

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

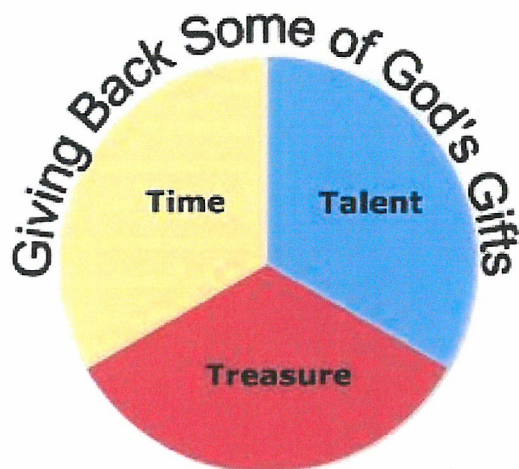
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2013

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

Stewardship



Have a great break with your children, by spending time we can share our talents and by sharing our talents, we will find true treasure.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Remain firmly united."
25th September 1873.
St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop...Pray for us.



END OF TERM MASS – 9:15am
TOMORROW, FRIDAY 27th
SEPTEMBER – ALL WELCOME

TERM DIARY

WK 9	Fri 27 th Sep : End of Term Mass 9:15am : School Lunchtime Gala 12:15pm – 1:45pm : Whole school assembly @ 2pm.
TERM HOLIDAYS	
Term 4 WK 1	Mon 14 th Oct : MONTH OF THE ROSARY : CH : Creativity : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am : Wgton Camp (all week) – Y7/8. Thur 17 th Oct : NO Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 18 th Oct : School Mass to begin T3 @ 9:15am
Wk 2	Mon 21 st Oct : MONTH OF THE ROSARY : CH : Creativity : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am : School Agricultural Day Wed 23 rd Oct : Group Agricultural Day Thur 24 th Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI : Baptism Prep course (3) 12:45-1:30pm : Baptism Prep – parents session 3:15-4pm Fri 25 th Oct : Class Mass (R4 & 7) @ 9:15am : Photolife – Class/Sports Photos. : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 3	Mon 28 th Oct – LABOUR DAY (School closed) Tue 29 th Oct : CH : Respect : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Thur 31 st Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI : Baptism prep (4) 12:45-1:30pm : Baptism prep (practice for ALL) – Church 3:15pm Fri 1 st Nov : ALL SAINTS DAY – School Mass 9:15am : Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly @ 2:15pm

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.



Welcome to....

Lily Priscott & Aidan Battensby (R4).
We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.

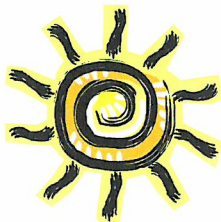
Our Vision: 'To provide 21st century learning in a Catholic environment which empowers children to strive for excellence'.

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Reminder – summer uniform – Term 4

Now is the time to start getting the summer uniform organized which includes HATS.

HATS.. HATS.. HATS... You will note that the new uniform has provision for a bucket hat (as opposed to caps which we want to phase out.



**LUNCHTIME GALA – MUFTI DAY!!
TOMORROW !!!**

**See information coming home
today!!!**

**Whole School Assembly
Tomorrow,
Friday 27th September @ 2pm –Hall**

Photolife School Photos

Class and Sport Team Photos are on Friday 25th October.

NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE. Order forms for these have been sent out. If you wish to purchase a group sport team photo, order forms can be collected from the office. Order forms were sent home last week.

PLEASE NOTE : That the date printed on these envelopes (Weds 18th Oct) IS NOT CORRECT, the correct date is : Friday 25th October.



Agricultural Day 2013...

Entries have been finalised!
Any changes between the 26th September and Monday 21st October please email me at michelle@stpatta.co.nz

Please be advised that parent-help confirmation will come home in your child's bag.

Reminder: Group Day is Wednesday, 23rd October at Kihikihi Domain. Entries will be taken on our St Patrick's Ag Day.



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Redevelopment of School Site Plan

The Board are currently working with the Catholic School's Office in looking into a major re-shape of the school buildings. The Board have been charged with developing this proposal, with the purpose being to reflect the changes in teaching and to develop modern learning environments that include a move away from 'single' cell classrooms.

To this end, a delegation of staff & board, three weeks ago travelled to recently renovated schools in Hamilton and Auckland to look and see how they have created modern learning environments.

This was very exciting and the development of opportunity is endless to allow children to learn in larger and open 'pod' environments. We will be sharing this information with you, so watch this space....

School Policies

We have started on a review of the school policies and at the last meeting passed a new self review policy to enable the Board to govern and monitor better the current policy and procedures of the school.

Family Groups

We would like to get these groups into gear again, especially over the forthcoming summer months. The idea behind this was to develop and foster relationships with those people who live nearby to you. Your children need not be in the same class but it is seen as a way of a welcoming family structure for new families into the school. I understand that our lives are often busy, but I would ask that you please do get behind these groups and make them work to build a stronger family culture for the school.

Kind regards
Kyle Owens
Board Chair

Lost...

x1 size 6 School top named "Seth Hopgood" in the collar.
x1 school shirt, size 6 with the name "Higginson" on the bottom hem.
x1 School Jersey named "Searle".
x1 School jersey named "Sophie O".
<i>If these have returned to your house please return to the office..</i>

Yr 7 & 8s Wellington Camp....

Yr 7 & 8s will be on camp during the first week of Term 1 (14th-18th October). They will be leaving at 5.30am on the Monday.



Maungatautari Trip...



The weather was perfect for Rooms 6, 7 and 8 when they went to Maungatautari for their trip with their twelve stalwart parents who had offered to drive children up there and help supervise a group. At Pukeatua School we were met by Tom Lynch the ranger and his two helpers: Sue and Jeff. We all packed into the school's hall for a very interesting introductory talk by Tom. We then split up into three groups and were off round the wetland area, Tuatarium and Southern Enclosure. Our group was lucky enough to see a newly acquired Saddleback close up and a big old Tuatara sunning himself. The Kakas in the enclosure followed us all the way hoping for a treat I guess. At the end we all piled back on the bus and got back to school just in time for the bell.

SKI TRIP to Whakapapa.

On Friday 20th September the Year 6's were going on a ski trip to Mt Ruapehu. We had to be at school by 6.00am. However when we arrived at school most of us were still half asleep just thinking of how they could be in bed.

When we were in Taumaranui we found out that the ski field was closed. We still went up to the snow and played in the icy cold snow. Miss Knight had a great plan to go to National Park rock climbing. It was a great thing for the Year 6's to bond with each other. Overall we had a great day even though it didn't go to plan.

By: Anika Bailey, Kiriana Nolan, Erin Penny



PTA NEWS

Grandparents Day... what a great day!!!

The PTA would like to acknowledge their kind

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Fillies Night.

The PTA would like to run another Fillies night this year. This event raised over \$6,000.00 for our school when it was last run in 2011. *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 **tomorrow!!!** Information will be coming home today. A big thank you to Dollar City for donating all of the lucky dip prizes for our gala.

SPORTS NEWS

Touch Rugby...

Teams are now finalised and information was sent home yesterday, Wednesday, 25th September 2013. Games will start Week 1, Term 4.



Sports Uniforms...

Please return all Netball and Basketball uniforms returned to the school office in a named bag. If you still have any tracksuits at your home please return these as well. Thank-you.

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

Phone 871 6109 Fax : 871 6079

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Email : office@stpatta.org.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email : parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz

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

26th Week in ordinary time

Sunday 29th September 2013

Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading : Luke 16:19-31

'They have Moses and the prophets... let them listen to them.'

COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Pirongia Craft Day *Only NZ Handmade / Home Grown*



Live Entertainment,
Art, Crafts, Plants, Pots,
Food, Rides, Pottery, Jewellery, Clothes
and many new stalls

Ample Parking
9 am – 3 pm

Saturday September 28th

Wet or fine
NO DOGS PLEASE!

WAIPA LIBRARY (Te Awamutu) OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Are you looking for something to entertain the kids during the holidays?

Bring them to the library for our free Art Thou Crafty holiday programme.

There is something different on every week day from September 30th to October 11th.

Sessions start promptly at 10.30 so don't miss out.

Due to space restrictions the programme is limited to the first 25 children at Te Awamutu Library.



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Te Awamutu Junior Hardball Cricket

If you are aged 9-13 years old (years 5-8), and would like to play cricket on Saturday mornings in Term 4, please come to one of our registration nights on Tues 15th Oct or Tues 22nd Oct @ 5.30pm – 6.30pm (\$40 registration fee to be paid at registration). We meet at the Te Awamutu College cricket practice nets which are situated on the college fields in Factory Rd, next to Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Games begin Saturday the 26th Oct (Labour Weekend). If you cannot make it to registration night, or need further information, please phone Helen Bastion (07) 871 3321.

House Cleaning...

Do you not get time to get those important cleaning jobs done??

I am available for housecleaning!

Contact Sinead on ph: 027 936 9740 or
(07) 561 3137.



Holiday work wanted / Babysitter

available... Reliable Sacred Heart student looking for some part-time work during the school holidays and/or weekend/after school work. Please contact Dana at the school office or phone 078731622 after 5pm.

Te Awamutu Golf Club...

Golf Coaching for Juniors Ages 7-16

Coaching for all levels

Beginners – Intermediate – Senior

Introduction to Coaching &

Registrations

Monday 14th October

4pm-5pm Clubhouse

Phone Office 07 871 5661 or email

teawamutu@golf.co.nz for further information.



Te Awamutu College Cheerleaders Children's Disco

Open to all 5-12 years

St Patrick's Hall—Rewi Street
Sunday 29 September
1.00pm—4 pm

\$5 entry
Drinks and snacks for sale

with Special Guests



Great music Yummy Food
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Cheer demonstrations
Face painting Dancing

We also cater for Children's Birthday parties. For details call Tania on 8701613 or 0212537979.

St John's Wednesday Holiday Programme

Where	St John's Hall (opp. The Warehouse) Te Awamutu
Who	4 – 13 year olds
When	Wednesday 2 nd & 9 th October
Time	10am to 2pm
What	'Spring Has Sprung' Theme
Cost?	\$5 per child \$10 a family, to provide morning tea, lunch, and a wide variety of activities. Good supervision and a fun time is also provided free of charge.

Registration appreciated to help with catering but drop in fine.

Drop this form into St John's office or post to PO Box 38, Te Awamutu, 3800, or e-mail information to stjohns.awa@clear.net.nz



Creative Communities Scheme NZ has kindly made a donation to the St John's Holiday Programme. This money will provide many more craft and art materials and more fun for all the children. Thank you.

"I CAN'T BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE BECAUSE IT'S EXPENSIVE"

False. There are heaps of ways for you to be active without having to pay a cent. Try a few of these ideas:

- Go bush walking or running around the park
- Try scootering, skateboarding and biking
- Enjoy walking the dog and playing games with your family



Build a great family team

and have **fun** on the way!

Toolbox Parenting Groups

Need help with Guidelines for your
6-12 yr old

Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

Whatever stage you are at a Toolbox group will give you the confidence to be the best you can be and have fun on the way

Middle Yrs – 6-12 yrs

Daytime Toolbox Course

Starting Tuesday 22nd October 2013

For 6 weeks – Subsidies available

9.30 – 11.30am

@ Lighthouse Room—St Andrews
Church Complex, Mutu St,
Te Awamutu

If you require an evening course please advise and we will confirm a date and time

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Pat Schwass 07 871 7394



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