

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2013

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BOT Chairperson : Kyle Owens

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,
The Charism for this week is

IMPARTIALITY

Signs of success.....

Making my own mind up (not following the crowd)

Loving the person (but not the action)

Behaving with justice – deciding what is the right thing not based on prejudice.

Impartiality?

Today is the Feast of St Mary of The Cross MacKillop –

Today is the Feast of St Mary of The Cross MacKillop – and we will be honouring St Mary by having a school Mass at 9:15am.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

“May our loved patron and father, St Joseph, watch over us and obtain for us the spirit he wishes to see in his children.”

16th October 1898.

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



TERM DIARY

Wk 2	Fri 9 th Aug : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 3	Mon 12 th Aug Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Kindness Thur 15 th Aug : Feast of the Assumption SCHOOL MASS @ 9:15am : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 16 th Aug : Team 2 Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall
Wk 4	Mon 19 th Aug Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Kindness Thur 22 nd Aug : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 23 rd Aug : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 5	Mon 26 th Aug Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Honesty Thur 29 th Aug : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI : CI School Cross Country (Y7 & 8) Fri 30 th Aug : Team 2 Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall : St Pat's Cross Country

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.



GO THE CHIEFS!!!! WE WON!!!!

We raised \$350.10 which will be sent to the Caritas Development project in Tonga.

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Feast of the Assumption of Mary...

The school will attend Mass at 9:15am on the 15th August to celebrate the Assumption of Mary. The Assumption of Mary is the feast day that celebrates Mary's ascension into Heaven – body and soul. The belief of people ascending into heaven is part of both Jewish and Christian tradition. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary as official Church doctrine in 1915. ***It is a Holy Day of Obligation.*** As our Y7 & 8's are at Technology during this Mass, they will have a separate liturgy at 1:30pm in the church.



Fonterra Milk for Schools Programme

Some of you may remember your parents talking about the old Milk in Schools Programme that finished in 1967. Well the programme is back! This time initiated by Fonterra which is being rolled out nationwide for all children, Yr0-6. It will be happening in our school in a couple of weeks' time. More information will be sent home next week.



Baptism Preparation.

I have had a number of queries about whether we will be having a school-based baptismal programme this year. If your child has expressed an interest in being baptised, please register their name at the school office. This year we will offer the programme to students **who are at least 8 years old**. For children who are not yet 8, parents are invited to attend the programme that will be held in the Parish Lounge on Monday 19th August at 7:30pm.



Welcome to....

Kaleb Chapman (R10) and Tara Old (R4). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sacrament Strand

We are now learning about the Sacraments and the part they play in our lives to help us on our Life Journey – Te Wa.

Year 1: How we can share in the goodness and holiness of God and know that God is all around us; Things we do at home and at Church that are called rituals. That Sunday is the day to celebrate the Eucharist to worship God.

Year 2: What happens at Baptism (a special meeting with Jesus) that welcomes people into God's whanau, the Church; That in Baptism people share in the life of the Trinity and in the tapu and mana of God; How people are welcomed at Eucharist.

Year 3: How to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance - to receive the forgiveness and peace of Jesus - and become friends with God and one another once more when we have sinned; About praying for forgiveness during the Celebration of the Eucharist.

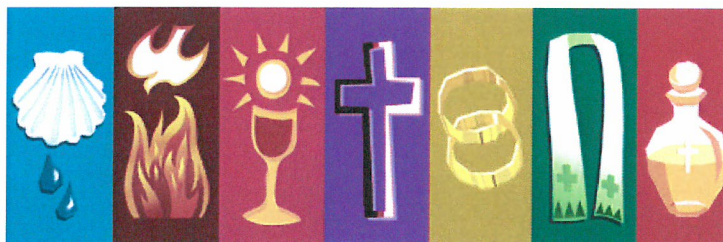
Year 4: How to recognise signs that God is with us and around us; The meaning of rituals and symbols in everyday life and in the celebrations of the Sacraments; About the celebration of the Eucharist as a sacred meal where the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Year 5: How Jesus healed people in mind, body and soul; How Jesus heals people through the Sacraments of Healing today; How each Sacrament brings a special grace to people; How people can participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Year 6: The meaning of Sacrament in the lives of Catholics; About the Sacraments of Initiation and what they are for in people's lives; About the Celebration of the Eucharist as a sacrifice

Year 7: About the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing and Commitment, especially the Sacrament of Holy Orders; How the celebration of the Eucharist strengthens people to serve others; How God is with people in both the sad and happy times of life.

Year 8: What the Church understands about the vocation and Sacrament of Christian marriage and the rite of the Sacrament of Marriage; What it means to live a committed Christian life; The meaning of the Eucharist as Holy Communion.





DON'T FORGET - New to the Friday Lunch Orders for the Winter Season....

****** Toasty Pies******

Delicious filling in a pizza wrap - **\$2.50**

Flavours : Ham & Cheese, Meatlovers,
Hawaiian (Heart Tick)

Lost...

- One PE school top named "McKay."
- School Jersey named "Keira Buckley."

Please return these to the office if they have made their way home to your place.

Centennial : "Our Lady of the Snows School in Methven (formally known as the Convent School) is celebrating its centennial on the weekend of the 18-19th of October 2013. To see the programme or register please contact the Secretary, Annmarie McCloy Phone 03 3021817 e-mail g.a.mccloy@xtra.co.nz. Registrations close on Friday October 4th."

2013 NIWA Waikato Science & Technology

Fair... The following children have been selected to represent our school at the 2013 NIWA Waikato Science & Technology Fair:

Lauren Higgs and Syth Tadulan – 'Plastic Fantastic.'
Kelly Cho and Mya Meadows – 'Growing Bacteria.'
Jack Lanting – 'Does the weight of wood change as it dries.'
Tatenda Mandava, Ciaran Thomson and Bayley Orr – 'What material flies the best as a plane.'
Chloe Veale and Niamh Cooper – 'Appetite for our Eyes.'
Gabrella Payne and Eloise Livingstone – 'White Wash'.
Abigail Mansell and Aylish Waldron – 'Watching Paint Dry.' You can view these along with all the other entries from around the Waikato at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion on the following days.

• **Friday, 23 August**

Public viewing 9:00am – 5.00pm.

• **Saturday, 24 August**

Public viewing 9:00 – 2:00pm.

Congratulations to...

Congratulations to Chloe Veale who competed in the Swimming Waikato Short Course Championship winning a Gold medal for 800M Freestyle and a Silver for her 400M Freestyle and has now qualified for three races at the National Division 2 Competition.

Agricultural Day 2013...

Spring is here and it is time to start thinking about Agricultural Day 2013. Our school date has yet to be set, however Group Day is on Wednesday 23rd October. Entry forms are available from the office and will be accepted with the \$5.00 entry fee. Happy bonding!



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear parents and caregivers,

Resignation of Simon Brdanovic

Simon has forwarded his resignation to the Board after serving many years as both Parent Representative and for the past term as Board Chairman. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Simon and his family for his tremendous efforts and the time that he has put into his roles on our board.

Policy Review

As part of our role as Governors to the school, we are required to prescribe operational policy for how the school should be run. We have been performing self review audits as part of this process. Part of our focus in the forthcoming months will continue to, through our self review processes, to ensure that the policies are being effective for the delivery of education to our children.

Kyle Owens
Chairperson

PTA NEWS

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser will continue this term - **every Wednesday!!!**



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country this term.....

Dates to Remember...

Thursday 29th August – Catholic Interschool School Cross Country, Porritt Stadium, Hamilton. (Year 7 and 8)

Friday 30th August 12noon-2:30pm – St. Patrick's School Cross Country (Saving Day Monday 2nd September)

Wednesday 4th September – Waikato Full Primary Cross Country, Stanley Ave, Te Aroha. (Year 7 and 8)

Friday 13th September – Interschool Cross Country, Kihikih Domain Kihikih. (Ages 8-10)

School Cross Country Training...

All students are currently involved with Cross Country training and already the benefits of this is evident. They are running on most days, so please insure they have their PE uniform with them each day. Parent Help is require for our Cross Country, which is on Friday 30th August, 12noon to 2.30pm. Thank you to the one parent who has currently put their name forward to help.

As well as help for this day we need Parent Help for a school training afternoon where we will run the full cross country course. This will be on Thursday 22nd August from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. If you are able to help on either of these two days please email

michelle@stpatta.co.nz

Brain Break Update...

As you are all aware, St. Patrick's has changed the bell times this term, to include a Brain Break during the middle block. There has been some positive results from this change. One thing that teachers have noticed is that some children's energy levels seem to drop off after the brain break. This may be because children are not having sufficient morning tea at interval time. We wish to encourage children to have a little more substantial morning tea and this may be as simple as replacing a bag of chips with a banana or something more staple, including maybe making an extra sandwich to be eaten during playtime.

The food nuggets have some great ideas !

Gymnastics...

For the next five weeks the whole school will be involved in Gymnastics. This programme is run in our hall, involving floor routines, tramp, vault and beam. There are many skills involved in these apparatus and students are encouraged to develop these skills at their own level.

Netball...

DRAW FOR: <i>Saturday 10th August 2013</i>		
Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Silver	11:30am	Pokuru Diamonds, Ct6
St Pats Yellow	9:00am	Pekerau Spirit, Ct6
St Pats Blue	10:40am	TAS Pulse, Ct4
St Pats Red	9:00am	TAI Dreamers, Ct2
St Pats White	11:30am	K Town Tigers, Ct2

Future Ferns Netball...

DRAW FOR: <i>Saturday 3rd August 2013</i>		
Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Pink	11:30	Pirongia Dolphins, Ct8
St Pats Purple	9:50am	Pekerau Belonging, Ct7
St Pats Green	1:10pm	Te Pahu Stars, Ct7

Basketball...

DRAW FOR: <i>Monday 12th August 2013</i>		
Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Eagles	6:00pm	TAPS Breakers, Ct1
St Pats Hawks	5:00pm	Paterangi Lakers, Ct2
St Pats Falcons	7:00pm	TAI Strukt, Ct1

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

"FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE BEST"

False. If you like eating fresh fruit and veg, go for it – it's an excellent snack, much better than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned food are great options too. Just watch the syrup (sugar) and salt levels in the canned fruit, but otherwise go bananas!



"FISH IS BRAIN FOOD"

True! Fish is full of essential fatty acids called omega 3. Omega 3 helps the brain to send messages around the body. The stronger your brain is at sending messages the better your body will work! So make sure you eat 1 or 2 serves of fish a week to boost your brain power!



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Secretary : Julia Organ

Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday – Friday



Mass Times

Wednesday – Friday 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday
with Benediction around 10:30am

Weekend Masses

Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading. Sunday 11th August 2013

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Luke 12:32-48 'See that you are dressed for action
and your lamps are lit.'*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Waikato Touch Association Junior Trials and skills days...

From September 2013 Waikato Touch will be holding Junior Skills Sessions for players that are wanting to trial for the Under 9, 11, 13, 15 and under 17 age groups.

The dates set for the junior skills sessions are:

VENUE: STEELE PARK, COOK STREET, HAMILTON

Players are to register each week prior to skills and trial day at the specified area Registration times are:

Under 9-13's 2.15-2.45pm ready to start at 3.00pm

Under 15-17's 3.45- 4.15pm ready to start at 4.30pm

Date / Session/ Time

Sundays : 15, 22, 29 Sept , 6 Oct

Under 9-13's play 3 -4pm (2:15-2:45pm. Ready to start 3pm)

Under 15-17's play 4:30 – 5:30pm (3:45-4:15pm. Ready to start 4:30pm)

Trials will be held: Sunday 13 October 2013

Under 9-13's 3pm - 4pm

Under 15-17's 4.30pm – 5.30pm

If you are interested, registration forms and more information can be emailed to you. Email maree@stpatta.co.nz for a copy.

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