



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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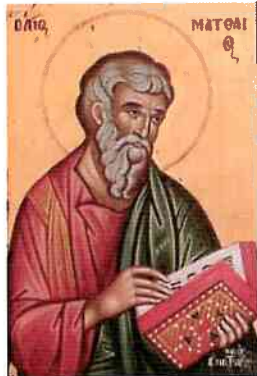
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**Thursday 14th May
2015**

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Deputy Principal: Cass Sutton. **Assistant Principal:** Marcus Oxenham.
Director of Religious Studies: Raewyn Jackman.
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:



Today is the Feast day of St Matthias the Apostle..

According to the Acts of the Apostles, Matthias was chosen 'by lot' to be an Apostle to replace Judas Iscariot. He is said to have been with Jesus from his Baptism and for his entire Ministry. Very little is known about Matthias, other than he planted the faith about Cappadocia and on the

coasts of the Caspian sea, residing chiefly near the port Issus. Various traditions surround Matthias' death and final resting place.

This Sunday is Ascension Sunday...

Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and that they will spread his message throughout the world. Then on the fortieth day Jesus took the disciples to the Mount of Olives, where they watched Jesus ascend into heaven. This is affirmed by Christians in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.



TERM DIARY

Wk 4	Fri 15 th May: Team 1 & 2 Assembly
Wk 5	Sun 17 th May: Ascension Sunday Mon 18 th May: ERO Review Week Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Respect Thur 21 st May: HPV Vac Dose 2 9-10am Football Tournament Yr 3 & 4 9.30-1.30pm Fri 22 nd May: Team 3 Snr Sch Ass @ 2:15pm
Wk 6	Sun 24 th May: Pentecost Sunday – Community Mass @ 10am Mon 25 th May: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Respect Wed 27 th May: Trees for survival-Planting day Thur 28 th May: HPV Vac Yr8 catch up 9-10am Fri 29 th May: Energize winter sports day 9-2:30pm Class Mass Rm 1, 2, 3 9:15-10:00am Team 1 & 2 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm Queen's Birthday Weekend
Wk 7	Sun 31 st May: Trinity Sunday Mon 1 st June: Queen's Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED Tue 2 nd June: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Excellence Fri 5 th June: Team 3 Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall
Wk 8	Mon 8 th June: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Excellence Thur 11 th June: Team 1 & 2 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm Fri 12 th June: Teacher Only Day (TA Schools) SCHOOL CLOSED

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.



. A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Refuse nothing to God's love.'
18th September 1906

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us

Community Mass Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 24th May @10am.

All welcome

Students in school uniform please.



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

ANZAC DAY 2015... Thank you for attending our special ANZAC Day Assembly last Friday and apologies again for the overrun of time.

Update – Buildings : Admin and FLE

We have been advised by The Diocesan Office that the tendering process is almost concluded, with an announcement soon to be made in regards to the successful tenderer. We will then be able to advise a likely timetable for the build. Please see the enclosed information about FLEs. As advised, we have targeted and grouped the students in R5-7 (from the beginning of the year) as the students to move into the FLE and our three teachers in R5-7 (Aimee, Nic, & Michaela, assisted by Katharine) are already experimenting with cross-grouping of students and are co-operatively planning across the 3 classrooms.

In regards to the Admin block, we are working in closely with our parish who are also embarking on a building project, to build offices and a larger gathering area adjacent to the church.

‘SNUP’ Upgrade. Following the IT audit carried out in March, we now have costings for this project which are currently with the Diocesan Office. This is a large scale costly project which is mostly funded by the Ministry of Education, with funding also from the Proprietor (for Integrated Schools). This project hooks our school into the ‘Hi speed’ network and involves the laying of fibre optic cabling, replacement of servers and switches, and installation of wireless enabling multiple, high speed use of digital devices. The installers of this upgrade are already working closely with the project manager of our building project so that disruption to the life of the school is kept to a minimum with site work and that new /upgraded IT infrastructure is either temporarily housed in existing buildings or delayed until new buildings are in place.

This upgrade opens the door to students bringing their own devices (BYOD) as a digital tool for learning. Our ‘thinktank’ group is currently investigating the various platforms that are around that allow for BYOD to be introduced, as well as investigating likely changes to cybersafety protocols.

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

INTER-SCHOOL SHOW HUNTER... Over 136 riders competed at the first day of the Inter-School Show Hunter Series with 27 schools being represented. Ashlee and Kaelyn Strawbridge and two others finished 5th overall as a team. Kaelyn had a second out of 15 riders and Ashlee had a 5th out of 26 riders.



WELL DONE GIRLS..!!

Miniball Basketball for Yr 5/6 & 7/8 ...

Competitions start **Monday May 18th** at Te Awamutu Events Centre. Watch this space for further information.

WINTER WARMERS

Minestrone Soup

1 tsp oil
1 finely diced onion
4C veges eg. corn, carrots, celery
2x 400g can chopped tomatoes
4C stock
1x 400g can cannellini beans (drained)
1/2C pasta

Heat oil in a pot and cook onion, celery and leek until soft. Add diced vegetables and simmer over a low heat. Add tomatoes, stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

Pour in cannellini beans, and pasta, stirring occasionally until pasta is cooked. Season if required and serve with wholegrain buns.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



Feeds a family of FIVE!

COMPETITION NETBALL

DRAW FOR: Saturday 16th May 2015

Team	Time	Crt	Other Team
St Pats Pastoral Panthers	9:00	6	Ray White Pirongia Aropapa Juniors
St Pats Daffodils		7	
St Pats Pink Panthers	9:50	7	TAPS Marvels
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames	11:30	2	Korakonui Uniducks
St Pats Gibson		4	K-Town Tigers
St Pats B&C Property Tycoons	12:20	6	Paterangi Rockets
St Pats Timmos ITM Tigers	2:50	4	Ray White Pirongia Stormers

Yr 1 & 2 NETBALL

Our Junior netball started successfully last weekend with the Yr 1 & 2 children really enjoying themselves.

Please meet Lisa Aitkinson & Rochelle Old by 12:20 each Saturday to get your child organised.

Thanks to the parent helpers, your assistance is very much appreciated.

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



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

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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

Weekend Masses

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 24th May 2015

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel Reading: Mk 16:15-20

'The Lord Jesus was taken up to Heaven... while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the words by the signs and accompanied it.'



Parish Notice...

The Parish Project Steering Committee has reflected on the views parishioners expressed about refurbishing our building at a reasonable cost so that it meets our needs, and allows Saint Patrick's Parish to reach out to the wider community, as Pope Francis urges us. The plans that were on the foyer window are being re-drawn, and fund-raising strategies are under way.

God bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton

Deputy Principal



COMMUNITY NEWS

Gwynne Shield Trials 2015

This year we will be running 3 trials at Te Awamutu Sports. They will be held on **Sunday May 10th, May 17th and May 24th** Sign in and registrations from 10am. The trial will begin at 11.30am.

2015 Te Awamutu Gwynne Shield Management Team:

Alex Phillips – 021 026 58899 – Forwards Coach

Ollie Ward – 027 451 9158 – Backs Coach

Aroha Nuku – 021 499 496 - Manager

(For eligibility details and registration forms please come to the school office)

TE AWAMUTU JUNIOR RUGBY SUB UNION welcoming all year 5 rugby players

**If you love Rugby this
is for you**

2015 Rep trials - Year 5 only

**Where: Castleton Park,
Park Road - TA Marist
rugby grounds**

**When: Sunday 14th June
2015**

**Registration start:
9.00am sharp**

**Bring: Boots and
appropriate playing
gear, food for fuel**



MOUTHGUARD

**Birth certificate (copy only)
Look forward to seeing you
all there**

**Queries please
email:lisapayne56@gmail.com**

KIDSZONE

*Open for the Teachers Only Day
on the 12th June 2015*

7:30 – 5:45PM

**Contact: Simone Monkley
027 485 3038**

SACRED HEART OPEN DAY

21ST May 2015

First Session 9:15am

Second Session 12:15pm

ST JOHNS OPEN DAY

6:30-8:00PM

Further information on Website



FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

May 2015

Where did we come from?

Most of the school buildings in New Zealand were built when direct instruction was the norm for teaching and learning. Education was about all students 'learning the same thing at the same time.' This form of education has largely disappeared but the buildings remain.....

We all want quality learning opportunities for our students....

Quality 21st century Learning is a combination of:

- Personalised learning (no two students learn in the same way)
- Learning from each other
- Learning at the pace of the learner
- Learning that is initiated by the students themselves (*student agency*)
- Learning that is connected to the real world

Learning (classroom) environments must now begin to support these changes in emphasis in education and so what is now required is flexibility around how classrooms are configured and can be re-configured to help students maximize learning in ways that best suit individual students.

Latest classroom designers coined the phrase and called these 'Modern Learning Environments' (MLEs). These designs included groups of students (equivalent class sizes) in one large space, where there are equivalent 'larger' spaces (to match a class size of students) a shared space and various (smaller) breakout spaces. This is NOT a return to the 'open plan' model of the 1970-80's. Although larger 'modern learning environments' (even up to 6, or more equivalent class sizing) are around, research suggests that 3 (equivalent class sizes) is the optimal size for a modern learning environment.

So what does Modern/Flexible learning environment provide?

- **Flexibility** – the ability to combine varying groups of students
- **Flexibility** – of furniture, variety working spaces, fewer if any desks...
- **Openness** – fewer walls, more glass, common learning areas
- **Access to resources** - breakout rooms that may be specialised (wet area, IT) that fits within the student's flow of learning.

A name change from Modern (MLEs) to Flexible (FLEs)...

The key to these classroom designs is FLEXIBILITY... flexibility of space, flexibility of grouping (of students), flexibility of learning styles and therefore flexibility in how teachers share their gifts and expertise.

Flexible Learning Environments promote teaching and learning...

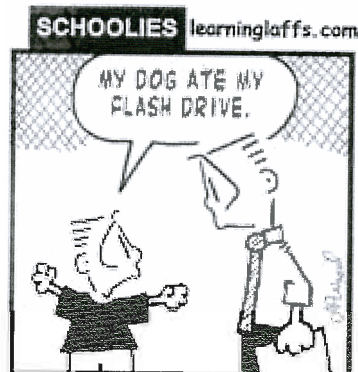
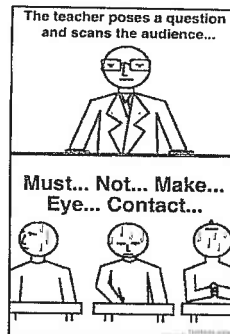
These environments effectively promote and support a range of teaching styles including :

- **Delivering** – teachers will work with groups of students from within a 'home base' within the environment
- **Applying** - students have a range of spaces in which to apply what they are learning
- **Creating** – range of space allows for specialised areas for students to create
- **Communicating** – students (and teachers) have access to a wider range of people to help with learning
- **Decision-making** – students can make decisions about where they will do their learning, within the flexibility of the learning environment.

At our school

Our Flexible Learning Environment (FLE) will be an equivalent 3 class model and (alongside a purpose built Admin building) forms stage one of the building project. This replaces the existing Colgan Block (R5-7). Stage two involves are further (3) classroom replacement (FLE) and is likely within the next 5-10 years.

With plans now being confirmed, we are excited to be able to share where we are up to with community meetings before the end of Term 2, they are likely to be in Week 10 (mid year conference week) and Week 11 (Science Fair displays week). Please look out for the exact timings of these.



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