

# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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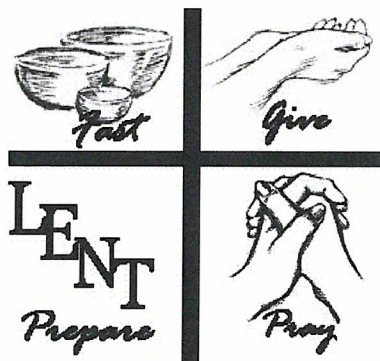
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

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Bursar : Patty Dudson  
Parish Priest : Fr Joe Stack  
BOT Chairperson : Kyle Owens

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

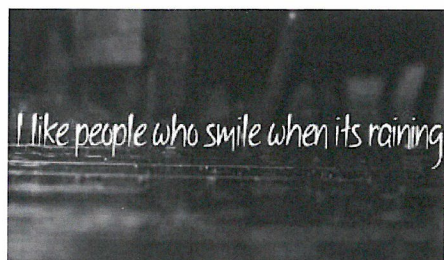
The Charism for this week is :

## Service



Fast... Give... Prepare... Pray

Brother sister let me serve you....  
Pray that I may be your servant too!



RAIN, RAIN,  
RAIN,  
BEAUTIFUL  
RAIN!!!

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



'God has always helped me and I have more than ever cause to trust in Him.'

10<sup>th</sup> March 1874

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

## TERM DIARY

Wk 9	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Class Mass @ 9:15am Rm 4, 3 and 2. Day of Adoration follows with Benediction at 2pm
Wk 10	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Service Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr : BOT Meeting @ 6pm – Staffroom Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr : HPV – Yr8 Girls & Bootrix for all Yr7s Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Whole School Celebration & Charism Assembly
Wk 11	<b>HOLY WEEK/EASTER</b> Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Holy Week/Easter Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr : Mass of the Oils, Cathedral, Hamilton, 7pm Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr : LAST DAY OF TERM 1 : Yr 8 Girls HPV1 & Boostrix for Yr7, Catch Up : Easter Liturgy Church 2pm <b>Happy Holidays !!</b>

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

[http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar) as this is updated as events or changes come to hand.

**No Senior School Assembly  
Tomorrow!!!**

## Day of Adoration is tomorrow....

All classes will spend some time with the Lord tomorrow as follows :

Mass - Room 3/4 (stay after Mass until 10:15am)  
10:15-10:30 Room 1&2  
10:30-11:00 Parish  
11:00-11:20 Room 11  
11:20-11:40 Room 10  
11:40-12:00 Room 9  
12:00-12:20 Room 8  
12:20-12:40 Room 7  
12:40-1:30 Parish  
1:30-1:45 Room 6  
1:45-2:00 Room 5  
We finish with Benediction Rooms 9-11



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## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior team assembly on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014



### CHARISM AWARDS – “Empathy”

Madison Crossman	Charlotte Mackie
Taylor Smith	Keira Buckley
Penelope Rice	

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Olivia Wrathall	Elizabeth Rice
Jamie Frost	Lily Priscott
Ezra Dearing	Nixon Parkes
Kayde Prescott	Sean Osborne
Addison Spiers	Torlesse Liddell

### Balloon last Friday....



Wow what a morning !!!

A very foggy morning... and out of the mist a car and trailer with a balloon arrived.

The smell of bacon and egg muffins pervaded the field as more and more children and adults arrive at school... and then the balloon was inflated and we all ran inside!



Then, “Stand back, we are going to heat the air.” And slowly the balloon rose in the air. Tethered to the car until everyone was ready, then “Let’s go!”

Up went the balloon, cars and trucks slowed down on Alexandra Street as the balloon slowly went up and disappeared into the fog.



It was then back to eat breakfast and a quick visit to the display of children’s work in the old library.

Our balloonists were going to judge the four best – and thanks to ASB for the prizes!!

Soon after school began we went to the hall for a ‘Special Assembly’. Our friends were **VERY** impressed with the questions being asked.



The prize winners were announced, congratulations to : Erin Penny, Brodie Montague-Ward, Lily Smith and Boyd Baldock. A big thanks to our PTA and family groups for organizing the breakfast... it was yum!

Thank you to our balloon team and sponsors – ASB.

### Sacramental Programme...

The Parish will be beginning the following Sacramental Preparation next Term.

**Reconciliation** : 4 sessions starting Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May (excluding Sunday of Queen’s Birthday). Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Confirmation and Eucharist preparation will start in Term 3. Children need to be at least in Year 4. Please register your child’s name with the school office this term, if you wish you and your child to be part of the Reconciliation process next term.



### Welcome to...

Carter Spiers (R2). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat’s.





## Orakau Commemoration



*Warriors practice for the powhiri to welcome the Crown*  
Our school was represented at the historic occasion by Keiton Macdonald, Arden Mason, Brodie Montague-Ward, Phoenix Smith, Rohan Dolan and Moya Fernandez.



*The Crown arrive and leading the delegation are the Governor General and the Prime Minister.*

### Lost....

- new school shorts named **Fionn McDaid**
- old school brand shorts named **Aidan Caddy**
- size 10 new school jersey from Rm 7.
- greenstone (hook) on leather. Lost on the top field.

*If these have made their way to your home please return to the office.*

**Lost Property...** There is a lot of lost property in Room 7 & 8 at the moment ie: towels, lunch boxes and clothing. **PLEASE CHECK THE BOX.....**

### From the Bursar...

Thank you to those who have paid their accounts, that were sent home last week. The internet method has been a great success!

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr** : Sheree Field & Dianne Ngapo

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Apr** : Maree Orr & Nadine Wells

### Volunteer Still Needed...

Over the past few weeks we have been advertising for someone to take over from Dianne Ngapo who has been the organizer of our school lunch programme for nearly 11 years now. We are very grateful for the time she has given to this task.

The task involves ; ordering stock, & each Friday from 8-11.30 to take and process lunch orders, prepare / order hot food for pie warmer. The task also involves preparing a term roster for lunchtime helpers.

We have had no response to date and are now faced with either having no lunch order system or outsourcing the lunch orders system which would almost certainly mean substantial price rises.

We need to make a decision so as to move forward into Term 2. If you have any suggestions or are able to help, please contact me (email [principal@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:principal@stpatta.co.nz)) or through the school office.

### Vinnies 2014.

Our Vinnies is now formed with co-leaders being Kendall Payne and Mya Chaitika. The group will be badged on Monday. This group of students assist the work of the Parish St Vincent de Paul. They have some great ideas for this year so watch for these. The first event on the Vinnies calendar is an :

### Easter Egg Drive !

The Vinnies are looking for Easter Eggs to give the elderly people! It will be much appreciated if you could donate some wrapped chocolate Easter eggs. This is for a good cause and we are sure that the elderly folk will be most appreciative. If you are able to donate some wrapped Easter Eggs, can you please send them along to school, Room 9, by next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, so they can be distributed during Holy week. Thank you!!!



### Ex Student doing well...

Congratulations to **Bayley Orr** who received a certificate for being top Y9 student at Te Awamutu College. Well done Bayley!



## Advanced Notice : Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

We will be asking all senior students (Y6-8) to attend this Mass at 10am in school uniform and be part of the Palm Blessing ceremony and procession at the beginning of this liturgy. This invitation has been extended to all ex St Pat's students now at Secondary Schools, you are also welcome to attend – in school uniform.



## Advance Notice : Winter Uniform

**changeover...** The winter uniform changeover is from Term two. PLEASE NOTE : Short or long sleeve polo shirts can be worn.

**WINTER SHOES :** Please ensure that you purchase a plain black 'school' shoe as opposed to a sports/fashion shoe. If you cannot use nugget/shoe polish on the shoe, then they are the wrong shoe. Please also be aware of the heel.

**HATS :** The normal practice is no hats in Terms 2 and 3, however as the weather still remains clear, there is enough heat in the sun to warrant having the hats here at school for at least the first part of the term

## Taking Holidays in term time....

Winter is often the time that families decide to escape the NZ winter to take a holiday to

Australia, Fiji or other exotic places. The difficulty comes when requests are made to take holidays in



school/term time. The problem is exacerbated when parents ask for 'extra' work for their child from teachers who then have to prepare specific programmes so as to try to minimize interruptions to learning. Teaching and learning is a complex business where key learning can be missed by students being away just 'at the wrong time in the term'. Please consider this when/if you are planning a holiday in term time...

## Pastoral Care – the freezer is getting

**empty!....** It's that time of year again when we are asking for people to cook up some meals that can be frozen and then given out to families in need or crisis. We have had meat donated – **thank you to Don & Wilma Schimanski** - this meat is frozen, so all you need to do is come into the school office, pick up some meat, cook it up into a tasty meal, place the meal in an ice-cream container, label what it is and the date prepared, and return it to school (frozen would be great).

## PTA NEWS

### Whakamaru Camp Fundraiser

Hamburgers .....\$4.50

Sausage Sizzles ...\$2.00 each

American Hotdogs \$4.00 each

Chocolate or Strawberry Milk \$1.20 each

Order forms will come out on Tuesdays.

Orders will be taken in the library before school on Wednesday.

### Entertainment Books...

Are now available from the office. \$60 each. You may want to check out the new digital membership via smartphone on the following website

[www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1541p47](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1541p47) or ask at the office.



## SPORTS NEWS



### TERM 1 BIKING WITH BIKE NZ ☺

Near the start of this term a group of year 7 and 8's met a bike NZ person named Amy, to get some tips about road biking. Here are some tips...

- Always check your bike before you go for a bike ride.
- Tighten your helmet before you go for a bike ride
- Always be bright and visible so people can see you.

Once we had finished all 4 sessions we got some biking gear from Amy like...

- Puncture repair kit.
- Bright bag cover.
- Cycling t-shirt.

Because of Amy's help we now have the confidence to take part in the Waikato Secondary Schools Triathlon TODAY!!

Thank you Amy

From Hayley, Harry R, Harry L, Reuben and Nye.



## Waikato Schools Triathlon...



Well done to our group who performed today at the  
**Waikato Secondary Schools Triathlon at Karapiro!**

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

Join us @ Te Awamutu College Basketball Academy

# OPEN DAY

Te Awamutu College Gym

## Saturday April 12 2014

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basketball skills

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(Millar Gym)

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**Parish Council Chairperson :** Nick Prendergast



### Mass Times

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

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

**Reconciliation :** Wednesdays 7-8pm

**RITE II Reconciliation :** for Lent in Te Awamutu is on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm.

**During Lent**

**Stations of the Cross** – Tuesdays 7pm

#### Weekend Masses

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)**

**Sunday Mass @ 10am**

**Gospel Reading : John 11:1-45**

**'I am the resurrection and the life.'**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES - 2014

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### Hockey Muster Year 4-6

Skills session for Year 1-2 if enough interest  
10 April at 3.30pm at the Te Awamutu Bowling Club.  
Any queries phone Belinda Ph 021 441350

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Training on Thursday  
Games on Friday



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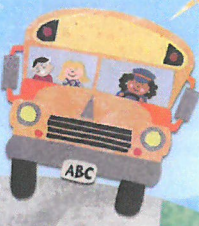
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