



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 16th October
2014**

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

KINDNESS



Welcome back to school for Term 4... which will be a very busy term leading to the Christmas Festivities. Key events include (and there are others, so watch out in the newsletter) :

- Our Kapahaka Group performing next Friday
- Grandparent's Day & Pet Blessing
- Book Fair
- Marae Week
- Athletics
- Life Education Trust visit

We look forward to seeing you being involved in these activities!

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

'Help one another, and forgive and forget anything painful in the past.'

9th August 1881

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



TERM DIARY

Wk 1	TERM 4 Fri 17 th Oct : MUFTI DAY (For CWL Missions in Tonga) Beginning of Term Mass @ 9:15am – Whole School DISCO – (Fundraising for Kapa Haka Grp)
Wk 2	Mon 20 th Oct : Prayer Ass @8:55am CH : Kindness Wed 22 nd Oct : Agricultural Day – Group Day @ Kihikihi Domain Thu 23 rd Oct : Y7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 24 th Oct : TA Schools Kapahaka Festival (TA Events Centre) Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 3	Mon 27 th Oct : LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Tue 28 th Oct : Grandparent's Day – Pet Blessing (PM)

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.

MUFTI DAY Tomorrow!!! 'Island theme'



Most of us associate the Pacific Islands with the above picture, however the reality for many living there is the two pictures opposite.



Tomorrow we will be having a MUFTI DAY to help our Catholic Women's League (CWL) raise money for a preschool (photos above). Our CWL are in direct contact with the sisters who run this preschool, so all of the money raised will go directly to this cause. is an 'island theme' !!! **Please give generously!!**

New people to our school... We welcome : James Parsons (Rm 1) & Shakira Eva (Rm 2)

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Today is the feast of Sts Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saint Hedwig (1174-1247), was High Duchess consort of Poland from 1232 until 1238. She is noted for her penance, fasting and charity. She took the poor under her protection and founded a hospital for them.



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, V.H.M. (1647-1690) was a French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form.

Sts Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque.....

Pray for us

Religious Education

This term we will be teaching and learning about the **Communion of Saints - Te Kotahitanga o Te Hunga Tapu Strand.**

Please follow the link to our website...

http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/file_attachments/1/COS%20for%20Webpage.pdf



Learning Intentions :

Year 1: Mary

- † How Mary did what she was asked to do by God – be the Mother of Jesus, God's Son.
- † How Mary was holy by sharing God's tapu and mana (God's holiness and power)

Year 2: Saints and Inspiring People

- † Saints and what makes people holy.
- † How to become a saint today.

Year 3: Life, Death and Christian Hope

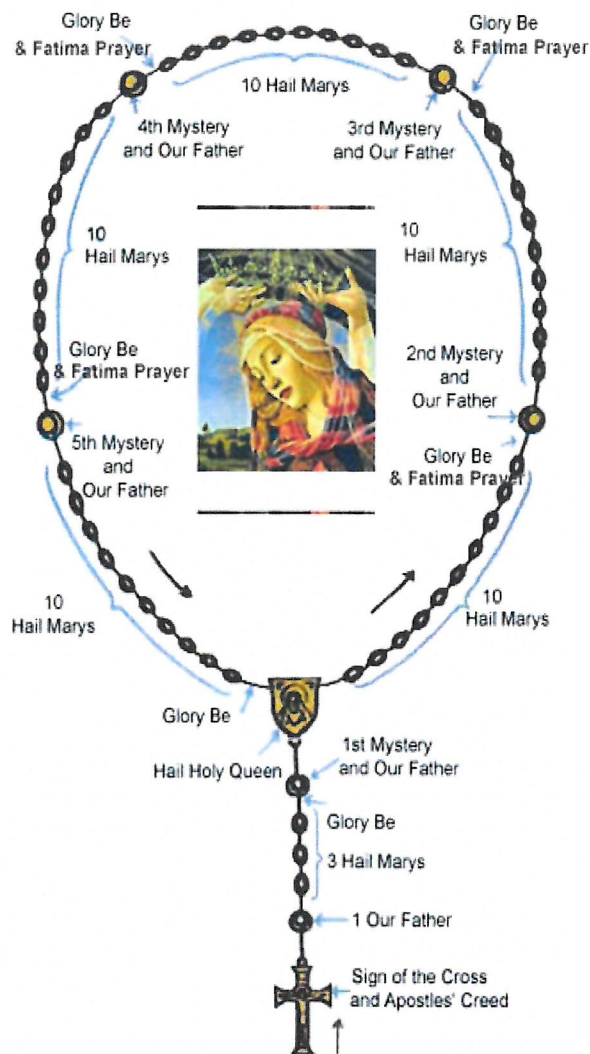
- † How faith in God helps people during sad times in their lives.
- † What gives Christians hope when people die.
- † Ways of saying goodbye to people who have died.

Year 4: Choices

- † To achieve goals and make good choices according to Jesus' teaching in the journey of life – Te Wa.
- † That we are made for Heaven and choose Heaven by the way we live our lives.

More information next week...

OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary



Week 1 : Learn about the Joyful Mysteries

The **Joyful Mysteries begin** with the angel Gabriel saying to Mary that she is going to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary then visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her how happy she is that she is going to have a baby. That's the **Second Joyful Mystery**.

The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem -- everybody knows that story -- is the **Third Joyful Mystery**.

The **Fourth Joyful Mystery** tells us that Mary and Joseph brought their little baby to the Temple, to offer him to God.

The **Fifth Joyful Mystery** is about something that happened to Jesus when he was a little boy. He got lost on a trip he took with his parents to Jerusalem. But they found him and were happy to bring him home.

In these joyful stories, God tells us to be glad for all the good things we have in life. How good God is to let us be born! We thank God for the love our parents give us. Besides them, what about our cousins, our uncles and aunts, our grandparents and all the friends we have? Just as Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, our parents brought us to church so that we could be baptized and know about God. Even the story of Jesus getting lost and found sometimes happens to us. Haven't you been lost, and they found you?

The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be glad.

Pray the Joyful mysteries.....

Production DVD...

We apologise for the delay in producing the DVD of the School Production, 'Planet Water'. Please look out for the order form on its way!

Te Ra Whakanui Rangatahi Kapahaka

Festival 2014. Come along to the TA Events Centre to see the local schools Kapahaka Festival next Friday 24th October. Our kapahaka group has been practising hard for this event and will be on stage at 12noon.

DISCO – Tomorrow night... Please support this Disco tomorrow evening – Juniors (Y1-4) 5:30-6:30pm, Seniors (Y5-8) 7:00-8:30pm. Gold coin entry.

Grandparent's Day... Tuesday 28th October

All grandparent's are welcome to join us on this day (Tuesday after Labour Weekend.)

The day will start with a Liturgy at 9:15am followed by Morning Tea. After morning tea, you will have an opportunity to visit around the classes to see what schools are like in the 21st Century. Stay to have lunch (BYO but cup of tea available) with your grandchildren because after lunch is our Pet Blessing Liturgy to finish off the day. **Please look out for the letter coming home next week that will include a tear-off slip to return for numbers.**

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR... Books will arrive on Friday 24th October and the fair will be open later that day (from 2:30pm) through to Thursday 30th October. You can view/purchase books, all day Tuesday 28th October (Grandparent's Day) and before and after school (from 2:30pm) on Wednesday and Thursday 29th-30th October.

Books make great Christmas gifts!!

LOOK OUT !!!

**THE LIGHT PARTY IS COMING, Friday 31st October,
4-8pm @ Selwyn Park
.... And everything is free !!!!**

Hosted by the combined churches of Te Awamutu

HELPERS ARE NEEDED....

- 3 people to act as 'Security' – need hi-vis vests
- Helpers for BBQ (we are operating 2)

Please contact our office or phone Barbara Linton on 871 4343 (ring early AM or evenings) if you are able to help with organisation...

Baptism of school-aged children.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office : (Ph 871 4669) with your details. Last day for names is tomorrow please.



Summer uniform – Term 4

We expect all students to now be in the summer uniform

HATS.. HATS.. HATS... YES....

SANDALS.. We recommend the roman sandal (Black) as the best sandal for summer wear .



Classes 2015

Yes already!!

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2015, we are aware that from next year, there is increasing pressure on our roll. This particularly applies to the Senior classes (Y6-8) and our new entrant area.

Please assist us by making contact with the office :

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.
3. By reconfirming that your pre-schooler is in our database as intending to be at our school from 2016 onwards.

Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and where teachers will be placed for next year. Any specific requests for class placement for education reasons (as opposed to placement with friends etc) can be made in writing to me or through my email

principal@stpatta.co.nz by Friday, 7th November.

Marae stayover This is planned for Week 4 (Mon 3rd Nov to Fri 7th Nov. **Please watch out for information coming home.**

Life Education Trust (Weeks 5 & 6). Harold will be paying us a visit with all classes working with Nikki and Harold in the mobile classroom. **Watch out for the parent session in the classroom !**

Help Required – School Athletics Day

We require gazebos and helpers for marshalling/judging. If you have a gazebo that we can use can you please email Michelle and then drop the gazebo off at school either on the Monday or Tuesday (10th/11th Nov). If you are able to be a helper on the day (Wed 12th Nov). Please email : michelle@stpatta.co.nz

PTA NEWS

School Lunches. The new system is up and running and is going really well! Thanks to Deb Holmes who is our organizer.

Calendars 2015. These are being worked on at the moment with School Production photos being used. If you wish your child to do some artwork instead, paper can be collected from the office.

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball...

Miniball teams are being finalised and team notices will be sent out next week. First games are on Wednesday 22nd October and times for first draw will be notified next week. Please note there will be no Yr 5 & 6 team due to lack of players.

Help: We still need coaches and managers for 2 of our year 1 & 2 teams and without this we can't enter these teams.

Te Awamutu Sports Club Touch



DRAW FOR: Thursday 16 th October 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Playing / Field
Hashtags (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Puahue Power, F5
Tornados (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Pukeatua Porcupines, F6
Twisters (Y5/6)	4:45pm	TAPS Black, F7
Express (Y7/8)	5:15pm	TAI Fruit Bursts, F7
Heat (Y7/8)	5:15pm	TAI Cow & Bulls, F8

Please note: All players must wear sneakers or touch shoes. No shoes, no play!!!

Sports Uniforms...

Please return all Netball and Basketball uniforms to the school office in a named bag. If you still have any tracksuits at your home please return these as well. Thank-you.

Term 4 is **Athletics time!** The scheduled dates are :
 School Athletics – Wed 12th Nov (saving day 17th Nov)
 Catholics Inter Schools (Y7-8) – Thur 20th Nov
 Waikato Full Primary - Thur 27th Nov
 TA Interscholls (Y4-6) – Tue 2nd Dec (saving day 3rd Dec)

God bless


 Brian Belczacki
 Principal

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BUILDING AWESOME WHANAU (0-12YRS) DAYTIME COURSE

Starting Tuesday 21st October 2014
 9.30 – 11.30am

@ Te Awamutu Primary School, Teasdale St, Te Awamutu
 For 6 weeks – Subsidies available

TWEEN/TEENS EVENING COURSE

Starting Wednesday 22nd October 2014
 7.30 – 9.30 pm

@ Lighthouse Room, St Andrews Church Complex,
 Mutu St, Te Awamutu
 For 6 weeks – Subsidies available

To register or for more info contact

Pat Schwass 07 871 7394 or 0211223803
 Lesley Egglestone 0223863361



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 19th October 2014

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel : Matthew 22:15-21

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 31st October @ 2pm

Agricultural Day 2014

– Thursday 16th October

Another big day of entries and perfect weather too...



A reminder that Group Day is on Wednesday 22nd October at the Kihikhi Domain (not Pokuru School).

A big thank you to our judges and organizers, especially to Mrs Davies and Mrs Russ.

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