



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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

CREATIVITY



Welcome back to school for the 'final sprint to Christmas'!

Our Charism is about 'Creativity' which, according to Amir Zonozi takes three elements – expertise, motivation and thinking. Notice that having the expertise is only part of being creative the other two – thinking (often outside of the box!) and motivation are just as important. The best creative minds are those who apply all three...!

A quote from St Mary of the Cross

MacKillop

"Be on your guard against exaggerating in the smallest matter."

17th December 1883.

St Mary of the Cross

MacKillop...Pray for us.



TERM DIARY

Wk 1	Fri 18 th Oct : School Mass to begin T3 @9:15am
Wk 2	<p>Mon 21st Oct : MONTH OF THE ROSARY : CH : Creativity : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am : School Agricultural Day</p> <p>Wed 23rd Oct : Group Agricultural Day</p> <p>Thur 24th Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI : Baptism Prep course (3) 12:45-1:30pm : Baptism Prep – parents session 3:15-4pm</p> <p>Fri 25th Oct : Class Mass (R4 & 7) @ 9:15am : Photolife – Class/Sports Photos. : Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm</p>
Wk 3	<p>Mon 28th Oct – LABOUR DAY (School closed) MONTH OF THE ROSARY</p> <p>Tue 29th Oct : CH : Respect : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am</p> <p>Thur 31st Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Baptism prep (4) 12:45-1:30pm Baptism prep (practice for ALL) – Church 3:15pm</p> <p>Fri 1st Nov : ALL SAINTS DAY – School Mass 9:15am Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly @ 2:15pm</p>
Wk 4	<p>Mon 4th Nov : CH : Respect Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am</p> <p>Wed 6th Nov : School Baptism Liturgy</p> <p>Thu 7th Nov : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI HPV Y8 Girls (3rd).</p> <p>Fri 8th Nov : Class Mass @ 9:15am R11,2 Catholic Interscholar Athletics (Y7/8) Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly 2:30pm</p>

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....

Elizabeth Rice (R4) & Ashlee Bell (R1).
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'

Today is the feast of St Ignatius of Antioch

(c.35 or 50) - (from 98 to 117) – One of the very early Church Fathers, he may have been appointed Bishop of Antioch by St Peter. He wrote a number of founding documents that have survived. Tradition says that Ignatius was one of the early Christians martyred in the Colosseum.

St Ignatius of Antioch...

Pray for us.



St. Ignatius of Antioch
c. 50 - c. 107
Early Church Father
Bishop and Martyr
Memorial - 17 October

Religious Education

This term we will be teaching and learning about the **Communion of Saints - Te Kotahitanga o Te Hunga Tapu Strand.**

Please follow the link to our website...

http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/file_attachments/1/COS%20for%20Webpage.pdf



Learning Intentions :

Year 1: Mary

- † How Mary did what she was asked to do by God – be the Mother of Jesus, God's Son.
- † How Mary was holy by sharing God's tapu and mana (God's holiness and power)

Year 2: Saints and Inspiring People

- † Saints and what makes people holy.
- † How to become a saint today.

Year 3: Life, Death and Christian Hope

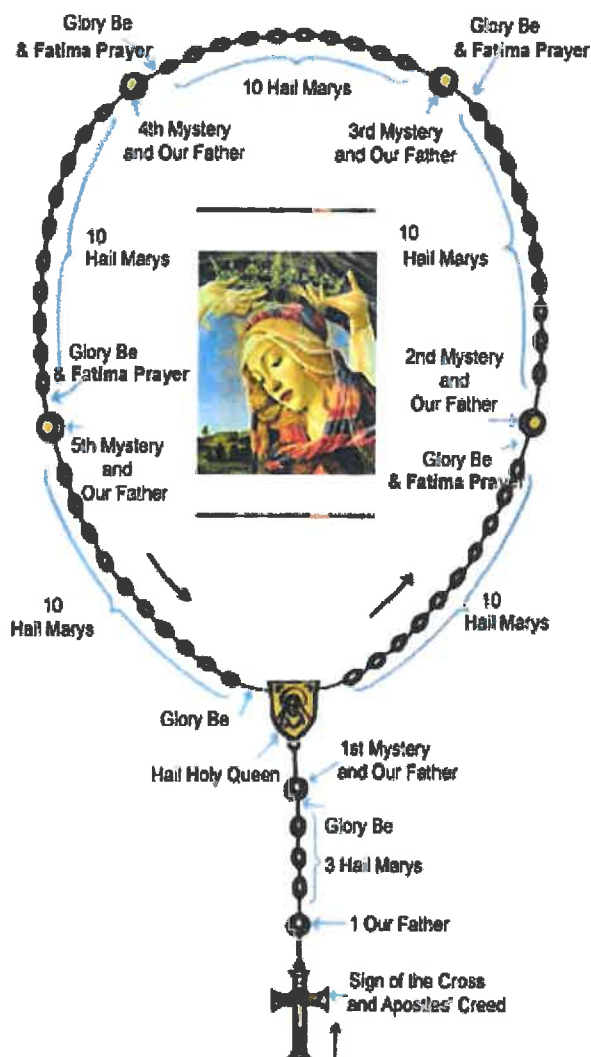
- † How faith in God helps people during sad times in their lives.
- † What gives Christians hope when people die.
- † Ways of saying goodbye to people who have died.

Year 4: Choices

- † To achieve goals and make good choices according to Jesus' teaching in the journey of life – Te Wa.
- † That we are made for Heaven and choose Heaven by the way we live our lives.

More information next week...

OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary



Week 1 : Learn about the Joyful Mysteries

The **Joyful Mysteries** begin with the angel Gabriel saying to Mary that she is going to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary then visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her how happy she is that she is going to have a baby. That's the **Second Joyful Mystery**.

The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem – everybody knows that story – is the **Third Joyful Mystery**.

The **Fourth Joyful Mystery** tells us that Mary and Joseph brought their little baby to the Temple, to offer him to God.

The **Fifth Joyful Mystery** is about something that happened to Jesus when he was a little boy. He got lost on a trip he took with his parents to Jerusalem. But they found him and were happy to bring him home.

In these joyful stories, God tells us to be glad for all the good things we have in life. How good God is to let us be born! We thank God for the love our parents give us. Besides them, what about our cousins, our uncles and aunts, our grandparents and all the friends we have? Just as Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, our parents brought us to church so that we could be baptized and know about God. Even the story of Jesus getting lost and found sometimes happens to us. Haven't you been lost, and they found you?

The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be glad.

Pray the Joyful mysteries.....

Summer uniform – Term 4

We expect all students to be in the summer uniform by the Tuesday following Labour Weekend.

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.

SANDALS.. We recommend the roman sandal (Black) as the best sandal for summer wear .



Please refer to the uniform information on our website by following the link ...

<http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/folders/75/Uniform%20brochure%20Sep%202012.pdf>

AN EARLY REMINDER ... that the 'new' school uniform will be the ONLY uniform from the beginning of the 2014 school year

Photolife School Photos

Class and Sport Team Photos are on NEXT Friday 25th October. Envelopes have already gone home. If you wish to order class photos, the envelopes have already gone home. Please return these to school by next Wednesday. Order envelopes for sports teams and our Kapahaka group are available for the school office. These can be collected by your child or sent home if requested.



Agricultural Day 2013... is on Monday 21st

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

Just a reminder that animals can be 'decorated' for the day...



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



TA Schools Cultural Festival – Friday 25th October : TA Events Centre

Most TA schools are entered into this Festival that starts at 8:45am and runs over the whole day. Our Kapahaka Group has been practising very hard and will enter into this Festival for the second year. A huge thanks to Whaea Nessa, her whanau and our whanau whanui for the work in preparing our children. Our school will be onstage first at 8:50am.

Wellington Camp....

Reports are that the Y7/8 students are having a great time in Wellington following a wet and very windy arrival on Monday.

Tuesday dawned wet but not windy as the group travelled into Wellington by train and made their own way in groups through the CBD to Wellington Zoo. The afternoon was spent in Te Papa, when the rain finally stopped....



The camp continues.....



Outside Te Papa



GENTLE REMINDERS.....

Our Office hours are : 8:15am - 3:15am
Uniform Shop : Wednesdays 2:30pm - 3:15pm

LOOK OUT !!!

THE LIGHT PARTY IS COMING

**Thursday 31st October
4-8pm**

Selwyn Park

.... And everything is free !!!!

Hosted by the combined churches of Te Awamutu

HELPERS ARE NEEDED....

Please phone Barbara Linton on 871 4343 (ring early AM or evenings) if you are able to help with organisation...

Classes 2014

Yes already!!

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2014, we are aware that from next year, there is increasing pressure on our roll. This particularly applies to the Senior classes (Y6-8) and our new entrant area. Please assist us by making contact with the office :

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.
3. By reconfirming that your pre-schooler is in our database as intending to be at our school from 2015 onwards.

Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and where teachers will be placed for next year. Any specific requests for class placement can be made in writing to me or through my email principal@stpatta.co.nz by Friday, 8th November.

PTA NEWS

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.... A big thank you to Dollar City for donating all of the lucky dip prizes for our gala on the last day of Term. The gala day raised \$1,833.00... a big THANK YOU!!

Calendars 2014 – Art Any 'forgotten' orders??? You have until Friday 25th October to return to the office. This will be the last opportunity.

SPORTS NEWS

TA Interschool Cross Country

This was held on Monday 16th September – congratulations to our runners achieving overall winners. Follow this link to the results on our website : <http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1361/pages/326-cross-country>

Touch Rugby...

Games start tonight!



From Project Energize – Term 4....

Maunga Cycle Challenge: Sunday November 10 is the annual Maunga Cycle Challenge held at Te Awamutu Albert Park. There are lots of different events for students, staff and families to enter in: Schools Challenge- Students from yrs 6/7/8 will compete school against school in teams of four. Two from the team will cycle on the road and two will stay at Albert Park and compete on rowing machines. The points will be tallied and the winning school will win the prize. The students need to be at least 10years of age and have parents permission. Meet by 9am at the "School Challenge" Tent, Albert Park, Te Awamutu. Last year Paterangi School won this event, will it be a different school this year? There is also the family 12km ride and the Energize Bikes 'n' Trikes activities. Watch out for information about entry and costs..

Round the Bridges 2km Fun Run is on Sunday 17th November. There will be information coming home to those interested. Cost is just \$5 per child and it is heaps of fun!

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

29th Week in ordinary time

Sunday 20th October 2013

MISSION SUNDAY

Vigil – 5.30pm (Saturday)

Sunday Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading : Luke 18:1-8

'A very typical human situation: a corrupt judge, pestered by a persistent widow, finally gives in to her, not because he is won over to acting justly, but because she is going to 'worry him to death.'



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



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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

To register or for more info contact
Pat Schwass 07 871 7394



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