



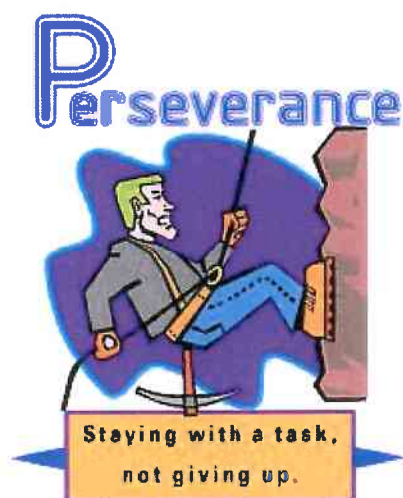
St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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



As we near the end of the year and the 'silly season' begins in earnest, the temptation can be to begin to give up.... And that's when we need to ask God for the gift of perseverance, so that we can be, like St Paul, and win the race to the end.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross

Mackillop

"Be faithful in little things."
30th June 1873.

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



TERM DIARY

Wk 6	Fri 22 nd Nov : Class Mass @ 9:15am R3,6 Choir singing at San Michele @ 11:15am Team 1 (Jnr Sch) Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 7	Mon 25 th Nov : CH : Advent - Faith Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Thur 28 th Nov : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI WFP Athletics @ Porritt St, Ham, 10am -2pm Fri 29 th Nov : Class Mass @ 9:15am R7/8 Team 2 (Snr Sch) Assembly @ 2:15pm
Wk 8	Mon 2 nd Dec : CH : Advent - Hope Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am Thur 5 th Dec : Fri 6 th Dec : TAI Interschool Athletics @ Stadium Class Mass @ 9:15am R10/1 Whole School Assembly @ 2pm in Hall
Wk 9	Mon 9 th Dec : CH: Advent/Christmas – Love Tues 10 th Dec : Y8 Dinner @ Workingman's Club Wed 11 th Dec : Yr 8 Retreat Day in Rm11 & Hall BOT Meeting @ 6pm Thurs 12 th Dec : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 13 th Dec : EOY Assembly @ 2pm in Hall
Wk 10	Mon 16 th Dec : NO PRAYER ASSEMBLY EOY Prizegiving in Church @ 1:45pm EOY Liturgy/Grad of Y8s in Church, 6:30pm Tues 17 th Dec : EOY Mass @ 11:45pm School Closes @ 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 as this is updated as events or changes come to light



MONTH OF NOVEMBER
HOLY SOULS PRAYER
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them...
May they rest in peace. **Amen**

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

**COMMUNITY MASS IS THIS SUNDAY
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER @ 10AM**

You are most welcome at our Community Mass this **Sunday 24th November @ 10am**. We are expecting all children to attend (in school uniform).
SEE YOU THERE!!



**DAY OF ADORATION – Friday 29th
November.**

Our school will be involved in a day of Adoration on Friday 29th November and all classes will be visiting the church on a rostered basis throughout the day to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament (during Exposition). The day will finish with Benediction at 2:15pm. We are looking for people to maintain the vigil over interval and lunchtimes who can spend some time just to sit with Jesus in the church. You are, of course, very much invited to come at any time during the day while the school children are there. If you wish to be part of the roster, a tear-off sheet went home with a special newsletter yesterday, or phone the school office.



**Team 1 (Jnr School) Assembly
TOMORROW @2:30pm**

Welcome back to....

Seth Schuler (Rm.12). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.



Our Christmas tree is now up in the office !!! and we welcome presents, this year for our old folk who are in rest homes and often have no family around them. Please send in a wrapped present labelled 'gentleman or lady'. Suggestions might be – homemade sweets, stationery, smellies hankies etc.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Fri 22nd Nov – Gill Higgs & Nicky Mason
Fri 29th Nov – Tina Blackwell & Ruth Wilson

As we finish 2013.....

Year 8 Dinner is on Tuesday 10th December 2013 at the TA Workingman's Club (change of venue) from 6:30pm.
Year 8 Retreat Day is on Wednesday 11th December 2013.

End of Year Reports will be issued on Friday 13th December 2013

Prize giving Assembly is on Monday 16th December @ 1:45pm followed by the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** which will be at 6.30pm.

End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4.

We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Tuesday 17th December**. Students may go home after Mass with school closing when the final buses run at 2pm.

And move into 2014.....

The office will be open on **Wednesday 29th Thursday 30th & Friday 31st January** from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

All staff will be attending professional development on Tuesday 28th January 2014. Our school opens for instruction on **Monday 3rd February @ 8:55am**. The office open as usual from 8:15am -3:15pm from this day.

The pressure is on !!!!!

Our school roll continues to be under pressure for 2014 and onwards with almost daily inquiries for spaces. Our maximum roll is 291. If you are aware that your child is not returning to our school next year (not Y8's!) – **please advise us (in writing) urgently so that we can then assure some of our enquiring families of spaces here at St Pat's next year.**

Vinnies...HELP FOR THE PHILIPPINES !!!

St Pat's Vinnies are having a FUN DAY on FRIDAY 6 December at lunchtime. It is also a mufti day. Please bring a gold coin and some extra money to take part in the activities. The money raised will go to the Philippines to help the survivors of the recent Typhoon Haiyan.



DATE: Friday 6 December

TIME: Lunchtime

WEAR: Suitable Mufti

BRING: Gold coin and spending money

Thank you, The Vinnies

There will be a special Mass to pray for the people of the Philippines on the following Sunday 8th December @10am.

Uniform - 2014.

Day 1 next year marks the beginning of the NEW uniform being the only official uniform at our school. Please don't leave organising the uniform to the last minute as the office will be closed from 2pm on Tuesday 17th December and will not reopen until the week before school. Uniforms can be

ordered online at any time and we will request Uniformity to deliver (to the office), any orders placed over the holidays on 29th January.

Old uniforms.... If you have any old uniforms, we are very happy to accept these being donated – good quality – especially the non branded grey shorts, jerseys, socks, PE shorts, from the beginning of 2014, as we can certainly pass these onto other schools either in NZ or in the Pacific Islands.



Ex-student doing well!!!!

Congratulations to Courtney Field who made Deputy Head Girl for St Peter's School for 2014. Well Done!!!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior school assembly last week on Friday 15th November 2013.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Respect"

Katelyn Holmes	Hannah Kendrick
Ruby Loomb	Max Southcombe
Ave Aguirre	Chloe Veale

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Kale Duncan	Hannah Parsons
Logan Lindsay	Hannah Coffin
Madeleine Watt	Aidan Greenhalgh
Phoenix Smith	Joseph Lee
Jordan Mackie	Cole Claydon
Alex Piek	Bayley Orr

PTA NEWS

Christmas Grocery Raffle.....coming up!!

And....one more lunchtime gala coming up with exciting activities etc...

**Watch This
Space!**

SPORTS NEWS

School Athletics Day –

On Wednesday, the 13th of November was our amazing athletics. It was a long, hot, fun day that included lots of fun activities like: Shotput, Long jump, High jump, sprints and house relays. Te Kawa ran so fast beating all the other houses, thanks to Tatenda and the Te Kawa house. A big thanks to Mrs Russ and all the teachers and parents that could make this day possible. We had the best day, it was awesome. Thank you to all the students.

We are all looking forward to inter-schools on the 6th of December.

By Kendall Payne and Sinead Cooper.

Other dates to note are:

Waikato Full Primary Athletics Day (Y7-8) : Thur 28th Nov. Porritt Stadium, Hamilton

TA Interschool's Athletics Day (Y4-6): Fri 6th Dec. TA Stadium.

Survival Swimming (Yrs5-8)

To complete our swimming programme for 2013 Yrs 5-8 will be participating in a 2 week survival programme which will look at a range of skills like sculling and using flotation devices. Survival swimming is an important part of this school's swimming programme where we focussed on swimming skills in Term 1 and getting your children ready to enjoy the water safely in Term 4. A letter will come home informing you of this.

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday 9.15am

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

Weekend Masses

Feast of Christ the King

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

COMMUNITY MASS

(School & Parish)

Sunday 24th November 2013

Mass – 10am

Gospel Reading : Luke 23 : 35-43

The Story of the good thief...

'Today you will be with me in paradise..'

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Would you like to play a Brass instrument ?

The Te Awamutu Brass Band is a thriving, nationally placed band. We have an active junior band, and beginner lessons available at very reasonable cost for anyone aged 8 years and over.

Some instruments are available for hire. For further information please contact Steve Derbyshire 871 6391 or Jenny Yarnley 871 6789



Wanted...

Empty squirt detergent bottles and kitchen spray bottles for re-use during the Scottish Country Dancing Summer School. If you have some at home please bring to the school office. Thanks, Mary-Ann Laidlaw.

Bike for Sale...

Girl's 20" bike, great condition, one owner, \$45.00 ono.

Phone: 021 064 8649 (Marsha)

HEARTS AFLAME

2014

WHOM DO YOU SERVE?

JAN 3 - 12, 2014
NGA TAWA COLLEGE
MARTON, NZ

Register online at:
heartsaflame.org.nz

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
- Joshua 24:15 -

CHECK OUT THE HEARTS AFLAME 2014 PROMO VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

Cambridge Primary School presents a

Saturday November 30th 4-8pm

Twilight Gala

Art auction Cafe & ethnic food stalls Face painting
Bouncy castles Entertainment Wacky hair
Lots of games Prizes A FIRE ENGINE Raffles liquor licence
Ferrari displays Garden Bar Hot Food
and lots more!

All proceeds go towards a new school pool!

RICOH
For further information please contact Cherie on 021 202 0475 or cherie.cartwright@outlook.com



Vinnies

with SVDP St Patrick's Parish Te Awamutu



Christmas Appeal

**We are collecting
non-perishable items
which will be given out
to families in our parish and
community for Christmas.**

SUGGESTIONS:

Please NO perishable or dated food items.

canned food

dried food

noodles, pasta, rice

cereals

tea/coffee/milo

drink sachets

soap powder

toilet paper

toiletries

baby/toddler supplies

gift for a child

Christmas family treats

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