



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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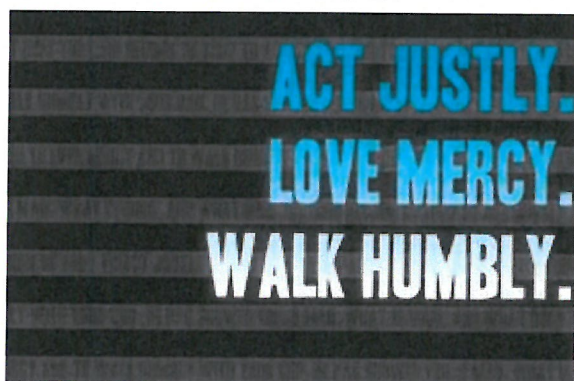
**Thursday 4th December
2014**

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:

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.

'Be generous and then God will love and bless you.'

20th August 1886

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



**Junior Assembly @ 2:15pm
In the Quad**

TERM DIARY

Wk 8	Fri 5 th Dec : Class Mass Rms 6/5 Day of Adoration Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 9	Mon 8 th Dec : Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH Advent Wed 10 th Dec : EOY Y8 Dinner @ 6:30 @ TA Workingman's Club Thur 11 th Dec : Y7 Retreat Day at school Y8 Retreat (overnight) Class lunch/parties BOT Mtg 6pm in Room 8 Fri 12 th Dec : EOY reports go home today. Whole School Assembly in hall @ 2pm
Wk 10	Mon 15 th Dec : Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH Advent/Christmas Winning house rewards – Afternoon. 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!!! Thu 18 th Dec : Choir singing at Combined Church Service 6pm @ Selwyn Park

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.

Advent 2014...

On Sunday we lit the first candle to symbolize hope, as for many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah.



Reflections from the Dalai Lama.....

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, said:
"Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money, then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health, and then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future, he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived. Most of our troubles stem from attachment to things that we mistakenly see as permanent"

..... **to be continued.....**

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assembly on Friday 28th November 2014.



CHARISM AWARDS – "Perservance"

Rachel Gleeson	Kale Duncan
Lily Claydon	Shelby Haworth
Michael Dolan	Danielle Brdanovic

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Peetshaya Sharma	Regan Linehan
Ryley Hawker	Danielle King
Xylia Liddell	Liam Karl
Harry Southcombe	Michael Parsons
Keana Shum	Mya Chaitika
Lucas van den Bosch	Mya Meadows
Marihi Hohepa-Te Huia	

PTA NEWS

Lunch Helpers: 5th December 2014 - Louise Livingstone

NOTE: There is a limited supply of chocolate milk left for lunches in the next few weeks so it will be, first in first serve. There is still strawberry milk available.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics results...

The results for our School Athletics, Catholic Interschools, WFP Interschools and TA Interschools are on our website, please follow the link below :
<http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1361/pages/323-athletics>

Te Awamutu Sports Club Touch



DRAW FOR: Thursday 4 th December 2014		
St Pat's Team	Time	Playing / Field
Hashtags (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Pirongia Takahes, F1
Tornados (Y3/4)	4:15pm	Pirongia Kakpos, F7
Twisters (Y5/6)	4:45pm	Pokuru Hawks, F6
Cyclones (Y5/6)	4:45pm	Puahue 5-6's, F2
Express (Y7/8)	5:15pm	Kihikihi All-Stars, F8
Heat (Y7/8)	5:15pm	TAI Raiders, F7

God bless

Brian Belczacki
 Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Council Chairperson : Nick Prendergast



Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

Friday 5th December – Day of Adoration (from after 9:15am Mass – till 2:30pm)

Reconciliation : Wednesdays 7-8pm

Parish - Rite II Reconciliation

Thursday 18th December @ 7pm

Weekend Masses

Sunday 7th December 2014 (Year B)

2nd Sunday of Advent

5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)

Mass @ 10am

Gospel : Mk 1:1-8 "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve 6:30pm

Christmas Day @ 10am

Baptism preparation : This process is for parents who wish to have their infants (up to 8 years of age) baptized. It is one session lasting for 1½ hours. The next session is on **Tuesday 16th December @ 7:30pm** in the Parish Lounge. Please ring Wilma Schimanski (Ph 873 1702) for further information. Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11:30am (there are no Baptisms during Lent). Parents must have completed the course before their child can be baptized. Please contact Fr Joe to book a date for Baptism.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Carols by Candlelight

FIND MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK.COM/STPATRICKSPTA

WHERE?
ALBERT PARK RUGBY STADIUM,
TE AWAMUTU

WHEN?
6:00PM
FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
Pack a picnic and bring your family and friends along to sing carols by candlelight in the park.
Waipa's sporting champions will be there, as well as bands, choirs and local solo artists.
It's a free event and we would love to see you there.

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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 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 @ 2pm and final buses running at 3pm.

As we move into 2015.....

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

Student Accounts....

These are coming home tomorrow. Please check your child's bag.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to the following students who were baptised last Sunday, 30th November 2014:

Grace Armstrong, Eden Sterritt, Luke Sickelmore, Tawana Change, Addison Mark, Kenzee Mark, Christine Lee, Joseph Lee, Michelle Shum, Edmund Shum, Jason Shum.



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.



Second Hand Uniform – wanted to buy

Size 12 : 2x Year 7 & 8 school shirts,
1x Jersey, 2x shorts
Please contact Jo 0272002643

Fr Steve Lowe...New Bishop of Hamilton...

Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Denis Browne's resignation as Bishop of Hamilton and has appointed Father Stephen Lowe to become the third Bishop of Hamilton. This is the first appointment by Pope Francis of a New Zealand Bishop.

Bishop-elect Stephen Lowe was born and raised in Hokitika. Since his priestly ordination in 1996 he has served in parishes in Westland (Greymouth), South and Mid Canterbury (Timaru & Ashburton) and Christchurch (Mairehau). More recently he has spent the last six years serving at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland as Director of Formation before returning at the start of November to reside in Burnside parish. Bishop-elect Stephen will be ordained bishop on Friday 13th February 2015 @ 6pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton. We wish Bishop Denis every happiness in his retirement and eagerly await the ordination and installation of Bishop-Elect Steve.



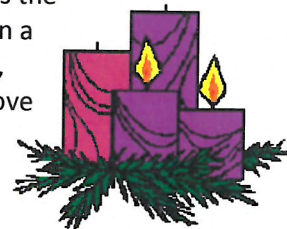
SCHOOL BOOKS – TEXT BOOKS – LIBRARY BOOKS

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.

NEXT WEEK : Second Sunday of Advent

We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the Second Purple candle of love. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever. In this second week of Advent we think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. In a similar manner we should be anticipating and preparing the way of the Lord. We hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord.



Lost uniform....

- 1 pair of sandals (threading on back is coloured orange) were outside Rm 4.
- 1 size six school shirt with name "Maber" in it (lost after school athletes).
- 1 pair of size six school pants with name "Maber" in it, missing since term 2.

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