

St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Principal : Brian Belczacki
Deputy Principals: Cass Sutton, Graeme Norman
Director of Religious Studies : Raewyn Jackman
Office Staff : Sue Cresswell, Dana Macdonald
Bursar : Patty Dudson
Parish Priest : Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson : Kyle Owens

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

From The Staff!!!

God bless you all. Raewyn Jackman
Enjoy the hols! Raewyn Jackman
Merry Christmas! Be safe and see you in 2014! Paula Carr

Merry Christmas to you all
Safe & happy new year



Aimee Connors

Have a wonderful Christmas! Enjoy the holidays! Have a fab 2014! Claire Donaldson

Have a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. God Bless, Cass Sutton.

Merry Christmas enjoy your holidays! Mrs Prescott

Have a happy and safe holiday. Merry Christmas to all! Patsy W

God Bless! Safe and happy holiday's Graeme

Happy Holidays! Miss Knight. A.C.

Have your self a very Merry christmas love Sharon

Have a happy & holy Christmas & a wonderful New year. God bless Gabrielle Salemi

Merry Christmas to you all. Safe and Happy Holidays. Blessings for 2014. Cathy White

Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Maree Waldron

Have a happy time this festive season. Amie Scott

Merry Christmas to you all. Have a safe & happy year. Sue Cresswell. X

"Have a wonderful and safe Christmas Everyone"



Wishing you all Happy Holidays, Safe & Happy. Mary-Ann Laidlaw

Hope your N-2. Christmas is as good as my OZ. one! Viner James

TERM DIARY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!! AS WE MOVE INTO 2014

Holiday Hours for the School Office

Tue 28th Jan : CLOSED – All staff on PD.

Wed 29th Jan : 8:30 – 12:30pm

Thurs 30th Jan : 8:30-12:30pm

Fri 31st Jan : 8:30-12:30pm

2014 Wk 1 Mon 3rd February : School opens @ 8:55am

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

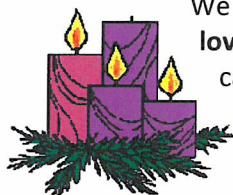
"Befaihtful and lose not one opportunity of merit that presents itself to your".

26th April 1873



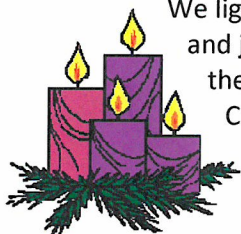
**St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop...Pray for us**

The Third Sunday of Advent – 15th December



We again light the candles of **hope** and **love**. Today we add the **PINK (ROSE)** candle of **joy**. Prophecy has been fulfilled. The long-awaited Messiah has come. Joy is the mood of all earnest seekers.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – 22nd December



We light again the candles of **hope**, **love**, and **joy**, and the fourth **PURPLE** candle, the candle of **peace**.

Christ is the Prince of peace, come to reconcile us with God and others.

Christ helps us to see



that peace is possible.

Farewell to the following families who are leaving us as Year 8's...

Daly family (Sophie), Firmin-O'Rourke family (Caitlin), Mundell family (Toni & Amanda), Tobin-Lindsay family (Cassidy), Veale family (Chloe), Waldron family (Aylish), Krippner family (Finn), Linton family (Lathan), Mahutonga family (Johnny), Mandava family (Tatenda), Piek family (Alex), Syder family (Jacob), Thomson family (Ciaran), Chong family (Belinda), Fonoti family (Jossie), Martin family (Bridget), Chapman family (Kaleb), Lanting family (Jack), Mansell family (Abigail).

Thank you so much for your support of our school, for some families stretching over many years and children – God bless you all !

Congratulations to our awards recipients at the End of Year Prizegiving - 2013

Special Catholic Character :

Te Awamutu CWL Trophy – Aylish Waldron

Sports :

Effort : Mason Cup – Chloe Veale

Excellence : Gibson Family Cup – Jake Russ

Service :

Head Girl – Eloise Livingstone

Head Boy – Jake Russ

Enviro Leaders – Gabriella Payne, Arden Mason

Vinnies leadership – Shantel O'Keeffe, Caitlin Firmin-O'Rourke

Liturgical leadership – Aylish Waldron, Sophie Daly

Cultural Leaders – Anthony Harris, Tamsin Schrader

ICT Leaders – Johnny Mahutonga, Ciaran Thomson

Sports Leaders – Keiton Macdonald, Chloe Veale

Librarian Leader – Jacob Syder

House Leaders : Pirongia – Bayley Orr &

Niamh Cooper

(House champions 2013)

Kakepuku – Anthony Harris &

Jossie Fonoti

Maungatautari – Marihi Hohepa -Te Huia

& Gabriella Payne

Te Kawa – Mya Meadows &

Tatenda Mandava

Academic :

Whakamarama Marae Award for Perseverance

– Eloise Livingstone

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Trophy for Effort

– Jossie Fonoti

St Patrick's Parish Centennial Trophy for Excellence

– Niamh Cooper

Head Girl 2014 – Arden Mason

Head Boy 2014 – Keiton Macdonald



**Our 2013 winners
Congratulations to you all !!**

Winning House – Pirongia!!!

HOUSE POINTS FINAL END OF YEAR

Kakepuku	Maungatautari	Pirongia	Te Kawa
106,945	106,377	116,521	92,371
2 nd	3 rd	1 st	4 th

Classes 2014

Draft lists will be on display from Tuesday 28th January – please be aware that as information comes to hand, that these lists may vary right up until school starts (and even after).

Stationary lists are on our website and are also available at Paper Plus (Te Awamutu).

HEAD GIRL & BOY ANNOUNCED FOR 2014



Eloise Livingstone congratulates our new head girl for 2014 – Arden Mason



Jake Russ congratulates our new head boy for 2014 – Keiton Macdonald

Annual Reports for 2013

from the Board Chairperson & Principal are enclosed with this newsletter.

End of Year student accounts...

Thank you to all those who have paid their school accounts in full, and also to those who have made some arrangement to pay regularly to clear existing accounts. As our financial year ends on 31 December 2013, all remaining debts will be rolled over to your child's account for 2014. Online payments can be made throughout the holidays.

Our account details are as follows:

St Patrick's Catholic School BOT

ASB Bank, Te Awamutu 12-3134-0048177-00.

Thank you for your co-operation over the 2013 financial year. It has made my job much easier.

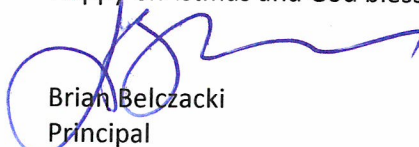
Happy Christmas

Patty Dudson Bursar

PTA NEWS

Well another year has passed us by, we have had a very busy year and we thank you all for your support during our fundraising events. Have a happy Christmas from the PTA!!

Happy Christmas and God bless!!


Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

Phone 871 6109

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack



Email : parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday 9.15am

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

Weekend Masses

Third Sunday ADVENT

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

(Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS @ 10AM

Gospel Reading : Matt 1:18-25.

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."



Christmas Reconciliation – Rite 2

Wed 18th Dec & 7pm:

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL TIMETABLE

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th Dec : Vigil

@ 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th Dec : Mass

@ 10am



(There are no week day masses between Christmas & new year)

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1st Jan 2014 : Mass @ 10am

After New Year's Day, Mass times revert back to the normal schedule

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2013.

*E to matau matua i te rangi manaakitia mai matou i tenei ra ake, ake ake Amene
Tihei Mauriora, tena koutou. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou*

Greetings to you all, in the name of God: Father, Son and Spirit. Greetings to this place and to our ancestors who always go before us.

In my report of 2012, I reflected on the genuineness of our community and our society as a whole and that despite many of us having the feeling of being 'hard done by', all of us pretty much can say we have 'the basics' compared to what millions of people around the world would say are luxuries they can only dream of.

I reflected on our community – parish and school – with the school founded by our ancestors in 1921 and this was done by hard work and immense financial commitment. This was the price of being a 'Catholic family' and wanting a Catholic Education for their children.

In 2013, where do we sit with this?

Times have changed, that's for certain, but a Catholic Education from schools in New Zealand is of a high quality and because of the Integration Agreement with the Government is extremely cost effective when compared with the value of Catholic Education in many other countries.

I make no apology for the fact that I believe a Catholic Education gives our children a holistic, faith based, high quality education. I believe its strength is really in the holistic approach and that 'community' is at the heart of this.

Our children are well respected by our community who hold us in high esteem and on the odd occasion when our kids 'slip up' we certainly hear about it!

They see us as a community of believers and I am approached very regularly by people who want what our children portray and have but know they cannot 'get in' as they can't establish what the guidelines for preference enrolment define as a 'Catholic connection'.

Last year I put out the challenge.....where families who can establish a 'Catholic connection' enter our schools as 'preference' having made a commitment to support their children 'in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church' and then, for a multitude of reasons find the responsibility of this, one that it more difficult to uphold.

Our school alongside many schools within and surrounding Te Awamutu have formed a Learning and Change Network (LCN) which we have named 'Rural & Roses'. This Ministry funded initiative is one of over 20 networks now formed in the wider Central North Area. At a recent regional gathering, each of the networks shared what their key foci would be to assist in raising student achievement. Many have as a one of their Foci as does the Rural & Roses LCN Network, that of engaging more actively with their parent and wider community.

Last year I recounted the old saying 'that it takes a village (community) to raise a child' and this has been used within our Rural & Roses Network meetings and certainly remains true with Christianity and therefore with being involved in a Catholic School. We see that the partnership; family (child/parent), school, AND parish is critical for the development of the whole person God calls your child to become.

So the challenge remains... I want you to take up your 'privileged' position as being Catholic at our school and I challenge you to also take up the responsibility of being a real part of our community and I mean parish and school. The community WANTS to see you celebrating the Eucharist each and every Sunday... Our community is the lesser without you...

We want to see you taking up the responsibility of taking part in the activities of the school... family groups, involvement in the PTA, attending school events, fundraising, parent education evenings, the list goes on... Don't wait for the invitation..... You are already invited ! As our community is the lesser without you...



BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ST PATRICK’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – TE AWAMUTU CHAIRPERSON’S ANNUAL REPORT – 2013

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Patrick’s Catholic School.

This year the St Patrick’s children have continued to have a positive impact on the Te Awamutu community, through inter school activities, academic results, and cultural performances like the Kapa Haka group. They continue to deliver a positive Christian spirit in the town.

As part of the Board’s role as Governor of the school each year we re-evaluate the strategic plan for the school. We work with the principal and staff to monitor how this plan is delivered to our children. We seek to build a strong learning development for our children.

The Board is provided with regular feedback in relation to how well these plans are being delivered. As a Board we consistently set a high target. From the end of year results we can say that these were generally attained by our students, and where not, further support has/is being provided.

Quite simply, we want to have our kids to be excelling. This goes beyond their stay with us at St Patrick’s. We want to see them achieve in their secondary and tertiary educations and most importantly, in life. Some of the success stories this year of past students achieving well in exams, and on the sports field has been wonderful to see.

The Boards’ goals to comply with legislative requirements have been met again this year. We do acknowledge the ongoing battle to build sufficient financial resources to provide a sustainable school for the future. The school needs your financial contribution in order to maintain the running of the school and I would encourage you to participate in future fundraising events.

I believe that we have something special within the ‘life environment’ of our school. The positive feedback we get when our children participate in town or regional events is always pleasing to hear. The Catholic Character of the School and Parish is passed through to the children and this gives them a strong foundation in life.

Our school community is paramount to this. We as a Board initiated in 2013 a Family Groups Network. It was hoped to strengthen support networks for families who live in similar areas of town or rural localities. The aim being, to encourage a widening of social involvement and interaction for our school families. This has not taken off as planned, as a Board we will again encourage these groups to connect in 2014.

Our role within the Church is ongoing. We have junior groups involved with the Church through Vinnies and the children attend mass regularly during the school week. Our children are being educated in the Catholic values in life, and it would be wonderful to see more school families attending mass on the weekends. Our school, our children are the future of the St Patrick’s Parish.

I would like to thank our Principal, Teachers, Students, PTA Members and my fellow trustees, and to all of you parents who participate and contribute in activities of the school. We always require parents to take cars, lunch orders, to be on hand for sports days etc. This is excellent and really valued support. In addition, I would like to give special mention to Simon Brdanovic who made such a wonderful contribution to the Board and school over the last 9 years.

The year ahead for 2014 is exciting.

- We continue to aim for high student academic targets,
- The Board is currently working with the Waikato Catholic Diocese on a redevelopment plan for the school,
- We are scheduled for our triennial Catholic Character Review from the Waikato Catholic Diocese, and
- We must continue to foster our community involvement – school, parish and town.

Lastly, the school requires your continued effort, support, and contribution along with your voice to provide a great life experience and learning environment for our kids.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kyle Owens', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Kyle Owens
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
16 December 2013

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