



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Parish Priest : Fr Joe Stack
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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

Co-operation

- Working together
- Working in harmony
- Side by side
- Teamwork
- Follow as well as lead....



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

'Does God ever allow anyone that trusts in him to be confounded?.'
26th December 1872

St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop...Pray for

Today is the Feast Day
of the Assumption of Mary
....We had a lovely celebration
Mass this morning

Thanks too, to those children,
who brought a non perishable
food item...



The Assumption of Mary is the feast day that celebrates Mary's ascension into Heaven – body and soul. The belief of people ascending into heaven is part of both Jewish and Christian tradition. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary as official Church doctrine in 1915.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation

TERM DIARY

Wk 5	Mon 18 th Aug : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH: Impartiality Tues 19 th Aug : Sports Camp @ Matamata, Leave today Wed 20 th Aug : Sports Camp Thurs 21 st Aug : Sports Camp Fri 22 nd Aug : Students arrive from Sports Camp : Class Mass R7/8 : Snr Sch (Team 2) Assembly @ 2:15pm, Hall
Wk 6	Mon 25 th Aug : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH: Impartiality Tue 26 th Aug : School X Country from 11am -Kihikihi Domain Wed 27 th Aug : School X Country (saving day) BOT Meeting 6pm Thu 28 th Aug : Y7/8 Technology (@ TAI) Fri 29 th Aug : Class Mass @ 9:15am R9,3,4. CIS X Country (Y7/8) – Kihikihi Domain Jnr School (Team 1) Assembly @ 2:30pm Jnr Quad
Wk 7	Mon 1 st Sept : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH: Honesty CIS X Country Saving Day Wed 3 rd Sept : WFP Cross Country Fri 5 th Sept : Class Mass R10/2 Snr School (Team 2) Assembly @ 2:15pm, Hall

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 hand.

Good Luck to Yr 7 & 8s going to Sports

Camp... Good Luck to our students who are going to Sports Camp in Matamata on Tuesday, 19th August. Go St Pats!!

HELP WANTED... any old Sports Camp shirts (not the old yellow PE shirts) to use as a back up set for Sports Camp, please drop into the office on Monday. These can be returned to you after camp.

Congratulations... to the Hohepa-Te Huia whanau on the arrival of a baby girl - Hana



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

What's the difference between a bully and a 'meanie'?

We all have 'bad' days when things are just not going 'right' for us and sometimes we can take our 'bad day' out on other people – that's being a meanie...

Maybe we have lots of 'bad days,' and we choose to take it out on one or a group of people on a regular basis... now we are becoming a bully....

Sometimes, from the receiving end, the feelings can be the same, no one likes someone being mean to them and let's face it, not all of us like being a meanie but there is a difference – and it's mainly about repeated behaviour. Children sometimes go home and say they are being bullied when actually their friend is being a 'meanie' today, it's worth talking about the difference between 'bully and meanie' with your child... we are doing this, among other things, at school at the moment as part of the '***Keeping ourselves safe***' programme.

Picking up of children after school...

Our teaching staff are busy people and their work does not finish when the last bell of the day rings. Most of us have meetings to attend and preparation to carry on with for the next day. Often our meetings are delayed because teachers are still waiting for parents to collect children sometimes as late as 3:20pm and even later. Please read the following changes to our procedure 'School hours' which will come into effect on Monday.



S3 School hours

Students are discouraged from being on school grounds before 8:15am as there is no supervision available. When this is unavoidable, students are to be seated either, on the R8 balcony, the R9-11 balcony or on the seat outside the junior administration block. Students may move to classes and then to play once the 8:15am bell has rung.

At the end of the school day, students are released from class after the SECOND bell at 2:50pm. After this time, students are to; walk or cycle home, wait on the tennis court/senior balcony, or junior courtyard, if being picked up by car, or move to their bus lines. Students are not to linger in rooms or in the playground after this time. Parents are reminded to be punctual in picking up students as road patrol and staff supervision ceases at 3:05pm to allow teachers to attend meetings and carry out other duties. Any students still on the grounds after 3:05pm will be gathered into junior courtyard to await collection.

Rural & Roses Learning & Change Network

Be very proud of the excellent teachers in our TA community as nearly 100 of us gathered together from : TAPS, Pekerau, Kihikihi, Waipa Christian, Pirongia, Korakonui, Ohaupo, Pukeatua and St Pat's Schools for combined staff meetings after school on Wednesday to talk about and share good practice in the teaching Reading, Writing and Maths. We hosted 34 teachers at our school where we talked about the teaching of Writing at the same level across the group of schools. You can be very proud of the great work being done!

St. Patrick's Calf Club... 16th October 2014



Now is the time to start choosing animals for Calf Club 2014.

Lambs, calves or goats!!

St. Patrick's Calf Club day is Thursday 16th October (week 1 of term 4). Entry

forms are now available from the office.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion...

Congratulations to our candidates from St Pats who are preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Well Done children – we have a break next week and then it is only 3 weeks to go until the BIG day on 14th September 2014.

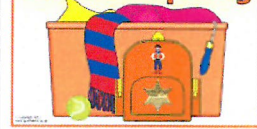
These children are the following:

Cooper Blackwell, Kelly Cho, Mia Ellis, Jacob Fergusson, Emma Field, Liam & Rachel Gleeson, Aidan Greenhalgh, Madison Hamlyn, Marihi Hohepa, Katelyn Holmes, Xanthe Johnson, Danielle King, Olivia Krippner, Regan Linehan, Sean Mohring, Mackenzie Montague, Abbie & Molly Osborn, Hamish Owens, Hannah Parsons, Nikita Scott-Peterson, Keana Shum, Abraham Subritzky, Syth Tadulan, Richard Tubilla.

Please pray for our children....



Lost Property



- PE shorts, size 4, named "Jacob Gollidge" in the inside of pocket.
- School 'beanie' named 'Zack M' embroidered on inside.

Please check to see if these have made their way home to your place.

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

Reconciliation : Wednesdays 7-8pm

Weekend Masses

Sunday 17th August 2014

20th Sunday in Ordinary time

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

(Saturday)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel : Matt 15 : 21-28

"Woman you have great faith, let your wish be granted.."

Other Notices :

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - becoming a Catholic. Sessions begin this Sunday 17th August after 10am (starting about 11:30am). This is an inquiry session lasting about 1 hour. Further information – see Fr Joe

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults/older teenagers.

Bishop Denis will be conferring Confirmation in our parish on Sunday 14th September. Anyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament, please see Fr Joe urgently.

Baptism preparation – for infants/ children up to 8 years of age. The next session (for parents to attend) is on Tuesday 19th August @7:30pm in the parish lounge. Further inquiries to Wilma Schimanski (Ph 873 1702).


COMMUNITY NEWS

Board/Accommodation wanted...

An overseas female physiotherapy student (20 yr) is looking for board / accommodation in Te Awamutu while doing work experience in NZ, from approx early September until about beginning January 2015 or parts thereof.



Would like to work in lieu of part of the board. She is good with children, speaks Dutch, and has reasonably good English and German. She likes animals (lives on dairy farm).

For more information please ring 07-8713848 Kees or Hannie



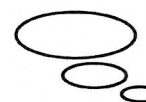
Guitar Lessons are now being made available for St Patrick's students
Please forward your expression of interest by email - gdsmit714@yahoo.com

Or text or call to make a booking:
Graham 021 404 866



DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES - 2014

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Classes: Weds weekly Te Awamutu

ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email info@chatterbox.net.nz www.chatterbox.net.nz

Waikato Touch Skills & Trial days, ages U9s-17s:

Registrations are now open.

Skills sessions: Sept 7 & 14; then Trial Day Sept 21.

For all information and to register online,

www.waikatotouch.co.nz or email:

waikatotouch@xtra.co.nz

**GO THE
ALL
BLACKS!!**

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Junior & Senior team assembly on Friday 1st August and 8th August 2014



CHARISM AWARDS – “Creativity”

Harry Smith	Imogen Russ
Seth Hopgood	Maxwell Shepherd
Aroha Abraham	Eden Sterritt
Anja Gibson	Judah Smith
Madeleine Watt	Kendall Payne
Zac Horne	

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Zac Mitchell	Mila Cowley
Rhymes Walkinshaw	Zander Shrimpton
Patrick Shaw	Ruby Murtagh
Finn Blackwell	Grace Gower
Maddison Wardlaw	Harry Walkinshaw
Jenny Oliver	Laura Oliver
Annabelle Fielder	Miguel Chaitika
Alana Oliver	Louise Rawson
Natasha Linton	Lily Hayes
Hannah Timmo	Joshua Morell
Seth Horne	Jack Sickelmore
Kaitlin Oliver	Jonathan Smith

Our new buildings are coming!!

Planning is continuing on our Modern Learning environment (MLE) that will eventually replace Colgan Block, while plans are being finalised for our new Administration Centre. Both of these projects will hopefully be underway before the end of this year with scheduled completion around April/May next year... watch this space!!!

See the information about MLEs in this newsletter...

SPORTS NEWS

Netball... SEMI FINALS DAY

DRAW FOR: Saturday 16th August 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Playing / Court
St Pats Gold	9:50am	Sacred Heart Ct 4
St Pats Silver	2pm	Ray White Pirongia BEU Ct 2
St Pats Red	12:20pm	Pekerau Pride Ct 2
St Pats Yellow	9am	Ray White Pirongia Stars Ct 2

Future Ferns Netball...

DRAW FOR: Saturday 16th August 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Playing / Court
St Pats Purple	9am	Puahue Angels
St Pats Blue	11:30am	Kihikihi Future Stars Ct 6
St Pats Green	10:40am	Korakonui Roxies Ct 6

Basketball...

DRAW FOR: Monday 18th August 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Eagles	5:30pm	Ohaupo Guns, Ct2
St Pats Hawks	6:30pm	Pirongia Blaze, Ct1
St Pats Falcons	6:00pm	Pokuru Potais, Ct2
St Pats Swifts	6:00pm	Ohaupo Heat, Ct1

Cross Country this term.....

Dates to Remember...

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

Friday 29th August – Catholic Interschool School Cross Country (Y7-8) @ Kihikihi Domain, Kihikihi
Wednesday 3rd September – Waikato Full Primary Cross Country, Boyd Park Te Aroha. (Year 7 and 8)
Friday 12th September – TA Interschool Cross Country, Kihikihi Domain Kihikihi. (Ages 8-11)



Year 5/6 Winter Sports Day...

Three schools went to Albert Park on the 31st July to the Winter Sports Day. The three schools were: Saint Patricks, Kihikihi and Pekerau School. All three schools were split in teams with the other schools. The sports played were Dodgeball, Capture the Thief, Handball, Kiorahi, Volleyball, Kiwitag, Football and Tapu-i.

Winter Sports Day was fantastic it was so much fun! Dodgeball was the best! I'm sure everyone had the best time, it was super!

Thank you to all the parents and PTA, you made our day!!

By Delaney and Reese, Room 8

PTA NEWS

Entertainment Books... Still available.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – MENU (effective 7/8/2014)

Pies – Mince, Mince & Cheese, Steak, Steak & Cheese	2.50
Mince Savouries	NEW ITEM 1.00
Hamburger	CHANGED PRICE 4.00
Amer. Hot Dog	CHANGED PRICE 3.50
Sausage in Bread	2.00
Sushi - Tuna, Pine/Avo, Crab, Chicken	5.00
Cookies	0.80
Fruit	0.80
Milk	1.20

God bless

Brian Belozacki
 Principal



MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS...

Where did we come from ?

Most of the school buildings in New Zealand were built when direct instruction was the norm for teaching and learning. Education was about all students 'learning the same thing at the same time.' This form of education has largely disappeared but the buildings remain.....



We all want quality learning opportunities for our kids....

Quality 21st century Learning is a combination of :

- Personalised learning (no two students learn in the same way)
- Learning from each other
- Learning at the pace of the learner
- Learning that is initiated by the students themselves (*student agency*)
- Learning that is connected to the real world



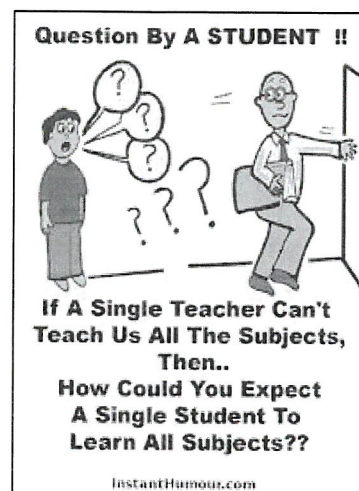
So what does a modern learning environment provide?

- **Flexibility** – the ability to combine varying groups of students
- **Flexibility** – of furniture, variety working spaces, fewer if any desks...
- **Openness** – fewer walls, more glass, common learning areas
- **Access to resources** - breakout rooms that may be specialised (wet area, IT) that fits within the student's flow of learning.

Modern Learning Environments promote teaching and learning...

These environments effectively promote and support a range of teaching styles including :

- **Delivering** – teachers will work with groups of students from within a 'home base' within the environment
- **Applying** - students have a range of spaces in which to apply what they are learning
- **Creating** – range of space allows for specialised areas for students to create
- **Communicating** – students (and teachers) have access to a wider range of people to help with learning
- **Decision-making** – students can make decisions about where they will do their learning, within the flexibility of the learning environment.



AN ENGLISH JOKE FOR ELT

The teacher asked for sentences using the word "beans."

"My father grows beans," said a girl.

"My mother cooks beans," said a boy.

Then a third child spoke up, "We're all human beans," he said.



Evridiki Dakos

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