



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**2013**

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**Bursar :** Patty Dudson  
**Parish Priest :** Fr Joe Stack  
**BOT Chairperson :** Simon Brdanovic

*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

**The Charism for this week is :**

## Stewardship

**Wow!!** The mammoth 12 week term has almost come to an end ! And it seems as though all of us; teachers and students, are ready for a well earned break to re-charge the batteries before we head into the winter terms.

Last Friday, we celebrated our sports people at a special sports assembly and it was a real joy to see how successful our students are when we see how they compete with other TA, Catholic and full primary schools. We are very blessed!

Next term, the winter sports begin and so we wish our students all the best as they again represent us so wonderfully.

Please have a really safe and happy holiday !!



### TERM DIARY

<b>WK 12</b>	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Last Day of Term One Whole School Assembly 2pm
	<b>Term 2</b>
<b>WK 1</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May : School opens for term 2 : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Honesty Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May : BOT Election - BOT parent information evening 6pm in R11 Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May : Opening Mass 9:15am-10:15am Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May : <b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b> Confirmation & Eucharist session 4@ 11.15am
<b>WK 2</b>	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Honesty Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May : BOT Election - All electoral Rolls close (supplementary Roll @ 12noon) Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May : BOT Election - nominations close @ 12noon Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May : Class Mass R5/6 @ 9:15am Y7/8 Catholic Touch Tourn- Hamilton Junior Team Assembly @ 2:30pm Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May : <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Confirmation & Eucharist session @ 11.15am

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.



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

"Persevere faithfully in your duties to God.

4<sup>th</sup>, September, 1876.

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

**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'**

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# 2013 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS



The electoral Roll has been compiled and can now be viewed in the school office. Nomination forms have been posted out this week, to all people on the

electoral roll, if you have not received your forms, please contact our returning officer Mrs Dana Macdonald at : [dana@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:dana@stpatta.co.nz) .The board is hosting a parent information evening on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm** in Room 11 (that's the first Wednesday back after the holidays). A reminder that there are 5 parent elected positions on our board, and the timeline for the electoral process is set out below :

Date	Action
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> May : Community information forums</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Call for nominations (nominations are open).</b>
Noon : 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Main Roll closes, supplementary roll opens
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Information Evening @ 6pm in Room 11
Noon : 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Supplementary Roll closes.
Noon : 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Nominations close
By 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Voting papers issued
Noon : 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Voting closes
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Votes counted, results declared
6 <sup>th</sup> June	New board takes office

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

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**PLEASE CONSIDER STANDING FOR ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

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

You will recall that last month the School wrote to all our parents and caregivers seeking contact details so we could create family groups within the School. As stated then, we believe there are numerous benefits in having families grouped together such as: socialising together with likeminded people similarly focused and supportive of our School, being a vehicle for involvement with School events, as well as a forum for discussion of School issues.

We have had a great response and have organised the vast majority of families into family groups. Last night we had an inaugural meeting of the co-ordinators for each group who will be in contact with each family in their particular cluster over the school holidays. Initially, the co-ordinator will introduce themselves and circulate contact information for that co-ordinator, and all other members of your particular group.

From next term we will regularly promote events which family groups can participate in, as well as acknowledge some of the successful activities that some groups may have been undertaking. The co-ordinator will then also contact you to make sure that important information about the School has been passed to you, as well as update you on School activities where you are able to be involved.

The Board strongly supports this initiative and encourages you to take part as much as possible. While not everyone will be able to participate or contribute in all events, there will be activities which will be of interest for everyone.

The Board also wishes to remind you about the upcoming Board of Trustee Elections and encourages all of you who may be interested to put their names forward. While all incumbent parent trustees' have indicated they will be standing again there will be strong benefits for our School if there are a wide range of candidates standing for election.

Finally, we wish all our community a safe and enjoyable holiday with your family.

Kind regards to all,

Simon Brdanovic  
Chairperson  
St Patricks Catholic School Board of Trustees

## Vinnies 2013

Our new Vinnies group is holding a Bring 'n' Buy on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 in term 2 week 2. This includes bringing old books and old toys. We will have more info closer to the time...



### ***Sister Margaret turns 80!***

Our beloved Sr Margaret turned 80 last Sunday and on Tuesday morning, we as a school, 'snuck' over onto her back lawn, quietly rung the doorbell and sang a joyous 'Happy Birthday' as a very surprised Sr Margaret opened the door! Every class made a card that was presented to her.



A surprised Sr Margaret!  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY!!!**

### ***Winter Uniform changeover...***

The winter uniform changeover is from Term Two. PLEASE NOTE : If your child is in the new uniform, short or long sleeve polo shirts can be worn.

**WINTER SHOES** : Please ensure that you purchase a plain black 'school' shoe as opposed to a sports/fashion shoe. If you cannot use nugget/shoe polish on the shoe, then they are the wrong shoe. Please also be aware of the heel . We are quite happy if the junior students have valcro 'laces' if they haven't mastered the shoe laces art yet! **HATS** : The normal practice is no hats in Terms 2 and 3, however as the weather still remain clear, there is enough heat in the sun to warrant having the hats here at school for at least the first part of the term.

### ***Advanced Notice...please mark your diaries***

There are two teacher only days next Term to enable our whole staff to attend Professional Development. The first date is **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** when all staff will attend a seminar conducted by Dr Megan McKenna at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Megan was a keynote speaker at the Catholic Schools Conference held in Wellington last year, where she was highly acclaimed. She has been invited back to New Zealand to speak to educational groups in all of our Dioceses. The second date is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** when most TA Schools will close and all staff will attend a one day conference at TA College. These were held annually up until a few years ago and have been re-instated and organized by the TA Principal's Association .

### ***School Pool..***

Our school pool is now closed, please return all keys to the office by the end of term.

### ***Family Groups formation...***

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

### ***From the Bursar...***

A huge thanks to those who have paid your child's accounts this term – these are now due. Thanks also to those who are paying the donations! Just a reminder that if you wish to pay online, our banking details are : ASB Te Awamutu : 12-3134-0048177-00.

If you do pay by this method, please drop me an email stating your name and what you are paying for to :

[patty@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:patty@stpatta.co.nz) .

Have a good break!

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
TOMORROW  
@  
2pm - HALL**

### ***Sacred Heart Girls' College Hamilton....***



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HAMILTON

invites you to our  
**OPEN DAY**

"Empowering young women to  
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**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013**

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Check the website for times of tours.

[www.shgcham.school.nz](http://www.shgcham.school.nz)

### ***Past pupils doing well.....***

Jacob Daly & Nathan Orange (St Johns) have been selected for the NZ Cross Whites U16 team (NZ Christians) that travel to Perth in September to compete in the Christian Football Federation Australia Tournament (against Australian State Christian teams) well done both of you.

Kieran Waldron, Liam Banks, Fjord Tadulan (St Johns), Simon Cox (Te Awamutu College), Brooke Edwards and Lucy Harder (Sacred Heart), all represented their schools at the recent Waikato Secondary School Swimming Championships at Water World in Hamilton.

It is great to see how well our past pupils are doing



## From Health Waikato – Population Health Whooping Cough....

NZ continues to experience an increase in Pertussis (Whooping Cough) which can be severe in infants and young children and very dangerous for young babies. It is easily spread. The symptoms are not always easy to recognise as they can vary according to the age of the person affected. Early symptoms can be similar to the common cold. The most common symptom is continuous coughing often (but not always) characterised by a high pitched whoop. The disease is usually milder in adolescents and adults and can consist of a persistent cough similar to that found in other upper respiratory infections. This group can easily spread the infection to others, including the more at risk groups mentioned above when they are unimmunized or partially immunized.

**Prevention :** Suspected cases should be encouraged to visit their GP and may require antibiotics which help to limit the spread but do not stop the coughing unless given at onset. **Children diagnosed with Whooping Cough should stay away from school for the first 5 days of the course of antibiotics or for 3 weeks if no antibiotics are administered.**

**Vaccination :** Due to the high rates of Whooping Cough, the Whooping Cough Vaccine is being offered to all pregnant women over 20 weeks of pregnancy to reduce the risk to newborn babies. Please contact your midwife, GP or practice nurse for more information.

**Limit the spread :** We recommend that children practice good cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene.



## PTA NEWS

**Entertainment Books 2013-2014.** Order forms have been sent home. This is a great way to get some really good discounts!!!



## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball...

Grading games continue this Saturday as below:

DRAW FOR: <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013</b>		
<b>St Pat's Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Verses / Court</b>
St Pats Silver	11:30am	Ray White Pirongia Flyers, C6
St Pats Yellow	2:50pm	Puahue Pearls, C2
St Pats Blue	1:10pm	St Pats Red, C4
St Pats Red	1:10pm	St Pats Blue, C4
St Pats White	9:00am	K Town Tigers, C2

### PLEASE NOTE – Holiday Netball :

Netball is on this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April (the first Saturday of the holidays), not on the 27<sup>th</sup> April (middle Saturday of the holidays) but resumes again on the 4<sup>th</sup> May (the last Saturday of the holidays).

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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

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Email : [stpatsteawa@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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

Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday



### Weekend Masses

**Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)**

**Sunday Mass – 10am**

### Gospel Reading

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2013:**

**John 10:27-30**

**I am the Good shepherd**



"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Junior Club nights start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and run every Monday during Term 2 & 3. It is a fun night for all juniors as well as a great opportunity to develop skills through coaching.

6pm-7pm Year 5-8 children

7pm-8pm Year 9 + children

A Junior membership is \$90 for 12 months and coaching is included during Junior Club nights.

Bring along non-marking shoes, drink bottle and a squash racquet if you have one.

Any queries please phone, Andrew Flay Juniors

Convenor 871 5541 or 027 371 5541.

### TA College Basketball

School Holiday 2 on 2 Comp Year 5/6 and

Year 7/8 **When:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April &

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4.30pm

**Where:** Open Wananga Court

55 Rickit Road, Te Awamutu

\$5 per night/player

To enter text 027 275 7343 or email

[tatigersbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:tatigersbasketball@yahoo.com)

See you there!



**ChatterBox Ltd**

### 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](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz) [www.chatterbox.net.nz](http://www.chatterbox.net.nz)

St. Pat's -Te Awamutu  
Mother Group  
25 year Anniversary

You are invited to a Potluck Lunch

B.Y.O drinks **Saturday 22nd June 2013**

From-midday onwards@ the home of Michelle Bocock

183 Parklands Road, Puhue

Carpool from St Pats Church carpark @ 11.30 am

Let us know the names of others who were involved

with the group and may wish to attend

Sally – [roger.sally@actrix.co.nz](mailto:roger.sally@actrix.co.nz)

Michelle – [markandmish@farmside.co.nz](mailto:markandmish@farmside.co.nz)

## Welcome to Te Awamutu College Premier Netball - Holiday Programme

Cost: \$40 per person \$60 per family

Where: Paper Plus

Te Awamutu Netball Centre

When: 23rd and 24th April (Two Days)

Time: 9am to 2pm (Both Days)

Bring Own Lunch and drink

Registration to [bakerfive@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:bakerfive@hotmail.co.nz)

OR 871 36900

Payment on the day before 9am.

Boys and Girls 5years – 12years

Learn some new netball skills, Balls Skills

Shooting Techniques, Defence, Midcourt skills

Programme run by Te Awamutu College

Premier Netball team as fundraising to attend

UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools

Competition)

Contacts Sue Swift (Coach): 021 110 2294 or

07 871 8204

Wendy Heta: 027 287 7300 or 07 870 6084

Gift Certificates & Spot Prizes



## It's My Turn To Cook Tonight Bosch School Holiday Program April 22 – 24

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cook in their own home, using their

food, cooking their dinner. Find out

more [www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com](http://www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com).



## HOT DRINKS

Tea and coffee contain caffeine, so they should be for adults only.

Milo has a lot of sugar in it (1 teaspoon Milo has ½ teaspoon of sugar), a low fat milky Milo is a good way to get calcium but limit the Milo to 1 teaspoon and don't add any sugar.





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