

# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

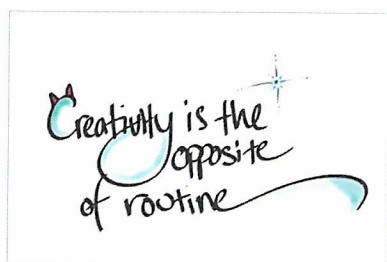
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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Principal :** Brian Belczacki  
**Deputy Principal:** Cass Sutton  
**Director of Religious Studies :** Paula Carr (Acting)  
**Office Staff :** Sue Cresswell, Dana Macdonald  
**Bursar :** Patty Dudson  
**Parish Priest :** Fr Joe Stack  
**BOT Chairperson :** Kyle Owens

*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

*The Charism for this week is:*

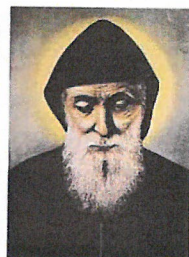


Signs of creativity.....

- Seeing the possibilities in all situations
- Asking the 'what if' questions
- Being curious about our World and our place in it
- ... I can do this!....

## Today is the Feast day of St Sharbel Makhluf

St Sharbel Makhluf (1828-1898) was a Lebanese Maronite Monk, hermit and priest. He was much sought after as a spiritual teacher and for his blessings and miracles that have even occurred after his death. He is one of the few saints whose bodies are incorruptible. Follow the link below for more information.



SAINT SHARBEL  
Hermit of Lebanon  
(1828 - 1898)

<http://www.miraclesofthechurch.com/2010/10/incorrupt-bodies-of-saints-st-charbel.html>

## Welcome to...

Rhymes Walkinshaw, Zander Shrimpton, Patrick Shaw (R2), Laura & Jennifer Oliver (R5), Alana Oliver (R7) & Kaitlin Oliver (Rm11). We hope you all enjoy your journey here at St Pat's.



## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 1</b>	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul : Whole School Mass @ 9:15am
<b>Wk 2</b>	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Creativity Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul : ICAS English 9am Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul : TA Schls Winter Sports Day (Y5-6) Albert Pk 9am Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug: Class Mass R6/5 Jnr School (Team 1) Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad Mid Year Nat Stds Reports go home.
<b>Wk 3</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Co-operation Mid Year Conferences Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug : Mid Year conferences Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug : BOT Meeting 6pm Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug: <b>Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop</b> <b>Whole School Mass @ 9:15am</b> Snr School (Team 2) Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall
<b>Wk 4</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Co-operation Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug : ICAS Maths 9am Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug : <b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b> <b>Whole School Mass @ 9:15am</b> School Photos – family portraits only from 11am Jnr School (Team 1) Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad

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.

## A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

'I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all.'

28<sup>th</sup> November 1898



*Mary MacKillop*

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

**Beginning of Term 3 Whole School Mass tomorrow @ 9:15am – all welcome**

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

*'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'*

## Clarification of the Management structure / teaching positions in the school.

On Monday we 'handed over' Mr Graeme Norman into his new position as principal of St Anthony's Catholic School in Huntly. We wish him every blessing in his new position.

As for our school for Terms 3 and 4 of 2014, while we go through the process of appointing a replacement to begin in 2015, the school will be managed /staffed as follows :

Mrs Cass Sutton continues as Deputy Principal with added responsibilities across the school.

Mrs Deborah Sanerivi will teach full time in Room 11.

Mrs Michelle Russ (teacher in Room 10) will co-ordinate the weekly senior team meetings and, as Deborah Sanerivi is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year beginning teacher, Michelle will take on the role as Deb's 'mentor teacher'. This will foster a closer 'working together' of Rooms 10 and 11. As part of Deb's on-going development, Deb is entitled to 0.1FTE release (equivalent to one day a fortnight), with Mrs Katharine Eyre undertaking this responsibility. Mrs Katharine Eyre will also be Michaela Jesney's (teacher in Room 4), release teacher as Michaela, as a 1<sup>st</sup> Year beginning teacher, is entitled to 0.2FTE release (equivalent to one day per week). Mrs Cass Sutton will continue as Michaela's 'mentor teacher'.

As has always been the case, if you have any queries or concerns, these are initially directed to your child's classroom teacher. More serious issues, from across the school, will now all be escalated to Cass and then to me. Cass and I already meet very regularly (at least daily) and these issues will become the subject of our conversations and subsequent actions.

## Mid Year Reporting

Teachers are currently finalising 'overall teacher judgements' (OTJs) in Reading, Writing and Maths for all students and Mid Year National Standards Reports will be home next Friday. For most students, these are interim reports that are reporting on your child's progress towards the relevant standard. This year we have made some adjustments to how we are reporting the OTJs and will be using the following :

<b>Already Achieved</b>	Your child is tracking very successfully and has a real possibility to be above the standard by the end of the year
<b>Expected to Achieve</b>	Your child is successfully tracking to be at the standard by the end of the year
<b>May Achieve</b>	Your child, with solid work and effort, may achieve the standard at the end of the year.
<b>Struggle to Achieve</b>	Your child will be struggling to achieve the standard by the end of the year.

The interim reports are all in the form of bullet points as these reports form the basis for discussion to be held at the Mid Year Conferences on Monday-Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August...

## Mid Year Conferences – student voice...

By the time reports come home next Friday, your child (especially the older students) will have seen the report and teachers have encouraged students to reflect on their goals and their learning so far this year. As part of these conferences, your child will be actively involved; talking about their learning, their goals and 'where to next' – it is critical that your child is there – to talk about their learning. Teachers will be encouraging the students to be confident in doing this and where you wish to talk with teachers about issues other than learning, they will be suggesting that you talk about this at another time as these conferences are about learning.

The online booking system for conferences will be opened next week, please look out for the information coming home on Tuesday.

## First Communion & Confirmation Preparation...



Preparation start this Sunday!

Could all children please remember to bring their scrapbooks if they have not handed them in to Mrs Poole. Thank you. See you Sunday!

## Delivering/picking up children from school...

We all agree that the safety of our students is paramount. Again we have issues with the dropping off and picking up of children mainly on Rewi Steet. These are :

- \* **Double parking**
- \* **Parking on yellow lines**
- \* **Parking across driveways – including the school driveway**
- \* **Parking in the bus stop.**



**Again we remind you.....**

**REWI STREET :** Students are to wait in the Junior Courtyard area. Parents/caregivers are expected to PARK responsibly and walk in to drop off/collect children. Please do not pull into the school driveway as the risks are great when reversing around small children.

**KEA CROSSING :** PLEASE use the Kea Crossing located beside the driveway into the Junior School. We encourage all parents to use this crossing regardless of whether the patrols are out. Be a good role model to your children....

**ALEXANDRA STREET – Church carpark :**

Students are to wait on the Senior verandah. Parents are expected to :

- a) park and collect children from there. Children are NOT to walk around the church carpark

unsupervised as there have been a number of close calls between children and reversing vehicles.

- b) Pull into the pick up zone and the duty teacher will tell your child that you are coming/waiting.

Children walking out of school on to Alexandra Street are to walk down the school driveway NOT through the church carpark.

#### **What Duty teachers observe....**

- Parents encouraging their children (by their actions) to cross roads 'anywhere' other than at the designated crossings.
- Parents asking children to meet them 'down the road.' (rather than at school).
- Children getting out of cars on the road side (rather than the kerb side).
- Children 'ducking between cars' in the church carpark to get to cars.
- Confrontation from parents when they try and remind parents about their parking issues.

***The bottom line is Safety – as one death is one death too many!***

#### ***Kia kaha – keeping ourselves safe... being assertive....***

All classes will be working with Const Steve Ryburn from NZ Police over the next week or so as we work through the Kia Kaha Programme across the school. This programme from the Police School Community Service (SCS), aims to help schools create environments where all members of the community feel safe, respected and valued, and where bullying cannot flourish.

#### ***Criteria on which the Kia Kaha programme is based is :***

- All children and young people can be supported to behave in positive ways.
- Bullying is unacceptable behaviour.
- Schools and their communities should aim for zero-tolerance of bullying.
- The whole school community needs to work together to eliminate bullying.
- A 'telling culture' should be created.
- Bullying is never the victim's fault.
- Nobody deserves to be bullied.
- Schools should adopt a 'no blame' approach for intervention.

Please check out the following links :  
school's publication... '***Watch me being good***' which is on our website.

<http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/folders/90/Watch%20me%20being%20good%20update%20Feb14.pdf>

Kia kaha programme resources.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/resources-scs-kia-kaha-anti-bullying-programmes>

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Lunch orders...**

If you can commit to ***ONE FRIDAY A TERM***, PLEASE email your details to Louise Livingstone  
[mikeandlouise@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mikeandlouise@xtra.co.nz).

Please check out our Sushi supplier's, Mr Lee (a St Patrick's school dad), facebook page [www.facebook.com/thegoodsushi](http://www.facebook.com/thegoodsushi).



### **Fillies Night....Coming up!!!**



Fillies night – Note date has changed and we will advertise soon when the new date will be!!!

**Entertainment Books...** Still available

### **Winter Day Sports ....**

There will be lunch available. Flyer will be sent home with your child.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Netball...**

DRAW FOR: <i>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014</i>		
<i>St Pat's Team</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Playing / Court</i>
St Pats Gold	1:10pm	Comrades Jets Ct 4
St Pats Silver	2:50pm	St Pat's Yellow Ct 2
St Pats Red	9:50am	Pekerau Pride Ct 2
St Pats Yellow	2:50pm	St Pat's Silver Ct 2

### **Future Ferns Netball...**

DRAW FOR: <i>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014</i>		
<i>St Pat's Team</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Playing/Court</i>
St Pats Purple		Information not available at the time of writing
St Pats Blue		
St Pats Green		

### **Basketball...**

DRAW FOR: <i>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014</i>		
<i>St Pat's Team</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Verses / Court</i>
St Pats Eagles	6:00pm	Ohaupo Guns, Ct1
St Pats Hawks	6:30pm	TAI Faded, Ct1
St Pats Falcons	5:30pm	Pokuru Potais, Ct1
St Pats Swifts	6:00pm	TAI All Girls, Ct2

## Cross Country this term.....

### Dates to Remember...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August** – Catholic Interschool School Cross Country (Y7-8) @ Kihikihi Domain, Kihikihi

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – St. Patrick's School Cross Country (Saving Day Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August) @ Kihikihi Domain, Kihikihi – whole school from 11am.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Waikato Full Primary Cross Country, Boyd Park Te Aroha. (Year 7 and 8)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – TA Interschool Cross Country, Kihikihi Domain Kihikihi. (Ages 8-11)

### Cross Country...

With our Cross Country in Week 6, I would like to draw your attention to the St. Patrick's Cheer Fair Rules. Our children love encouragement and support and you can see this by the smiles on their faces as they run past.

### Cheer Fair!!!!

**Cheer Smart...** Learn about the game so you can encourage others to take part.

**Cheer with Honour...** Respect the rules and traditions of the game, and all participants.

**Cheer Proud...** Set an example for fair play for the kids. Give the cold shoulder to abuse and bad sports.

**Cheer Fair...** Be dignified and gracious whatever the result, whatever the ruling.

**Cheer Loud...** Give it heaps in a way that lets everyone know you love the game.



Thank you so much for your prayers and concern while I was unwell, and thanks to Cass, Graeme and all staff for the sterling effort over that last few weeks of the term and school production !

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Email : [parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz)

**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

#### Weekend Masses

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

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

**Sunday Mass @ 10am**

**Gospel : Matt 13:44-52**

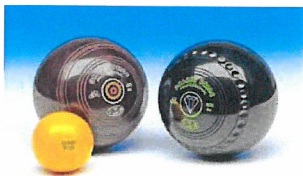
**'The Kingdom of Heaven is like.....'**

**Remember your child will be running most days. Please ensure they have their PE uniform with them each day.**

If you are able to provide support for our school Cross Country please email [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz) so I can assign you a job.

**Bowls...** A big thank you to all the schools that participated in the 2014 Year 7 & 8 Waikato indoor bowls championships... great to have around 190 kids participating in the sport.

**Results :** 2nd place Mya & Moya gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place, while Sinead & Erin gained 26<sup>th</sup> place... Well done!



## THE GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN!



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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For more info please call Callum on 021 2999 560.

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**ENQUIRIES:** Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email [info@chatterbox.net.nz](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz) [www.chatterbox.net.nz](http://www.chatterbox.net.nz)

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family team  
and have fun on the way!**

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#### Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

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

### BUILDING AWSOME WHANAU (0-12YRS) DAYTIME COURSE

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**9.30 – 11.30am**

**@ Te Awamutu Primary School,  
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