



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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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:



'When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you.'

Leo Tzu

Community Mass - Pentecost Sunday

A big thanks to those families who attended Mass with us last Sunday, it was a great way to celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost!



And \$474.90 raised by the Cake stall for Nepal

NOTE CHANGES TO TEAM ASSEMBLIES.....

Team 1 & 2 will now have split Assemblies

- Team 1 (R1-3) ONLY is tomorrow @ 2:30pm
- Team 2 (R5-7) will now be alternate Fridays beginning NEXT Friday at 2:30pm

TERM DIARY

Wk 6	Fri 29 th May: Energize winter sports day 9-2:30pm Class Mass Rm 1, 2, 3 @ 9:15-10:00am Team 1 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm Queen's Birthday Weekend
Wk 7	Sun 31 st May: Feast - Trinity Sunday Mon 1 st June: Queen's Birthday Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED Tue 2 nd June : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Excellence Fri 5 th June : Class Mass R8,5 @ 9:15am Team 3 Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall Team 2 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Wk 8	Sun 7 th June : Feast - Body & Blood of Christ Mon 8 th June : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Excellence Tue 9 th June : School visit to Y8 Boys from St John's College Wed 10 th June : Cath I/schools - Winter Sports Day. Hamilton Thur 11 th June : Team 1 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm Fri 12 th June : Teacher Only Day (TA Schools) SCHOOL CLOSED
Wk 9	Mon 15 th June: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Creativity Wed 17 th June : Rippa Rugby Tournament - Hamilton Fri 19 th June : Class Mass R6,7 @ 9:15am Team 3 Assembly @ 2:15pm Hall Team 2 Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 10	Mon 22 nd June : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Creativity Fri 26 th June : Team 1 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm

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

'God expects that we love one another.' 14th December 1874

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us.

A belated welcome to:

R1 - Bailey Kahura, Azaria Peters, Elizabeth Songhak, Nixon Oliver & Luca Donnell-Durney. R2 - Portia Lee, Liam Caddy, Jacob Carr, Felicia Cuthers, Sheina Bantugan & Kaydin Growe-Lolesi. Also Elexus Thom (R7) & Reef Doole (R6).



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

Meet our Board members....

Each week, we will feature one of our board members and so this week, we begin with our board chair Kyle Owens.

Hello. My name is Kyle Owens and I am the current chairman of the Board of Trustees for St Patrick's School. I was elected as a parent representative at the last Board elections in May 2013.



My wife Kate and I live near Pirongia. We returned to New Zealand in 2009 having left to go to live in England in 2001. Both Kate and I are chartered accountants. I work in Cambridge and I am an associate at the firm of Herbert Morton. Our son Hamish attends the school and he is currently in year 5 in Raewyn Jackman's class.

I did my primary schooling at St Patrick's starting here in 1978, and I am proud of my education at St Patrick's. Many families and faces in the school are familiar, and this is a part of our school community that I enjoy.

I enjoy coaching junior football as part of the club in Te Awamutu, and I can be seen encouraging our under 7 year segment to play football with Happy Feet. I myself am still playing senior men's football, a game I have loved playing and supporting since my teens. Our time in Europe was spent travelling to football grounds and games. I loved it! Kate and I both like to play golf in the summer and this past year I have enjoyed playing 'masters' cricket.

Student Accounts...

Went home last week. Please check this is not still in your child's bag.

Pastoral Care – the freezer is getting

empty!.... A big thanks to those families who have taken meat home to cook up and return as meals. Still more meat sitting there... So all you need to do is come into the school office, pick up some meat, cook it up into a tasty meal, place the meal in an ice-cream container, label what it is and the date prepared, and return it to school (frozen would be great).

Year 7 & 8 EOTC Wellington Camp...

Rooms 10 & 11 will have their biennial EOTC experience to Wellington during the week 2nd November – 6th November 2015. **We will have a parent meeting 9th June, Tuesday at 6pm in Room 8.** If you have any intention in helping with supervising with this camp please attend.

We have become a construction Site!

Congratulations to Barnard Construction Ltd who have been successful in their bid to construct our new Flexible Learning Environment and Administration Offices. There is now **VERY LIMITED** access into the church carpark area and there is **NO IN / OUT flow**. The church driveway



(under the veranda) still have access to the carpark behind the church. Therefore, if you have students in **R1-3, 4, 5-7 & 8** or if there are siblings in other classes of students in these classes, could you please **use the Rewi Street entrance** as your way into and out of the school. Students in **R9-11** will be **directed down the main school gate** (and not up through the church carpark).

As it is going to be very difficult where cars are trying to arrive and leave through the same exit, could you please park on Alexandra Street and walk to the main school gate where your child will be waiting.

There is no effect for students on buses.

Changes to Team Assemblies

As from tomorrow, Team 1 & 2 will run separate Assemblies. Tomorrow will be the **Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm** in the Quad or in one of the Junior classrooms (R1-3). **Team 2's (R5-7) Assembly** will now be on alternate weeks at 2.30pm in the Team 2 block. **The first one will be NEXT FRIDAY 5th June @ 2:30pm.**

Fundraising Group.

Further to the information in last week's newsletter, we are really thrilled that this group is forming to carry out specific 'large scale' funding opportunities that will benefit our kids. There does however seem to be some 'negativity' around, as to how this group formed, who is this group, and that there is a degree of 'exclusivity' with this group. Their progress to date is :

1. Last week, this group outlined what they wanted to achieve ie 'to raise money to provide extra equipment and other benefits to St Patrick's Catholic School,' based on the board's strategic direction for the school.
2. They will contribute to a 'school based' Facebook page (see information in this newsletter).
3. They will keep you updated via Facebook, this newsletter and website – ***this information is coming.***
4. They are seeking your support/ help/ advice, please contact Alana Kidd-Smith via email: markandalan@ihug.co.nz or alternatively you can call Alana on 021 553 271)
5. While there is an independence from the activities of the PTA who continue to work with lunches and other support mechanisms, they are not in 'any opposition' but will focus on large scale event/fundraising.

During the week an anonymous letter that undermines the intentions of this Fundraising Group arrived at school. I am disappointed that these concerns have come in this manner. This fundraising group are highly enthusiastic and are very well meaning group and they have the support from the board and school, and in time will ensure that our community is involved so that OUR KIDS will benefit from their fundraising activities. I urge you please, to be patient – look out for information next week, be supportive, offer your talents – this group do not know all of the wonderful talented people in our community, - offer help (ring the contact person Alana Kidd-Smith 021 553 271) and, of course, my door is always open!

Montefiore Planting Day...

Yesterday 26 of our students along with Mrs Carr went down and planted 200 native trees along the Montefiore Stream. We walked down to the Montefiore – Fonterra link project behind Te Waanaga o Aoteroa and Fonterra and met with representatives from the Lower Mangapiko Streamcare, Te Awamutu College. Fonterra and Environment Waikato groups to continue planting trees we've grown at school. We look forward to going back soon and staking, tying and releasing some of them.



Ukulele Lessons...

Mrs Carr and Mrs Davies are currently helping interested children to play the ukulele - using basic chords. This has been happening in our Wednesday lunch hour. Unfortunately it's not much fun if you don't have your own instrument & we have just 4 between us. It could be an ideal Birthday or Christmas gift for your child and a good introduction to learning a musical instrument - free!

Vinnies - Cake Stall for the people of Nepal

We badged our Vinnies at Prayer Assembly on Monday with the help of Mr Alan McManus from our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society. We are very proud of this group, who with Patsy Wisnewski, have some great plans for this year. We could have sold double the cakes that we had at the Cake stall last Sunday and we have raised to date \$474.90 with a raffle still being sold. This money will be forwarded onto CARITAS who are working on the ground in Nepal.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our Senior team assemblies on Friday 22nd May 2015.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Ben Smith	Sophie Chapman
Mackenzie Montague	Cooper Rush
Hannah Kendrick	Judah Smith
Richard Young	Amy Mohring
Kyle Fraser	Kahurangi Tamaki-Woolly

CHARISM AWARDS – "Honesty"

Olivia Bell	Nikita Scott-Petersen
Madison Hamlyn	Jack Sickelmore
Seaton Bayley	

Winter has arrived.....brrrrrrr!

Now that the cold weather has come we normally have an increase in infection and cross infection in the school. Often this is because our bodies are busy keeping us warm and therefore our ability to fight off infection is compromised. We have already been providing some children with a jersey as they were freezing!!!

Please....

1. Ensure your child has a jersey and encourage them to wear to school – jackets too when it's really cold. We still have children arriving at school with no jerseys!
2. Keep children warm at home if they are unwell.
3. Eat well.

Lost Property...

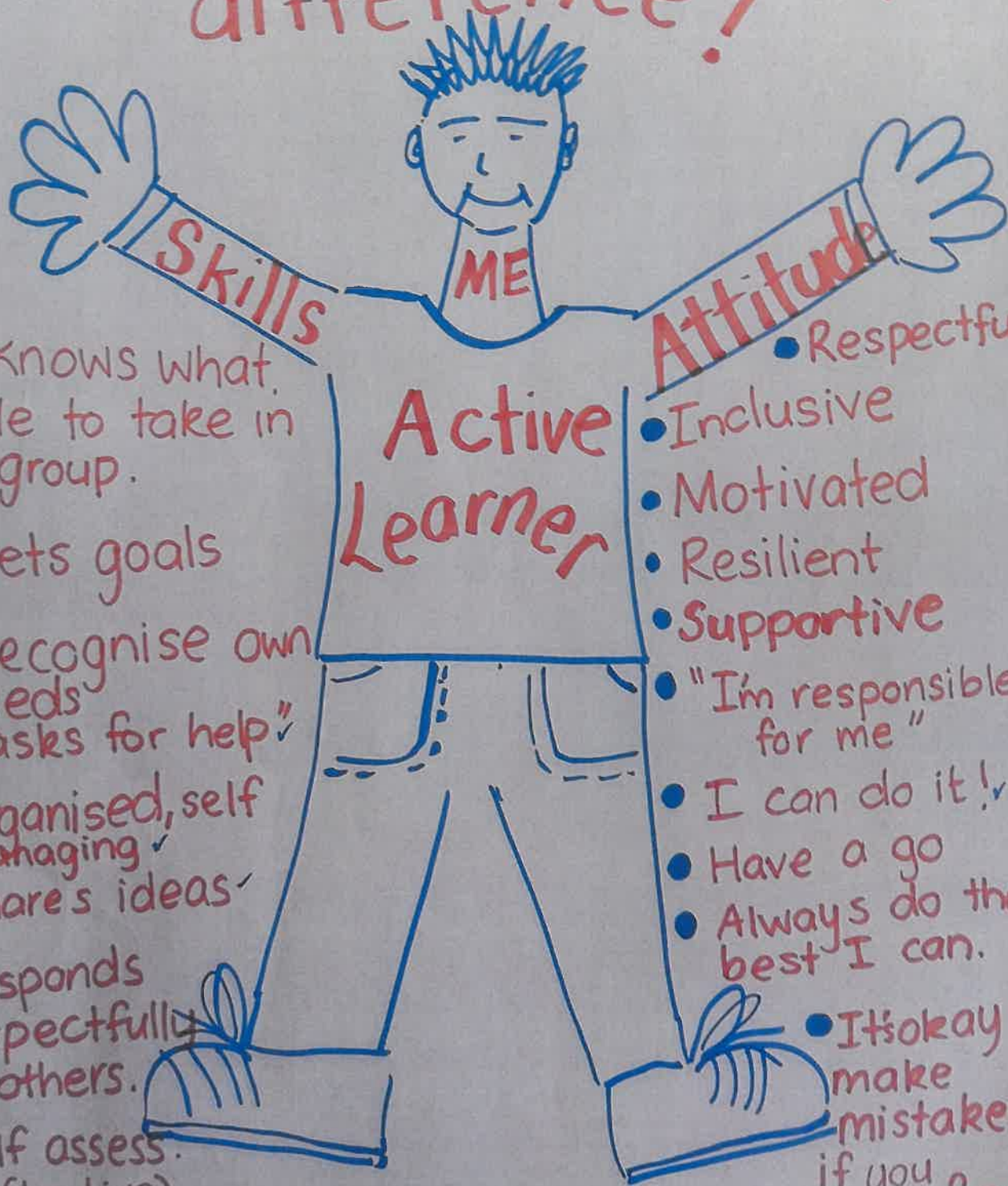
1 x Long sleeve School top – Named Sadie Hawker (R2),
1 x PE Top size 10 and 1 x School Jersey – Named Sophia Donnell-Durney (5). If you have come across them, please return to the school office.

An Active Learner.....

'Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference!!'

Have a read of our teacher's thoughts from a recent staff meeting.....

Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference!



- Knows what role to take in a group.
- Sets goals
- Recognise own needs
- "asks for help"
- Organised, self managing
- Shares ideas
- Responds respectfully to others.
- Self assess. (reflective)
- Sets goals
- Reading, writing, speaking, listening, numeracy

Active Learner

- Respectful
- Inclusive
- Motivated
- Resilient
- Supportive
- "I'm responsible for me"
- I can do it!
- Have a go
- Always do the best I can.
- It's okay to make mistakes if you learn from it.

- Relevant questioning.

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

COMPETITION NETBALL

DRAW FOR: Saturday 30th May 2015

Team	Time	Crt	Other Team
St Pats B&C Property Tycoons	1:10	6	Puahue Silver Ferns
St Pats Daffodils	9.50	7	St Pats Pink
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames	1:10	2	TAS Manuka Health Stingerz
St Pats Pastoral Panthers	10.40	6	TAPS Wildcats
St Pats Pink Panthers	9.50	7	St Pats Daffodils
St Pats Timmos ITM Tigers	11:30	4	KTown Tigers
St Pats Gibson Construction Cobras	9.00	4	TAPS Tigers



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

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 31st May 2015

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm

(Saturday)

Sunday Mass @ 10am

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations...'



COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDSZONE

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

7:30AM – 5:45PM

Contact: Simone Monkley

027 485 3038

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal





Thursday 28th May 2015
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