

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2013

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Parish Priest : Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson : Kyle Owens

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

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"I cannot feel sufficiently grateful to our good God."
15th May 1873.

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



Welcome to....

Tylah Atkinson & Aaron Mukundu (R4).
We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.



TERM DIARY

Wk 7	Fri 13 th Sept : TA I/Schs X Country @ Kihikihi ages 8-10 POSTPONED TO MONDAY 16th September : Team 2 Assembly @ 2.15pm
Wk 8	Mon 16 th Sept : CH: Stewardship : Grandparents Day : Liturgy @ 9:15am - Book Fair available this day... (last day) : TA I/Schs X Country @ Kihikihi ages 8-10 Wed 18 th Sept : Maungatautari Rms 6-9 : BOT Meeting 6pm : Photolife Portraits - AM Thur 19 th Sept : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 20 th Sept : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm : Trip to Mt Ruapehu - Snow Trip (Y6)
WK 9	Mon 23 rd Sep : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH :Stewardship Fri 27 th Sept : Whole school assembly @ 2pm.

TERM HOLIDAYS

Term 4	Mon 14 th Oct : MONTH OF THE ROSARY
WK 1	: CH : Creativity : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am : Wgton Camp (all week) - Y7/8. Thur 17 th Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 18 th Oct : School Mass to begin T3 @ 9:15am

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

http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar as this is updated as events or changes come to light.

Grandparent's Day is on this **Monday 16th September.**
see further information in this newsletter.



BOOK FAIR - this week!!

Our annual book fair is now open before school and from 2:30pm each day upstairs in the old uniform room (above Room 12). Have you considered buying books to be donated to the Library this year?



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'



Is on Monday 16th September.

Timetable of events

- Liturgy in the church @ 9:15am
- (After the liturgy, grandparents may wish to go to the TA Interschools Cross Country @ Kihikihi Domain which was postponed from Friday 13th September)
- Morning Tea – our shout!
- 10:50am -12:40pm : Back to school ! Have a look around the classrooms – see how school operates nowadays!!
- 12:40pm – You are very welcome to 'bring your school lunch' – in your schoolbag if you wish! And eat with your grandchild.

The Bookfair is open this day – so you are welcome to have a look there after lunch.

COMMUNITY MASS – Last Sunday

You missed a great liturgy last Sunday and it was so great to see such a 'packed church'!
The Vinnie's made \$201.70 from their cake stall after Mass. Well Done!!!

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 24th September 2013**

Signed : Dana Macdonald

Returning Officer

(This notice was first published in the TA Courier on Tuesday 27th August 2013.)

Photolife School Photos

Portrait photos will now be taken on **Mon 23rd September. NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE.**

Order forms for these have been sent out. If you wish to purchase a group sibling photo, order forms can be collected from the office.



Class and Sports Team Photos will be taken on **FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER**. Order forms will be sent home soon.

Mid Year National Standards Data

Most of our students are progressing really well towards the relevant standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. The data is summarized below :

In Reading (% students)				
Year	Well Below	Working towards	Already At	Already Above
1	0	67.6	29.7	2.7
2	0	64.0	32.0	4.0
3	5.0	95.0	0	0
4	13.3	83.4	3.3	0
5	5.4	78.4	16.2	0
6	0	92.5	7.5	0
7	5.6	94.0	0	0
8	11.1	83.3	5.6	0
School	4.9	86.7	8.0	0.4

In Writing (% students)				
Year	Well Below	Working towards	Already At	Already Above
1	0	72.9	27.1	0
2	4.0	72.0	24.0	0
3	10.0	90.0	0	0
4	16.7	80.0	3.3	0
5	5.4	86.5	8.1	0
6	2.5	92.5	5.0	0
7	11.1	88.9	0	0
8	8.3	86.2	5.5	0
School	6.8	84.1	9.1	0

In Maths (% students)				
Year	Well Below	Working towards	Already At	Already Above
1	0	73.0	27.0	0
2	0	88.0	12.0	0
3	2.5	97.5	0	0
4	26.6	66.7	6.7	0
5	13.5	83.8	2.7	0
6	2.5	87.5	10.0	0
7	11.0	83.4	5.6	0
8	11.0	83.5	5.5	0
School	7.9	83.4	8.7	0

Agricultural Day 2013...

St Patrick's Ag Day is confirmed for **Monday 21st 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!



Baptism Preparation

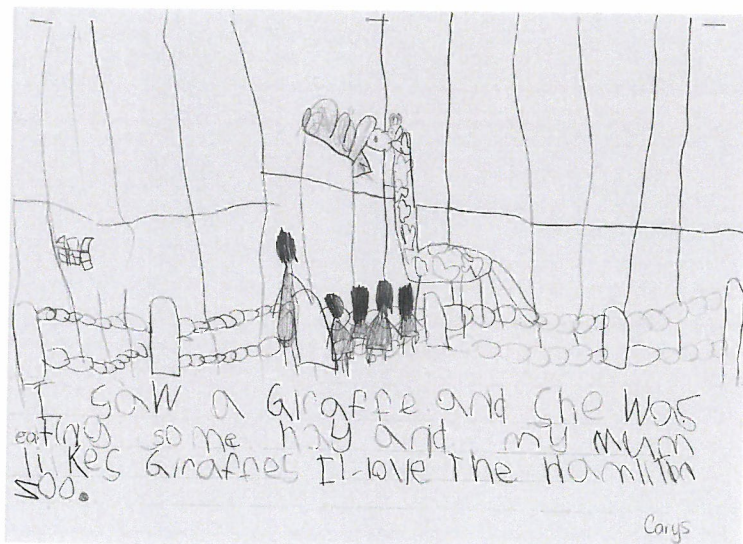
Process. Thank you to those parents who have responded to this information. PLEASE, could you have your replies in by tomorrow. Currently we have interest from 14 students and so there will be a programme running. Information will come home to those interested tomorrow.



Hamilton Zoo Trip....

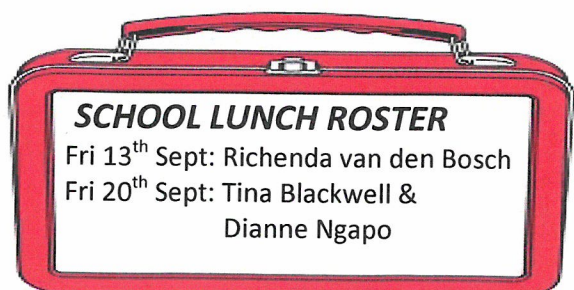
On a slightly sunny, slightly wet Wednesday, Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 went on a bus to the Hamilton Zoo. This term we are learning about Communication and the focus of our visit was to witness how animals communicate. We thought it would be a grand idea to visit the zoo and listen and watch the amazing animals that are lucky enough to live there. We had a fantastic time watching the Keas destroy the egg cartons they were given by the keeper. Half way through our visit our prayers had failed and it started to rain a little. Chimpanzees are like us and don't like the rain so we got to watch them in their houses climbing up and over things.

We had a great day and want to say thank you to all of the parents who came with us and especially Sharon Buckley who drove the bus for us.



Parent Information Evening – Year 6 students moving into Year 7 (2014).

Thanks to the 14 parents who came to this evening on Tuesday.



SCHOOL LUNCH ROSTER

Fri 13th Sept: Richenda van den Bosch
Fri 20th Sept: Tina Blackwell & Dianne Ngapo

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior and Senior school assemblies on Friday 6th September 2013.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Kindness"

Paige Hughes	Janelle Koorey
Ruby Loomb	Lucas van den Bosch
Jossie Fonoti	Caitlin Jowsey-Bourke

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Lily Hayes	Natasha Linton
Sebastian Jones	Sean Mohring
Gemma Baker-Horan	Izacc Growe-Lolesi
Max Southcombe	Kiriana Nolan
Mya Meadows	Arden Mason
Grea Wells-Dally	Shantel O'Keeffe
Johnny Mahutonga	

CHARISM AWARDS – "Honesty"

Keira Buckley	Fionn McDaid
Emerson Lee	Hollie Broughton
Sam McQuilkin	Penelope Rice

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Sam Overdevest	Lylah Wood
Georgia Kendrick	Maddison Wardlaw
Corben Campbell	Jade Brindle
Tylah Mackie	Tara Old
Abraham Subritzky	Ben Grainger
Zarian Growe-Lolesi	Madison Chisholm

Fonterra Milk for Schools Programme

The Fonterra milk for schools programme (Y0-6) is now in its third week of operation. We are having issues with students deciding not to have the milk – every day- when parents have not indicated that they wish their child to NOT be part of the programme. This is beginning to affect our supplies as we continue getting milk for students who are regularly deciding that they don't want it. If you DO NOT wish your child to be part of the programme, please just let the office know and we will amend the master class lists, and your child will then not receive milk.

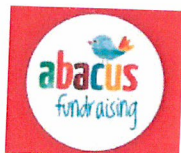


PTA NEWS

Calendar Art...Calendars 2014

These make GREAT Christmas gifts for friends and family!!!

Watch this space!!



Helpers for Grandparent's Day .

PTA are running the Grandparents morning tea this year. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the office with your name and mobile phone number.

Fillies Night.

The PTA would like to run another Fillies night this year. This event raised the school over \$6,000.00 for our school. If anyone is interested in coming to a planning meeting please leave your name and number with the office and the PTA will be in contact.

Lunchtime Gala....

Look out for the Year 7 and 8 Lunchtime School Gala....on the last day of term.

From the Bursar - Student Accounts...

Student accounts for Term 3 will come home tomorrow.

The accounts include the ICT and RE Digital Resource Donations up to Term 3.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque and eftpos (at the school office.)

Payments can also be made via internet banking - our Bank A/c Number is : 12-3134-0048177-00, please include in the 'our reference' area, your family name and child's name.

Accounts queries can be directed to our bursar Patty Dudson - email: patty@stpatta.co.nz

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Results for our School Cross Country & WFPS Cross Country can be found on the school website. Please follow the link : <http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1361/pages/326-cross-country>

Te Awamutu Interschools (8-11 year old) Cross Country.

We will be taking a team of 58 runners to Kihikihi on Friday 13th September [STOP PRESS – Due to the heavy rains of today, the Cross Country is POSTPONED and is now on Monday 16th September] to compete against five other schools on the Kihikihi cross country course.

Hockey – Rural Primary Schools Hockey Tournament



'St Pat's Aces' at the Rural Primary School's Hockey Tournament in Hamilton.

On the 10th of September the Yr 5,6,7, and 8's played in a hockey tournament at the Gallagher's hockey turf. Mrs Russ entered four teams in the tournament with two been an all-girls team one been an all-boys team and a mixed team. Each team played five 15 minute games each team were very successful. Overall each team had a great day and played very well. Thank you to the parents who came and supported, or helped transport us over there . A big thanks to Mrs Russ for organising it and getting us there.

Written by Mya Meadows & Grea Wells-Dally

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.

Permission slips will come home on Monday for those year 5-8 interested students.

Basket Ball.

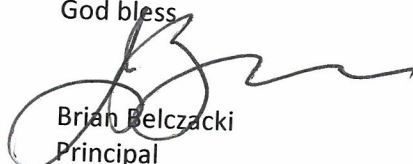
Our Basketball teams played their final game on Monday 9th September.

From the Sports Co-ordinator....

Sports Uniforms...

Please return all Netball and Basketball uniforms returned to the school office in a named bag. Please also check for any tracksuits, netball or basketball tops that might not have been returned by older siblings that have left our school now. Thank –you.

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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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

24th Week in ordinary time

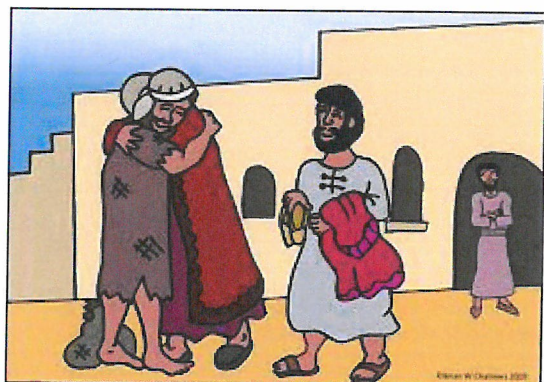
Sunday 15th September 2013

Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading : Luke 15:1-32

'The prodigal Son'.



'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!



COMMUNITY NEWS

REWARD A SPORT MAKER by nominating them now!

From the coaches and officials, to the uniform washers and administrators, a Sport Maker is someone who volunteers their time and effort for sport in the Waikato region.

Nominate the Sport Maker that makes a difference in your sport. All nominees go in the draw for the chance to receive some awesome sporting gear!

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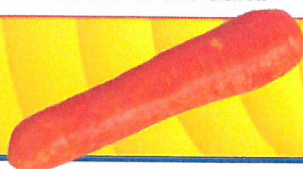
Ample Parking
9 am – 3 pm

Saturday September 28th

Wet or fine
NO DOGS PLEASE!

"CARROTS HELP YOU TO SEE BETTER IN THE DARK"

True! Carrots are an excellent source of Vitamin A (retinol), which has many helpful functions in the body. One of Vitamin A's great jobs is to help keep our eyes healthy so that we can see better in the dark!



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