'This is my body.. This is my Blood'.

Later Jesus takes his closest apostles into the Garden of Gethsemane where He goes to pray. It is here that Jesus is arrested.



He is taken before Chief Priests in the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. Peter follows and is questioned whether he is a follower of Jesus by various people. Peter denies ever knowing Jesus as Jesus had foretold... "By the time the cock crows you will have denied me three times." Peter remembers these words and scripture records Peter as, "Going away and weeping bitterly."

His persecution has begun....

Holy Thursday 28th March 2013

For us in 2013...

Today the school will have an Easter Liturgy when we recall the Passion & Resurrection of Jesus by re-enacting these events as we move around the school grounds We will begin **at 1:45pm** on the Junior school playground.

Later as a parish community, we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper (at 7pm) at which time Fr Joe re-enacts Jesus' actions of washing the feet of disciples (in our case some parishioners).



We celebrate the 'last' Eucharist and as the Mass concludes the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the church as we too enter into the time of remembrance of Jesus' persecution.

After this service, we are encouraged to

'stay awhile and pray.'
(until 10pm)

Friday – eve of the Sabbath

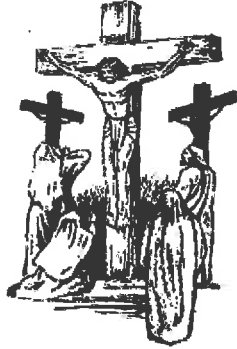
Good Friday 29th March 2013

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus is taken to the Roman Court, before Pontius Pilate. He is questioned closely. He is whipped and scourged and taken by Pontius Pilate out before the people. The crowds reply is 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'.

Jesus takes up his cross and is taken through the streets of Jerusalem and out to the place of the



skull – Golgotha. There he is crucified.

After three hours nailed to a cross **Jesus dies.**

Later in the day, as it is almost the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is removed from the cross and placed in a tomb nearby with a large stone covering the entrance.

A sentry is placed at the entrance so that Jesus' body is not stolen and the story spread that Jesus had risen from the dead (as he had foretold he would).

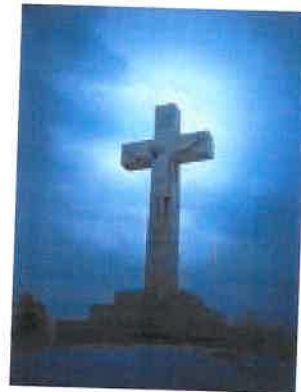
For us in 2013...

Good Friday is a **day of fasting** where Catholics are to abstain from meat.

We commemorate the Passion of Jesus at a service that starts at **3pm on Friday 29th March 2013** in the church.

This ceremony has the following parts :

1. The Reading of the Passion of Jesus
2. Solemn Prayers of the Faithful
3. Veneration of the Cross
4. Holy Communion



Saturday – The Sabbath Day

In the time of Jesus....



As this day is the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is left to lie in the tomb to be attended to and prepared for a proper burial on the next day.

For us in 2013...

The church is bare of cloths and the tabernacle is empty and open.
On this day we remember and pray with Jesus in the tomb.
There are no church services during the day, on this day.



Saturday 30th March 2013

Sunday

In the time of Jesus...

It is very late on Saturday evening / early Sunday morning when the sentry guarding the tomb flee the area and are too frightened to even speak of what they saw.....

It is early morning and the women arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They see that the stone is rolled back from the entrance. They enter the tomb and are told that Jesus has risen from

the dead.

They rush off to tell the Apostles.

"Who are you looking for?

The man you are looking for is not here, for He has Risen!"



Easter Sunday 31st March 2013

For us in 2013...

Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection begins with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening....



Easter Vigil The Vigil Mass is divided into four parts:

1. Service of light – the Pascal Candle is lit
2. Liturgy of the Word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism – Renewal of Baptismal promises.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In our church this begins on **Saturday 30th March @ 7pm.**

Mass of the Resurrection

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a special Easter Sunday Mass @ **10am on Sunday 31st March 2013.**



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Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz

**2013 SCHOOL
TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS**
 **Step forward
Piki ake**

If you can share your skills you can be a trustee

What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees.

School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place. Check out www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections/what-is-a-trustee-/ for more information regarding trusteeship.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association, through a Ministry of Education contract, provides free advice and support. They also fund a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

Your local Ministry of Education office also support and resource professional learning opportunities and guidance to boards.