



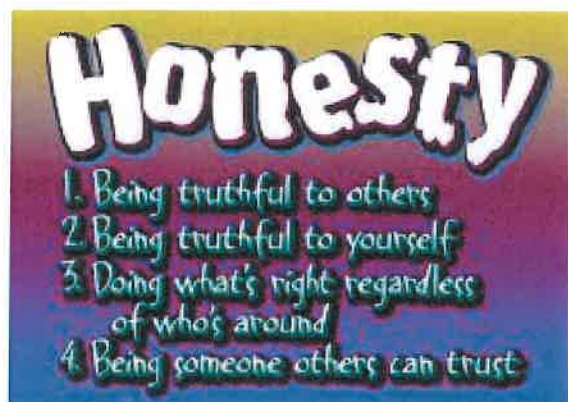
# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2013**

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**Bursar :** Patty Dudson  
**Parish Priest :** Fr Joe Stack  
**BOT Chairperson :** Kyle Owens

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



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

"May God give you patience  
and courage in your sufferings."  
March 1904.

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



**COMMUNITY MASS – THIS  
SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September @  
10AM – ALL  
WELCOME!**



## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 6</b>	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept : Team 1 Assembly @2:30pm
<b>Wk 7</b>	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept : <b>COMMUNITY MASS @ 10AM</b> Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept : <b>BOOK FAIR WEEK</b> : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Stewardship Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept : Hockey Tournament Y5-8 (Hamilton) Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept : TA I/Schs X Country @ Kihikihi ages 8-10 : Team 2 Assembly @2.15pm
<b>Wk 8</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept : CH: Stewardship : Grandparents Day : morning/ Mass @9:15am Book Fair available this day... Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept : BOT Meeting 6pm : Photolife Portraits - AM Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm : Maungatautari Rms 6-9 : Snow Trip Rm 9
<b>Wk 9</b>	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH :Stewardship Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept : 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](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar)  
as this is updated as events or changes come to light.

**BOOK FAIR  
NEXT WEEK !!**



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**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

### Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Kyle Owens, Chairperson

Board of Trustees

St Patrick's Catholic School,

PO Box 300, Te Awamutu, 3840

**by: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Signed: Dana Macdonald

Returning Officer

**This notice was first published in the TA Courier on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**

### WHAT'S YOUR WHĀNAU DOING?

Conservation Week 8 - 15 Sept



### Conservation Week is next week !!

**A note from the Enviro team....**

### 'Celebrate Conservation Week!

What's your whānau doing?' is the theme for Conservation Week this year. New Zealanders and their whānau—whether that's families, friends, sports teams, office mates, flatmates, or any group that considers themselves whānau—will be encouraged to make a pledge for conservation.

You and your whānau will be able to choose a pledge from a list of fun activities. By registering your pledge, you'll also go in the draw to win some cool prizes.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/conservation-week/>

### Agricultural Day 2013...

St Patrick's Ag Day is confirmed for **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013**. This date differs from other years as the Seniors are away on camp. Entry forms are available from the office and will be accepted with the \$5.00 entry fee. Please confirm placements **as soon as possible**. Happy bonding!



### Photolife Portrait Photos only.....

The photolife portraits will now be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Further information will be sent out soon. Class and Sports teams photos will be taken in Term 4

## Fonterra Milk for Schools Programme



We are in the second week of The Fonterra milk for schools programme. Thank you to those who have sent their forms in. If you have not done so please return these to the office.

### BOOK FAIR WEEK – Starts next week

Our annual book fair will be held from September 9-16.

This year we will hold the Book Fair upstairs in the old uniform room (above Room 12). The Fair will come in boxes this

year as we will not be able to lug the big stands upstairs. Therefore we will need help to set it up on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, and pull it down on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept (day after Grandparent's Day). If you are able to help with this, please contact Cass or the Office. Had you considered buying books to be donated to the Library this year.



### GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Grandparent's Day is on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. The day will

start with Mass or a Liturgy @ 9:15am. The Book Fair will be available for viewing (& sales) on this day also.



## DAFFODIL DAY

Well done, we raised \$245.00

### Parent Survey... Parent information evenings...

Thanks to 40 parents who responded to the recent survey on surveymonkey.

**The results :** The most favoured night was Tuesday (43.59%). 87.5% would attend if meetings were restricted to 1½ hours. The favoured time was 5:30-6pm (25%). Topics were fairly evenly supported, depending on the year level of the child of the respondent.

**Decision :** We have made the decision that any parent information evening, will happen on a Tuesday @ 5:30pm for no longer than an hour to an 1½ hours.

## ***Parent Information Evening – Keeping Ourselves Safe..***

Thanks to the six parents who attended this evening. Constable Leesa Brookes showed the powerpoint to the parents who were present.

Please follow this link to the powerpoint (on our website) that was shared at this evening :

<http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1705/pages/392-keeping-ourselves-safe-2013>

## ***Parent Information Evening.... For parents of Y6 students moving into Y7 next year.***

Parents of Y6 students have been invited to an information evening to show what we offer for our Year 7 and 8 students. The meeting is at **5:30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Room 11**. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

## ***Magic Science Show.....***

Last Thursday afternoon Rooms 5-11 were treated to a spectacular Magic Science Show in the hall. Dr Natalija Kravchenko from Te Awamutu College came and showed the students the magic of chemistry. Between the gasps of wonder and surprise, and the scratching of heads, tea miraculously changed colour when poured from one glass to another, containers of water changed colour when swirled around, paper set on fire that didn't burn and exploding canisters, the students left in total amazement at what they had seen. ..and I can categorically state that there was nothing hidden up Dr Kravchenko's sleeves as thought by one of the senior students.

## ***Baptism Preparation Process.***

Thank you to those parents who have responded to this information. PLEASE, could you have your replies in by tomorrow. Replies indicate that we will be running a Baptismal preparation process. Information will come home to those interested next week.



## ***Lost.....***

School shirt size 6 with the name Higginson on the bottom hem. If found please return to the office.

## ***PTA NEWS***

There will be no more sausage sizzle on Wednesdays. Thank you to all the parents who have helped make this successful.



## ***SPORTS NEWS***

### ***School Cross Country***

Last Friday our School held the School Cross Country for 2013. This turned into a great day with a lot of parents, grandparent and caregiver support. The children became red faced and smiling with their efforts. Our daily brain break running times have given children the opportunity to practice and improve their running. The Interschool Cross Country Team will continue to use this time to keep improving their fitness for their upcoming event.

Results for the School Cross Country can be found on the school website.

### ***Waikato Full Primary Cross Country***

Yesterday a team of 14 year 7 and 8 runners travelled to Te Aroha for a growling 3.6km cross country run. St. Patrick's was represented in each category with Mya Meadows placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 Girls. With over 100 runners in each category St. Patrick's children ran with determination and pride. Well done to all of this team who all gave 100%.

Results for this can be found on our website.





### **8-11 year old Cross Country Inter School**

We will be taking a team of 58 runners to Kihikihi on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September to compete against five other schools on the Kihikihi cross country course. Permission slips for this came home on Tuesday.

### **Touch Rugby**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Touch Rugby is starting up again in Term 4. We are currently looking for coaches and managers for our teams. If you are able to provide help with this Thursday afternoon event please contact [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz). Permission slips will come home on Monday for those year 5-8 interested students.

### **Representative Rugby**

Last Sunday, St. Patrick's was well represented in both the Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby Rep Teams.

The Year 5 team won their competition, represented by Kahurangi Tamaki-Woolly, Dylan Gunn and Cameron Lindsay from St. Pats.

The Year 6 team placed 4<sup>th</sup> with St Patrick's students Harry Livingstone, Harry Russ, Rueben Ngapo, Kiriana Nolan and Liam Shaw.

This competition involved three, hour games in Cambridge against teams from surrounding areas.



### **Other sports...**

**Rural Hockey Tournament** at Innes Common on Tuesday 10th September, where we have four teams attending.

### **Basketball Finals...**

<b>DRAW FOR: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013</b>		
<b>Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Verses / Court</b>
St Pats Eagles	5.00pm	TAPS Breakers/ 2
St Pats Hawks	5.30pm	Paterangi Lakers/ 2
St Pats Falcons	7.00pm	TAI Strukt/ 1

### **Congratulations to Sharon Braithwaite...**

Sharon who helps us at the school every Thursday, went to Wellington last week to compete in the IHC Art Awards. The 30 national finalists had their art work exhibited at the Renouf Foyer, Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. Sharon was a finalist and had her art work sold at auction. Well done Sharon!



God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

**'EVERYONE NEEDS TO PUSH  
PLAY 30 MINUTES A DAY'**

False. Adults need to push play for at least 30 minutes each day, but children need at least 60 minutes of huff and puff a day. So get star jumping, riding your bike, running around and playing games/sports that will increase your huff and puff time to keep you fit and healthy!



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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

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Parish Council Chairperson : Nick Prendergast

Office Hours: 8am – 12noon Tuesday – Friday



#### Mass Times

##### Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday 9.15am

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

#### Weekend Masses

**23<sup>rd</sup> Week in ordinary time**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)

**Sunday Mass – 10am**

**Community (Parish/School) Mass**

**Gospel Reading : Luke 14:25-33**

**'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up  
all his possessions.'**

**Social Justice Week is next week** with  
the focus being..

**Walk Alongside: Meaningful work for the  
young worker**

This year's Social Justice Week on 8-14 September  
focuses on meaningful work for young people in an age  
of unemployment or uncertain work. Almost 45 per  
cent of those currently seeking work in New Zealand are  
aged 15-24. Follow this link to the CARITAS website  
<http://www.caritas.org.nz/resources/social-justice-week>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TA YMI Gymnastics Club

**Our sessions are:**

PLAYGYM (Pre-school) - 9.30-10.30 Mon

5-8 yr olds - 4.00-4.50pm Mon

8-10 yr olds - 5.00 - 5.50pm Mon

Plus we offer further classes for older children and  
teenagers

Please contact Leanne for queries and enrolment details  
07 871 5026

or visit our website: [www.sportsground.co.nz/taymigym](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/taymigym)

Please note: Some classes are currently full this term  
and you may need to wait until the beginning of next  
term

### 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](mailto:maree@stpatta.co.nz) for a copy.

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