



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 27th November
2014**

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

JUSTICE



Signs of a just person....

- loving the person regardless of the actions they may take.
- not taking sides
- not thinking that one person's rights are 'better' or more deserving over another person's rights
- both sides are treated with love and dignity.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

'Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions.'

16th October 1898

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



Vinnies funday tomorrow....

Bring your spare coins.... 12:30-1:30pm

TERM DIARY

Wk 7	Fri 28 th Nov : Anointing of the Sick Service @ 2pm Team 2 Assembly @ 2:15pm
Wk 8	Mon 1 st Dec : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH Justice Tues 2 nd Dec : TA Interschool Athletics @ T/A Stadium Wed 3 rd Dec : TA Interschool Athletics Postponement Day Thur 4 th Dec : Y7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 5 th Dec : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm Class Mass Rms 6/5
Wk 9	Mon 8 th Dec : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH Advent – Faith/Hope/Love Wed 10 th Dec : EOY Y8 Dinner @ 6:30 @ TA Workingman's Club Thur 11 th Dec : Y7/8 Technology @ TAI Y7 Retreat Day at school Y8 Retreat (overnight) Class lunch/parties Fri 12 th Dec : EOY reports go home today. Whole School Celebration Assembly in hall @ 2pm
Wk 10	Mon 15 th Dec : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH Advent/Christmas Tues 16 th Dec : School Prizegiving @ 1:30pm in the Church EOY Christmas Liturgy & Y8 Graduation @ 6:30pm in the Church. Wed 17 th Dec : EOY Mass @ 11:45am. LAST DAY OF TERM!!!!

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.

November... the month we pray for our Holy Souls

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

As we finish 2014.....

Year 8 Dinner is on Wednesday 10th December at the TA Workingman's Club from 6:30pm.

Year 7 Retreat is on Thursday 11th December (at school)

Year 8 Retreat is planned to be an overnight retreat on Thurs 11th-Friday 12th December.

Final School Assembly (led by Y8's) is on Friday 12th December

End of Year Reports will be issued on Friday 12th December.

Prize giving Assembly is on Tuesday 16th December @ 1:30pm followed by the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** which will be at 6.30pm.

End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4. We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Wednesday 17th December**. Students may go home after Mass (around 12:30pm) with school closing when the final buses run at 2pm **TBC.**

And move into 2015.....

Please refer to the following table below :

Tues 27 th Jan	Office closed – All staff PD
Wed 28 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Thur 29 th Jan	Office closed – All Staff 1 st Aide training
Fri 30 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Mon 2 nd Feb	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Tue 3 rd Feb	School open for instruction Office open 8:15am – 3:15pm

Our Christmas tree is now up in the office and we welcome presents, this year for our old folk who are in rest homes and often have no family around them. Please send in a wrapped present labelled 'gentleman or lady'. Suggestions might be – homemade sweets, stationery, smellies hankies etc.



Student Accounts....

The final student accounts will be sent home next week, with the unpaid ICT and RE donations reversed. If you still wish to pay these donations, please email me at patty@stpatta.co.nz and I will leave them entered on your accounts or pay them at the school office. Thank you to all who have already paid, or have been in touch with me. We appreciate your continued support.

SCHOOL BOOKS – TEXT BOOKS – LIBRARY BOOKS

A plea..... could you please have a look around the house for school books which may be sitting around and return these to school.

From the Librarian.... Please look around for those 'overdue' books – students have been notified if they have overdue books. The last day for issues is Friday 5th December.



What is Advent?

Advent begins this Sunday....

Advent is a season of four weeks of preparation before Christmas. The word **Advent** means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus Christ.

The season emphasizes a threefold coming of Christ:

- We Celebrate his coming in **HISTORY** at Bethlehem,
- We celebrate his coming in **MYSTERY** through word and sacrament,
- and we celebrate his coming in **MAJESTY** at the end of time.

Many people expend great energy preparing for Christmas, yet fail to appreciate the true meaning of the season. Advent, if properly observed, can change all that, helping us to realize more fully what the coming of Christ can mean in our lives.

First Sunday of Advent : Waiting for the Lord....



We light the First **PURPLE** Candle which symbolizes hope.

For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah.

Vinnies Brown Paper Bag Christmas

Appeal... The Vinnies would like to thank those who have contributed to the Christmas Appeal already. This is a worthwhile project as it assists those in our community who are struggling at this time of year. Items can be sent along to school up until Friday 5th of December.



Christmas cards are still on sale at \$3 for a pack of 5 cards. Here is some of the collected food items

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tell us what you think....

In last week's newsletter a double sided sheet came home for your comments. On one side is the current (2014) plan that has 6 goals that stem from the Vision and Mission statements. On the reverse is a place for you to comment with starter questions provided. We look forward to any comments, on this sheet or if you have any other ideas for Vision, Mission statements or goals feel free to add these. It would be great to have this info **back by Friday 28th November**.

PTA NEWS

Lunch Helpers: 27th November 2014

SPORTS NEWS

Te Awamutu Sports Club Touch



DRAW FOR: Thursday 27th November 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Playing / Field
Hashtags (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Puahue Power, F4
Tornados (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Pukeatua Porcupines, F1
Twisters (Y5/6)	4:45pm	TAPS Floored, F9
Cyclones (Y5/6)	4:45pm	Pokuru Hawks, F6
Express (Y7/8)	5:15pm	Ohaupo Heat, F9
Heat (Y7/8)	5:15pm	TAI BTGW, F4

Reminder : Athletics Days...

TA Interschools (Y4-6) – Tue 2nd Dec (saving day 3rd Dec).

Survival Swimming

The senior classes have completed one week of their two week survival swimming programme. Using the colder and deeper pool has provided conditions a lot closer to what children might experience in a survival situation.


Miniball and Touch.

This year's sports are coming to an end with Miniball finishing soon and Touch finishing just after the end of the school year.

We would like to thank all the coaches, managers and parents/caregivers who have been involved in the various sport. We always need your help and really appreciate this. It's also a great way to be involved with your child.

Keep offering your help in the future years and enjoy the Christmas break.

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

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 30th November 2014 (Year B)

First Sunday of Advent

5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)

Mass @ 10am

Gospel : Mk 13:33-37

"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come...."



COMMUNITY NEWS

Lime for Schools....

See attached flyer!!!



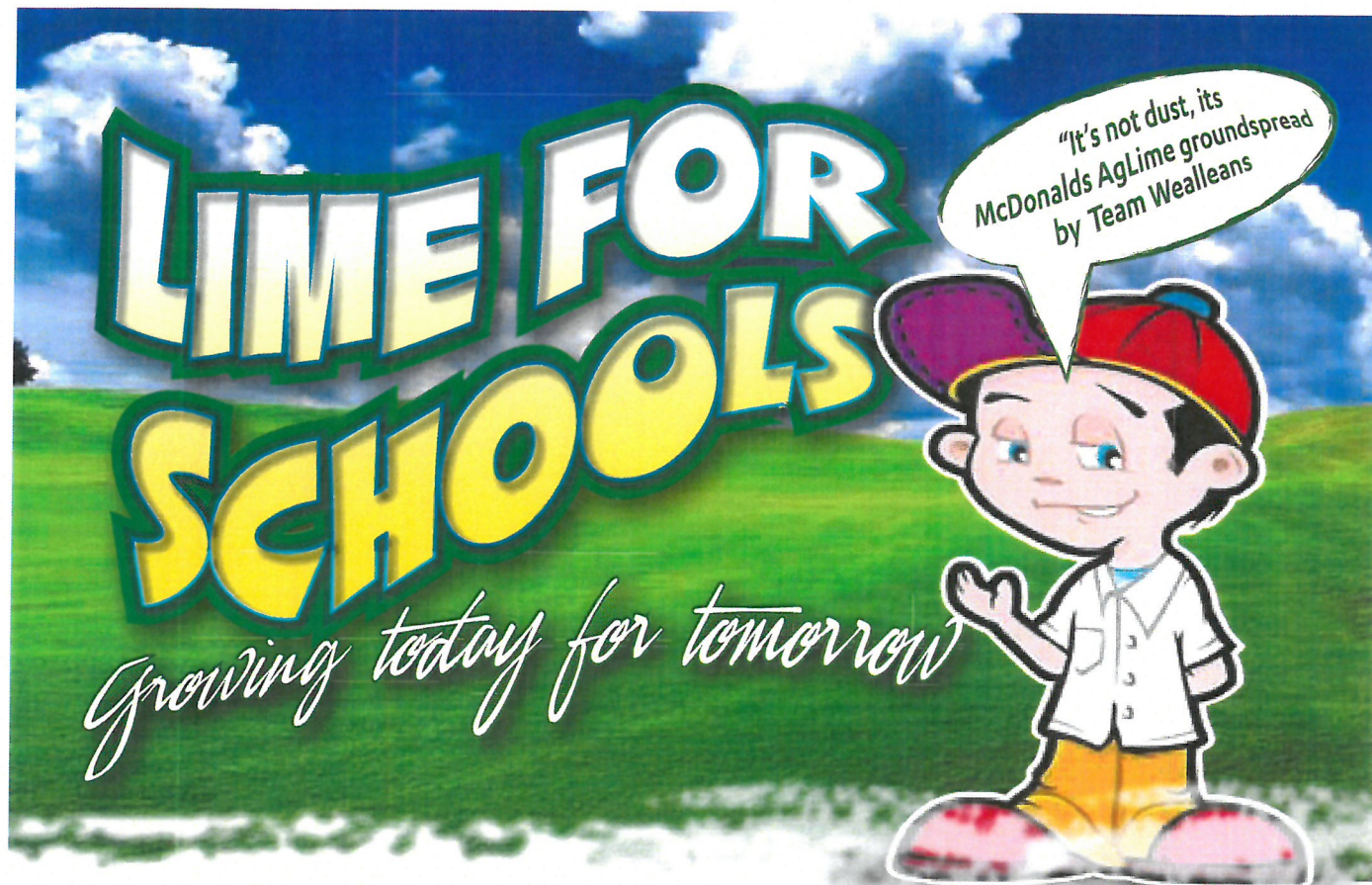
EASY LOW COST RECIPE

PASTA RAMA



1. Boil and drain 500g of pasta
2. Dice and cook 1 onion and 200g of bacon
3. Add 5 chopped mushrooms and 1 capsicum, grate 2 courgettes and 1 carrot and combine
4. Add 2 x 400g tins of diced tomatoes and pour into a dish
5. Cook at 180° C for 15-20mins

TIP:
Choose shoulder bacon as it has less fat and more meat!



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Product must be Groundspread by 'Team Wealleans' before 1 March 2015.

Rural primary school to be nominated by the customer on confirmation of order.

Why lime with Wealleans?

5 reasons to get your lime on before autumn.

1. Lime has 80% – 90% effect within the first 3 months of application, so applying lime in spring and summer helps ensure that the soil is in good condition to get the best response from the autumn applied fertiliser. Trials have shown you get better pasture responses to fertiliser applications on well limed soils compared to poorly limed soils.
2. Soil pH levels on unlimed soils tend to fall by one to two points between spring and autumn, so by applying lime in spring or summer, you can avoid this dip and the associated lower production.
3. Maintaining good pH levels helps avoid aluminum toxicity which can build up in the soil, especially when there is a dry summer.
4. Eliminate the chance of missing out on getting your lime on due to adverse weather or supply chain constraints.
5. Clover loves lime. It fixes N, is more palatable and has a higher energy content than ryegrasses, so don't make it wait!



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