



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Bursar: Patty Dudson.
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack.
BOT Chairperson: Kyle Owens.

Kia Ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

STEWARDSHIP

Welcome back to school for Term 2 !

After the short journey into winter how weather seems to have settled into a rather mild Autumn. It's great to see the children in their 'winter uniform'. Our charism is all about being good stewards. God's love is given to us 'in stewardship' to share with those around us and so there will be a time that we will be held accountable for how we have been a faithful steward of God's love....



ANZAC DAY 2015 : Fields of Remembrance...

Our school has established a Field of Remembrance as a way of acknowledging the service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in all World Wars.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



TERM DIARY

Wk 1	TERM 2 Mon 20 th Apr : School opens for Term 2. Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Stewardship Fri 24 th April : Beginning of Term Mass/ANZAC Mass @9:15am Sat 25 th Apr : ANZAC DAY – School invited to participate in Civic Service 10:30am
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 : Feast : St Joseph the Worker – Combined Schools Mass @ 11am & fellowship together. Team 1 & 2 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 3	Mon 4 th May : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Honesty Fri 8 th May : Mother/Daughter Breakfast Whole School – ANZAC Assembly 2pm
Wk 4	Sun 8 th May : Mother's Day Mon 11 th May : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Honesty

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 Rush Family...

Please remember Samantha, Cooper, Joel and their family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their nanny.



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'We must take things quietly and just do what our good God enables us, and no more.' 1875
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop..... Pray for us

Welcome to our new students and their families...

The following students: Bailey Kahura (R1), Elexus Thom (R7), Portia Lee (R2). We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pat's.

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Yummy Apple Stickers...



The school is currently collecting Yummy Apple stickers, with the chance of winning some free sporting equipment. Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples and nectarines are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get, so get going and start collecting Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! Send the Yummy stickers along to your child's classroom (I know one classroom has already completed an individual sticker sheet plus a label sheets as well!). Keep an eye out for Sweetango, Lemonade and Ambrosia apples...they earn double points! Happy collecting!



MATHATHON.... A big thanks to those who participated. If you have any outstanding sponsorship forms, please return these to school. We will update you on the amount raised very shortly!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Action Plan 2015.. A summary of our Strategic Plan as a series of Actions is enclosed with this newsletter. The Board's Charter and complete Strategic Plan is available in the office.

PTA NEWS

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Term 2... sees a switch in Physical Education from the swimming pool to the Football field. Classes will be undertaking a five week Football programme. Students will learn large ball skills, such as striking, dribbling and ball control. The Year 3 & 4 students will have the opportunity to play in a **9 aside Football Tournament** in week 5, 21st May. Parent help will be required on this day.

Our Year 5-8 students will also have the opportunity to play in the local **Rippa Rugby Tournament**, held on Tuesday 12th May. St. Patrick's has, in the past, performed well in both the year 5-6 and year 7-8 sections. Permission slips will come home for this event today.

In week 8, our Yr 7 & 8's are off to compete at the CIS Winter Sport Day; 7's Rugby – held at St. John's Netball – held at Sacred Heart, Soccer – held at St. John's

This day will also require parental support. Please keep an eye on the school calendar and the newsletter for any changes or added events.

NETBALL

YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL: Calling all Year 1 & 2 students interested in playing Junior Netball.

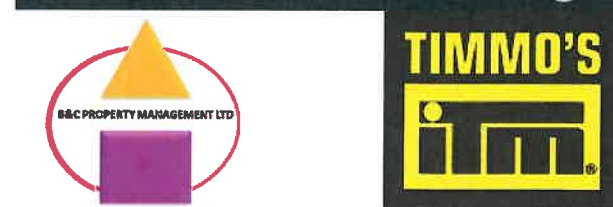
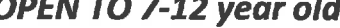
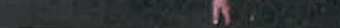
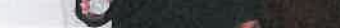
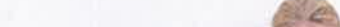
Junior Netball in New Zealand has changed, newsletters were sent home this week, so check school bags.

This new Junior Netball programme runs for 10 weeks, **starting 2nd May 2015 and completed on 4th July 2015.** For the new junior programme to be implemented and ensuring its success, we are asking for help and commitment from parents as many helpers will be needed.

Please visit www.mynetball.co.nz/juniornetball for further information.

COMPETITION NETBALL

Commences next Saturday 2nd May 2015.



BMX...



Congratulations to Molly and Abbie Osborn and to Nixon Parkes who competed at the BMX National Championships in Christchurch over Easter. Molly got the title of NZ 6 in the 10 year girls. Abbie got NZ 9 in the 12 year girls. Nixon Parkes got NZ 18. Well done!

Junior TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE – OPEN TO 7-12 year olds.

The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is on Friday 12th June, and is the biggest MUD run series. This is the first time this event has been held in Hamilton and coincides with St. Patrick's TEACHER ONLY DAY.

STUDENTS – Grab a group of mates and GO HAVE SOME FUN!!! To enter go to www.eventpromotions.co.nz.



Fred Amess Cup...

Forms were sent home this week, so get your forms in quick if you want to participate. The Fred Amess Soccer Tournament will be held on **Sunday the 3rd of May at Sherwin Park, Te Awamutu.**

Games will kick off at 9:00 am on the day so be there early to get organized. Please ensure your child brings their lunch and **plenty of water.**

Parents and Caregivers are responsible for getting their children to and from the games, and supervising them on the day. **Go St Pat's...**

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

Fieldays Tickets.

Shop locally and get your Field day tickets at:
'The Te Awamutu i-SITE and Information Centre'

Adult Ticket	\$25.00
Child Ticket	\$15.00
Program	\$5.00

These prices will be the same as gate sales, online tickets sales, while slightly less, incur the usual charges for credit card and booking fees. We will provide you with an invoice and GST receipt etc. Please call on **871 3259** and ask for Lynne and advise the quantity of Fieldays tickets that you require.

FOR SALE

- Girls Tunic – Size 10 \$50
(Reinforced stitching on pleats, plenty of hem)
- Girls 'Clarks' summer sandals-size 6 adult \$25
- Girls 'Hannahs' winter shoes-size 6 adult \$25

ALL items are in excellent condition, any enquiries please
Phone Sue 021 783 373.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

Phone 871 6109

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email: parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz

Parish Council Chairperson: Nick Prendergast



Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

Holy Hour: After 9:15am Mass with
Benediction around 10:30am



Special ANZAC Day Mass

Saturday 25th April @ 9:15am



Weekend Masses

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th April 2015

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

(Saturday)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel Reading: Jn 10:11-18

'I am the Good Shepherd...'

Parish Notices...

Sacramental Programme...

The Sacramental programme recommences on Sunday, May 10th, after Mass. Please remember to bring your books (if they have not been handed in) and some morning tea.

Any children who have not made their Confirmation, but who have made their first Reconciliation and Communion, are welcome to join us for this. Confirmation preparation will start on June 7th, with Confirmation being held on 28th June. If you would like to enrol in the Confirmation programme please contact the school - 07 871 4669 **before Friday 1st May.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

TA Tigers Basketball Club Muster

Come and find out about learning basketball skills

Where: TA College Gym

When: Friday April 24th

Ages: Year 1-4 5-6pm

Year 5-8 6-7pm

Further info: Anna 027 275 7343

tatigersbasketball@yahoo.com

ANZAC Day 2015 - Commemoration.....



You are welcome to join us for our **beginning of term Mass tomorrow** which will have an 'ANZAC Theme'. Mass begins at 9:15am tomorrow Friday 24th April.

You are welcome to **join us on ANZAC Day** as follows :

- ANZAC Day Mass @ 9:15am
- Followed by Morning Tea (*plate of biscuits please*).
- 10:30am : Move to the RSA and assemble to march in the parade to the ANZAC Green.
- Attend the Civic Service @ 11am.



Information came home on the 'Red' Letter yesterday.
All students to be in school uniform please.

You are also reminded that **our School is closed on Monday 27th April** as this day is a National holiday for the 'observance of ANZAC Day.'



From the Enviro Team Why do we recycle?

That's a hard question. Before I learnt about what recycling is I never really got it. I had no idea it was about sending our old newspapers, cans and plastics to a place where they made it into new plastic cans or new newspaper even new cans that I drink out of today. It's good because we don't need to use the world's resources anymore by recycling; it just means we are reusing Cans, Paper and Plastic. I think we should recycle because it is good for the environment and for the economy by supplying jobs. So tell your friends and family members that might not recycle, to recycle. If they don't have a bin then they can get a bin, at Te Awamutu Waipa District council by going to 101 Bank Street or contacting them by phone 07 872 0030.

By Portia Turner



SAVE THE KIWI! As you may have realised our Kiwi is **ENDANGERED**, 27 Kiwi are dying every week! For our Inquiry we followed how to help our Kiwi. For our action, Room 10 would like to sponsor a Kiwi, with your help. There are small boxes in each class and the office if you would like to contribute.

We could call him **PATRICK!**

Ukulele Group...

Mrs Davies and Mrs Carr want to start up a ukulele group this term. We will meet on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 8. All you need is a ukulele to play. We will learn chords and songs together. We are happy to open it to any age of children. Please note: this is not a lesson - but a learning opportunity. This includes the teachers! If there are parents who would like to attend also (perhaps you have some expertise) we'd welcome you!

Rhythm Interactive...



Before the show.....



During the show....

What a great afternoon we had on Tuesday where Rhythm Interactive visited our school. Each child had their own drum!!! And yes, when we had 'free' drumming it was quite spectacular!

ICT / RE Donations... A big thanks to those who have paid these last term.

RE donations so far 39% has come in. ICT Donations so far 39% (of what was asked for in Term 1) as come in. Refer to the table....

Donation Type	Total donation requested	Total donated	% donated
RE Digital (Amount requested is for the whole year)	2,142.00	829.00	39%
ICT (Amount requested is just for Term 1)	5,190.00	2,000.00	39%

We do appreciate these donations being paid.

*Patty Dudson
School Bursar*



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – TE AWAMUTU : ACTION PLAN 2015

Goal 1: To integrate the Special Catholic Character into all aspects of our community.

Communio :

1.1 RE Curriculum. We will :

1.1.1 Teachers & students maintain confidence and use of the RE digital resource as the key resource for RE.

1.1.2 Teachers and students have an increased knowledge & understanding of Sacrament.

Target 1 : That 90% of students have a proficient or advanced knowledge of 'Sacrament' at the appropriate level.

Oasis of Prayer :

1.2 Charism & Prayer. We will :

Show that the place of prayer and the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop are central to how the school expresses its Faith.

Evangelization :

1.3 Staff - self development – participation in tertiary equivalent studies offered by TCI. 1.4 Communication. We will :

1.4.1 Promote the school and parish as one worshipping community.

1.4.2 Encourage Catholic families to see as their first choice, Catholic Education.

1.4.3 Encourage families / students of age to engage in the parish-based sacramental preparation processes.

1.4.4 Students are encouraged to participate in the liturgical life of the parish.

1.4.5 Pastoral Care. We will :

Ensure that Pastoral Care continues to be an important aspect of the school's work.

Goal 3 : Parent, business and community partnerships – To build and foster strong relationships with our community and stakeholders.

3.1 Involvement of the community in all aspects of the school.

3.2 Students – extra curricular opportunities. ensure students are actively involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activity.

3.3 Provide opportunity for staff and parents to be comfortable in varying cultural settings.

3.4 Celebrate Student successes.

3.5 Support parents as first educators.

3.6 Engagement with and support for our Maori community.

3.7 Involvement of the local business community.

3.8 Communication.

3.9 Further developing our school as an Enviroschool

Goal 5 : Safety – To provide a safe and secure spiritual, physical, emotional and technological environment.

5.1 Safety Manual Update (N5).

5.2 EEO update 2015.

5.3 Cyber safety.

5.4 Maintain & enhance positive relationship

Goal 6 : Governance – To promote excellence in all aspects of governance.

6.1 Self Review (N2) : operate an effective self review programme.

6.2 Principal's PMS (N3) : Ensure that the Principal is appraised.

6.3 Finance (N4a) : Prepare and approve an annual budget that begins to build a cash reserve of \$10,000 per year.

6.4 Property (N4b) : have a functional 10 year property plan

Goal 2 : Student Achievement (N1) – To raise student achievement with an emphasis on Literacy, Numeracy and Science.

2.1 National Standards in Reading.

Our target will be :

Target 2 : Using the National Standards in Reading as benchmarks, to ensure that school-wide, 90% of our Students are achieving at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our :

a) Y5's (Y4's 2014). Cohort = 89.5%

2.2 National Standards in Writing.

Our target will be:

Target 3 : Using the National Standards in Writing as benchmarks, to ensure that school-wide, 90% of our students are achieving at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our:

a) Y8's (as Y7's 2014). Cohort = 84.9% to 90%.

b) Y6's (as Y5's 2014). Cohort = 83.3% to 90%.

c) Y4's (as after 3 yrs 2014. Cohort = 84.2 to 90%.

2.3 National Standards in Mathematics.

Our target will be :

Target 4 : Using the National Standards in Mathematics as benchmarks, to ensure that school-wide, 90% of our students are achieving at or above the relevant standard and within this to improve our :

a) Y5's (as Y4's 2014) Cohort = 84.2% to 90%.

b) Y4's (as after 3 Yrs 2014). Cohort = 75% to 90%.

2.4 Success in Science : We will ensure that the conceptual understandings of the nature of Science are embedded within the school's Science programme, so that students enjoy success through learning through the conceptual understandings of the Nature of Science.

Goal 4 : 21st Century Learning – To further develop and enhance 21st century Learning.

4.1 Teaching & Learning in the NZ Curriculum.

4.1.1 developing pedagogy around BYOD / Digital learning.

4.1.2 developing pedagogy around teaching in FLEs.

4.1.3 develop expertise with Mathematics as a : learning, assessment and communication (parents) tool.

4.1.4 Class online presence (ref 4.4).

4.2 Involvement in the Rural & Roses Learning & Change Community.

Change priorities (**Strategic Plan – R & R LCN 2015**)

4.2.1 Student as active learners :

4.2.2 Engagement in the learning process :

4.3 ICT infrastructure.

- SNUP Upgrade (June 2015).

- Develop BYOD. (see 4.1.1).

- Place and use of Chromebooks.

- Place and use of 'The Cloud'.

- Develop expertise in the use of e-TAP.

4.4 Communication with parents in ICT.

4.5 Professional Development.

4.5.1 Religious Education : RE Digital Resource.

4.5.2 My Portfolios / Drive.

4.5.3 MOE Contracts ALL & ALIM

4.5.4 Teachers as inquiry learners – appraisal.

4.5.5 Learning Focussed relationships.

4.5.6 Constructing accurate OTJs.

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