



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Office Staff: Dana Macdonald, Celena O'Donnell
Bursar: Patty Dudson.
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack.
BOT Chairperson: Kyle Owens.

Kia Ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

EMPATHY...

How easy is it to think we know what is going on in the lives of others and therefore make judgements on them according to what we



perceive. When we have walked a mile or two in their shoes, perhaps then, with the eyes of empathy we will then see what we need to do.

Prayer: God give me the gift of Empathy so as to be slow to judge but quick to help....

Holy Week begins with....

Palm Sunday 29th March.

We ask that all senior students (Y7-8) attend this



Mass at 10am in school uniform and be part of the Palm Blessing ceremony and procession at the beginning of this liturgy. If you are able to be here, please meet on the courts at 9:45am. This invitation has

been extended to all ex St Pat's students now at Secondary Schools; you are also welcome to attend – in school uniform.

See the insert with this newsletter about the events of Holy Week

Whole School Celebration & Charism Assembly – Hall
Tomorrow: 2pm
All Welcome!!!

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

TERM DIARY

Wk 7	Fri 20 th Mar: MUFTI DAY – Red Cross Team 3 (Snr School) Assembly @ 2:15pm
Wk 8	Mon 22 nd Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Empathy Wed 25 th Mar: Opportunity for student Reconciliation 1:30-2:45pm BOT Mtg 6pm in Room 8. Thur 26 th Mar: 7's Tournament Y5-6 10am-1pm @ TAPS Opportunity for student Reconciliation 1:30-2:45pm Fri 27 th Mar: Class Mass @ 9:15am Rooms 10/11. Whole School (Charism) Assembly @ 2pm First Reconciliation – Church 6-7pm
Wk 9	HOLY WEEK Sun 29 th Mar: PALM SUNDAY Mon 30 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Empathy Tue 31 st Mar: Mass of the Oils 7pm Cathedral Thur 2 nd Apr: HOLY THURSDAY – Last Day of Term One. Easter Liturgy 1:45pm in the Church Fri 3 rd Apr: GOOD FRIDAY
Wk 1	TERM 2 Mon 20 th Apr: School opens for Term 2. Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship Sat 25 th Apr: ANZAC DAY
Wk 2	Mon 27 th Apr: ANZAC DAY Observance – School Closed Tue 28 th Apr: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship Fri 1 st May: Mother/daughters breakfast Team 1 & 2 Assembly @ 2:30pm

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.

Our Prayers go out to Keira Buckley...

Please remember Keira and her family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Sinead Buckley's mother in Ireland.



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'A certain sense of God's wonderful love wonderfully strengthens me.'
25th March 1873

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



'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

WELCOME...

We welcome Ms Celena O'Donnell to our office staff. Celena is a past pupil of the school and all of her children have been/will be educated here. She is our Sports Co-ordinator as well as our Office Assistant.

Welcome back Celena!



Annual update of our database & Cybersafety forms.

Database came out last week, please return to the office ASAP.

WaiKids Hearing and Vision Checks

Tuesday 31st March at 9am.

Ears: Audiometry – hearing test

Tympanometry-Middle ear function test

Eyes: Long distance vision test

Colour vision test (Year 7 boys only)



**ANZAC
CENTENARY**
APRIL 25, 2015

School overnight remembrance Friday 24th April

From the red leaflets sent out 2 weeks ago....

To date, we have had 14 replies with only 3 families able to support this initiative.

Could you please return these forms to the office ASAP.



Vinnies...Mufti Day last Friday 20th March



A fun day at school promoting the Red Cross by dressing in Red and White, together we raised a total of \$294.10.

Best dressed went to: 'Ninja, fireman Sam' Cale Higginson (Rm 1), Paetyn Hanson (Rm 1) and Sienna Overwater (Rm 4).... **Well done kids!**

And...best dressed teacher went to our very own 'Deputy Principal Cass Sutton'...Well Done Cass!

Vinnies Vanuatu Appeal...

You would have seen on the news recently, the destruction that Cyclone Pam caused across the Vanuatuan group of islands.

Our Vinnies group, along with the St Vincent de Paul Group in our Parish, have decided to do something to help these people in their time of suffering, so they will be running a sausage sizzle next **TUESDAY 31st MARCH**, to raise funds.

All money raised will be given to the Catholic Charity Caritas to distribute the funds where they see the greatest of needs. Order forms for the sausages will be sent home on Friday – please return on Monday. There is also a gluten free option available. Thank you for this support with this venture.

The Vinnies

Marrzipan Drama....

We are excited to offer Marrzipan Drama classes, Tuesday lunchtimes in the hall! The lessons promote *self-confidence, public speaking ability* and *social skills* through drama.



To express your interest please contact:

Amelia 027 818 3722;

Web: MarrzipanDrama.co.nz

Email: Amelia@marrzipandrama.co.nz

Once again this year, Vinnies will be holding an Easter egg drive. The Women's Refuge in Te Awamutu. It will be much appreciated if you could donate some wrapped chocolate Easter eggs to help with this cause. If you are able to donate some wrapped Easter Eggs, can you please send them along to school, Room 9, by Friday 27th March, so they can be distributed during Holy week. Thank you!



Te Kowhai Top Schools Games...

MATHATHON is on this week!!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS...

Order forms are coming home today.

School lunch roster... We are always looking for people to help out for a couple hours on Friday mornings, please contact Maree Orr (0275 336 555) if you are able to go on the roster.

Waikato/Bay of plenty Athletics Day...

Joseph Lee competed in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty



Athletics Day, this month, at Porritt Stadium. He was placed 2nd in the Long Jump, 1st in the 100m and 200m sprint. He recently joined the Te Awamutu Athletics Club after competing so well in our school, Catholic Interscholar and Waikato

Full Primary events.

Well done for this amazing effort!

Swimming...

Samantha White competed in the Waikato Junior Swimming Championships this month, at Waterworld Te Rapa. She



placed 3rd in the 200m backstroke, representing Te Awamutu Swimming Club, her younger sister Michaela White also competed placing 7th in 50m backstroke, 8th in 50m butterfly and 8th in 100m backstroke.

Awesome effort girls, well done!

Cricket....

It is wonderful to see our recent cricket visitors, Karl and Tracey, are having a positive impact on our lunch playtime!

Cricket Rounders is a game for everyone!



COMPETITION NETBALL DRAW

DRAW FOR:

Saturday 28th March 2015

Team	Time	Verses / Court
St Pats Daffodils	9:25	Ray White Dolphins
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames	9:50	Pirongia Ray White Jnr Bulklines
St Pats Pink Panthers	9:50	Pirongia Ray White Seagulls
St Pats Timmos ITM	10:15	Ohaupo Shooters
St Pats Daffodils	10:15	TAPS Marvels
St Pats Timmos ITM	11:05	Pirongia Ray White Troopers
St Pats Pastoral Panthers	11:05	Pokuru Magic
St Pats Pink Panthers	11:05	Korakonui Cubs
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames	11:30	Comrades Hot Shots
St Pats B&C Property Tycoons	11:30	Integrity
St Pats Gibson Construction Cobras	11:55	Pekerau Pride
St Pats Pastoral Panthers	11:55	TAPS Wildcats
St Pats B&C Property Tycoons	12:20	Ray White Flyers
St Pats Gibson Construction Cobras	1:10	K-Town Tigers



God bless
C. M. Sutton
Cass Sutton
Deputy 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 with
Benediction around 10:30am

Weekend Masses

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 29th March 2015

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

(Saturday)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel Reading:

'The Passion according to Mark.'

Parish Notices...

Sacramental Programme...

This Friday 27th March at 6:00 pm!

Could all children, making their first confession and their parents arrive 5 – 10 minutes earlier than this time so we can get organised. A reminder for all children to bring their work books with them. We will be collecting these, please ensure reconciliation work is complete.

Thank you Anne, Wendy and Joanne.

Home Based

Before and After School Care Available

Do you require before and / or after school care Monday to Friday?

I am able to collect from St Patricks School and Deliver. Able to cater for after school activities such as sports lessons, music, swimming etc.

Afternoon tea provided along with help of homework.

Please contact Tania 8702017 / 0275360492



COMMUNITY NEWS

Te Awamutu Athletic Club (Inc)

Golf Course Fun Run, Walk & Relay

Date & Time: 9.30am, Saturday 11th April

Venue: Te Awamutu Golf Club, Kihikihi Road (main road south out of TA).

Not suitable for pushchairs/wheelchairs/trikes or bikes – sorry!

Events : 3k School Students Run - \$7
3k Walk, 6k Run/Walk (1 or 2 laps) - \$15
12k Run (4 laps) - \$15
4 Person 12k Relay (one 3k lap each) 40

*****Maximum Time To Complete is 1hr 45mins*****

Contacts:

Murray Green – 078715257 wk, 078712182hm,
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Email teawamutu@paperplus.co.nz



KIHIKIHI RUGBY SPORTS CLUB JUNIOR MUSTER



If you want to be part of a club that values whānau/family, then we are the club for you!

Kihikihi Junior Rugby will be holding a muster/registration day on the following date:

Saturday 28 March – 10.00-11.00am

Fees:

\$40 First Player

\$30 for 2nd player

\$20 Every player after

(NOTE: Fees will increase after muster dates)

Please bring fees & birth certificate /Passport to registration nights.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for coaches and managers of our 2015 junior teams.

For more information or register your interest contact:

Mihiwaatara Hohepa – 021 0244 6774

Email: kihikhirugby@gmail.com

In the mirror

I see that I have dark

green eyes. Also I have a pink

tongue with taste buds. Also I have

white shiny teeth with a sparkle
and I have very whitish gold hair.

I have narrow eyebrows and I have

white eyebrows. Also I have red lips.

and short fingernails

by Finn

In the mirror

When I look in the mirror

I see white lines. I have

freckles on my nose too.

I have a red tongue. I

have taste buds that help me

taste things. I have light

blue eyes that help me see

things and ears that help me to

listen. I have cheeks that

help me smile. I have teeth

too.

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The events of Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important times in the Church's Liturgical calendar. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from the events of Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on the Cross on Good Friday and finally to his Resurrection from the Dead on Easter Sunday.

Sunday

Palm Sunday 29th March 2015

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt accompanied by his disciples. The crowds were overjoyed to see him and covered the streets ahead of him with cloaks and palms.

For us in 2015...

At Mass this **Sunday 29th March @ 10am**, We re-enact the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by starting our Mass outside of the church. Palms are blessed and we all process into church. We listen to the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus which sets the scene for the week.



Monday

Monday 30th March 2015

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus chases the money-changers out of the temple saying that the temple is his Father's house of prayer.



For us in 2015...

We are on Monday of Holy Week, how has our Lenten observance gone? Have we become people of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?

Tuesday & Wednesday

Tuesday & Wednesday 31st March & 1st April 2015

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus preached and taught in the temple in Jerusalem while the Chief Priests plotted on how they could capture Jesus.



For us in 2015...

During this week, a **Chrism Mass** (or the Mass of the Oils) is celebrated in every Cathedral throughout the world when the Bishop of the Diocese blesses the Oils to be used by Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders for the coming year. In our Diocese this is celebrated at the Cathedral in Hamilton **@ 7pm on Tuesday 31st March 2015**. Members of our parish and students from the school will attend this Mass and bring back the Oils to our community. All priests are expected to attend this celebration with their Bishop who leads them in a re-commitment of their priestly vocation.

Thursday – Feast of the Passover.

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2015

In the time of Jesus...



Jesus calls his disciples together to celebrate the Jewish Feast called the 'Passover' and washes their feet. He later eats with them instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist as he says the words, **'This is my body.. This is my Blood.'**



Later Jesus takes his closest apostles into the Garden of Gethsemane where He goes to pray. It is here that Jesus is arrested. He is taken before Chief Priests in the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. Peter follows and is questioned whether he is a follower of Jesus by various people. Peter denies ever knowing Jesus as Jesus had foretold... "By the time the cock crows you will have denied me three times." Peter remembers these words and scripture records Peter as, "Going away and weeping bitterly."

Jesus' persecution has begun....

For us in 2015...

Today the school will have an Easter Liturgy when we recall the Passion & Resurrection of Jesus by re-enacting these events in the church at 1:45pm.

Later as a parish community, we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper (at 7pm) at which time Fr Joe re-enacts Jesus' actions of washing the feet of disciples (in our case some parishioners).



We celebrate the 'last' Eucharist and as the Mass concludes the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the church as we too enter into the time of remembrance of Jesus' persecution.

After this service, we are encouraged to

'stay awhile and pray.'

(until 10pm)

Friday – the eve of the Sabbath

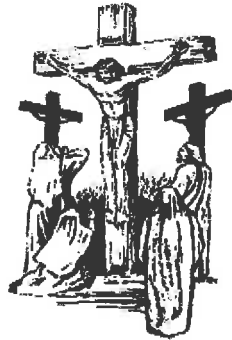
Good Friday 3rd April 2015

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus is taken to the Roman Court, before Pontius Pilate. He is questioned closely, **"Who are you?"** asks Pontius Pilate. He is whipped and scourged and taken by Pontius Pilate out before the people. The crowds reply is, 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'.



Jesus takes up his cross and is taken through the streets of Jerusalem and out to the place of the skull – Golgotha. There he is



crucified.

After three hours nailed to a cross **Jesus dies.**

Later in the day, as it is almost the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is removed from the cross and placed in a tomb nearby with a large stone covering the entrance.

A sentry is placed at the entrance so that Jesus' body is not stolen and the story spread that Jesus had risen from the dead (as he had foretold he would).

For us in 2015...

Good Friday is a **day of fasting** where Catholics are to abstain from meat.

We commemorate the Passion of Jesus at a service that starts at **3pm on Friday 3rd April** in the church.

This ceremony has the following parts :

1. The Reading of the Passion of Jesus
2. Solemn Prayers of the Faithful
3. Veneration of the Cross
4. Holy Communion



Saturday – The Sabbath Day:

Saturday 4th April 2015

In the time of Jesus....



As this day is the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is left to lie in the tomb to be attended to and prepared for a proper burial on the next day.

For us in 2015...

The church is bare of cloths and the tabernacle is empty and open. On this day we remember and pray with Jesus in the tomb. There are no church services during the day, on this day.

IN STILLNESS
EARTH AWAITS
THE RESURRECTION

Sunday

Easter Sunday 5th April 2015

In the time of Jesus...

It is very late on Saturday evening / early Sunday morning when the sentry guarding the tomb flee the area and are too frightened to even speak of what they saw.....

It is early morning and the women arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They see that the stone is rolled back from the entrance. They enter the tomb and are told that Jesus has risen from the dead. They rush off to tell the Apostles.



"Who are you looking for?

The man you are looking for is not here, for He has Risen!"



For us in 2015...

Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection begins with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening....

Easter Vigil The Vigil Mass is divided into four parts:

1. Service of light – the Pascal Candle is lit
2. Liturgy of the Word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism – Renewal of Baptismal promises.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In our church this begins on **Saturday 4th April @ 7pm.**



Mass of the Resurrection

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a special Easter Sunday Mass @ **10am on Sunday 5th April 2015.**

