



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**2015**

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**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,*

## Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop is Australasia's first saint and was woman 'of vision, where her life demonstrated simplicity, strength and an indomitable spirit.'



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop had:

- ❖ Deep love and trust in God
- ❖ Great hope for the future
- ❖ Great courage
- ❖ Great love of children
- ❖ Great love of people and families

*She never saw a need without doing something about it.*

**Tomorrow:** Please join us for a special feast day Mass @ 9:15am, we ask that students bring a non-perishable item to school and bring to church and place in the baskets there.

After Mass: We are encouraging children to bring old fashion games – board games, knuckle bones, marbles, pick up sticks – NO digital games! We will break into house groups and play these games after mass and through interval until 11am. Assemblies for teams 2 and 3 will happen as usual. There will be a treat at the end of the day.

## A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'May God bless you all. With all the love in my heart I pray that God may do this.'

25<sup>th</sup> July 1899

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



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 3</b>	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug: <b>Feast St Mary of the Cross MacKillop</b> School Mass @ 9:15am Team 2 / 3 Assemblies
<b>Wk 4</b>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Impartiality Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Hearing and vision checks in school, 9-10am Parent Evening – Digital Learning, 5:30-6:30pm Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm NOTE – Thursday : Team 1 Assembly 2:30pm Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug: <b>SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
<b>Wk 5</b>	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Celebration – Feast of the Assumption Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Honesty Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug: School Cross country 11:30-2:30pm Yr6 Parent evening RM11, 5:30-6:30pm Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug: Class Mass R1,2,3 @ 9:15am Team 2 / 3 Assemblies
<b>Wk 6</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Honesty Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug: CIS Cross Country, 10:00am-02:30pm Parent evening, religious education Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Team 1 Assembly, Jnr Quad

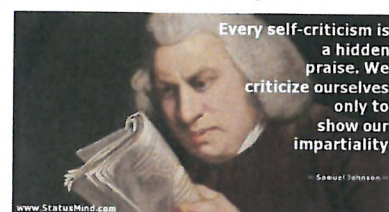
Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: [http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar) as this is updated as events or changes come to hand.

The Charism for this week is:

## IMPARTIALITY

**Freedom from bias or favoritism; fairness.**

Impartiality is a matter of not letting position, ability to speak well, wealth, a bribe, or, on the other hand, sentimentality for a poor or otherwise disadvantaged person sway one's judgment or actions in favor of the individual. Impartiality sees that all are treated in harmony with what is fair and just, according to what each deserves and needs.—Pr 3:27.



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

*'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'*



**Meet our Board members...** this week; we introduce you to Hayley McConnell



I have been a Board member since August 2012, initially co-opted due to a casual vacancy then elected. To date it has been a satisfying experience as like many parents working full time outside of Te Awamutu I have often struggled with the feeling that somehow I was not contributing to the wider school community. I

cannot count the endless times I have had to 'decline' the offer of transport, timekeeping at sports fixtures or lunch rosters. Being a member of the BOT is one way I can 'do my share'.

I am married to Stuart, who is a local and is the District Operations Manager for St John, Midland Region. I was born and raised in a great town, called Thames and after leaving school I trained as a nurse and then used my Leo traits to further my career in management and leadership roles in the health and laboratory industry. Stuart and I have a blended family - Lewis (his last year at St John's), Gabriella (Year 10 at Sacred Heart, Ross (Year 8) and Kendall (Year 8). In our spare time we enjoy our boating adventures (fresh water only, no smelly fish allowed on our boat apparently), any sports events and quiet time on the deck while Stuart mows lawns and trims hedges!

Recently I have been a parent help at the National Young Leaders day and the Top Schools sports event and I was reminded 'once again' how respectful, polite and supportive our St Pat's students are. At one of the events a helper commented that our students were the most polite group that she had worked with. I am proud that our school is successfully contributing to student academic achievements but also in the promotion and importance of attitudes and behaviours through its strong value and character system.

Happy days and God Bless.

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear All

On Saturday evening, months of tireless work from our Fundraising Committee culminated in a fantastic evening - **The Big Night Out.**

This over-subscribed event was a great success, and while final totals are being tallied, early indications are that the school will receive a significant amount of money to go towards the purchase of furniture for our new modern learning environment classroom.

The enormous amount of work involved in bringing such an event together should not be underestimated. The generosity of the sponsors should also be noted; some of the business owners who gave so willingly do not have children at our school or even a significant association with the school. This demonstrates that the Te Awamutu community is a generous one, and I encourage the school community to acknowledge this by supporting these local businesses whenever possible. We have published the list of sponsors in today's newsletters and will do so for the next few weeks.

Thank you too to all those who bought tickets for the evening, purchased raffle tickets and voted for our teacher make-overs. Every little bit helps.

**Draft Complaints Policy...** The Board has recently re-drafted the school's Complaints Policy, and would like your feedback on the content. The Board welcome your feedback; please follow this link to the document on our website:

[http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/file\\_attachments/2/Draft\\_Complaints\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/files/3961c394ea698b50/file_attachments/2/Draft_Complaints_Policy.pdf) Please email your comments to: [hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz).

Alternatively, a copy of the draft Policy can be obtained from the office, and hard copy feedback received there. Feedback will close on 27 August 2015.

Kind regards  
Kyle Owens  
Chair  
Board of Trustees

## Flexible Learning Environment 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015





## Community Consultation – ERO Report.

Thank you to those people who attended the recent mid year conferences. We were disappointed at the low turn out. Thank you too, to those people who had read the recent ERO Report

Results are :

Room	% attended Conferences	Read Report - of those (%) who attended conferences	
		% YES	% NO
1	23.5% (4)	75% (3)	25% (1)
2	26.6% (4)	75% (3)	25% (1)
3	56.5% (13)	76.9% (10)	23.1% (3)
4	59.3% (16)	100% (16)	0
5	28.5% (8)	100% (8)	0
6	44.4% (12)	100% (12)	0
7	68.0% (17)	64.7% (11)	35.3% (6)
8	62.0% (18)	83.3% (15)	16.7% (3)
9	60.0% (18)	77.8% (14)	22.2% (4)
10	56.3% (18)	88.9% (16)	11.1% (2)
11	39.4% (13)	100% (13)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.3% (141)</b>	<b>85.8% (121)</b>	<b>14.2% (20)</b>

## Teacher Makeover Competition...

Congratulations Mrs Carr (Rm 8) the winner of the 'staff makeover competition'...and what a treat it was for her. See below the before and after photos for your pleasure, what a stunning transformation indeed. You totally deserved this pamper session...!!



*Beautiful images*

A huge 'Thank you' to those parents, caregivers and students who made this possible for Mrs Carr by submitting your many votes in her favour. Also a 'shout out' to the sponsors responsible for these amazing results, she looks absolutely FANTASTIC...!!

## TEAM ASSEMBLIES TOMORROW..

**Team 2 – (R5-7) @ 2:30pm in Colgan Block**

**Team 3 – (R4, 8-11) @ 2:15pm in the Hall**

## REMINDER – School is Closed Next Friday

**14<sup>th</sup> August...** Our school is closed next Friday to enable all staff to attend professional development with other Catholic Schools in the wider Hamilton area.

## Agricultural Day 2015...

Spring is almost here and it is time to start thinking about Agricultural Day 2015. Our school date will be Thursday 15 October (Week 1 of Term 4), with Group Day on 22 October. Entry forms are available from the office and will be accepted with the \$5.00 entry fee. Happy bonding!



## Year 5/6 Interschool Speeches



On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of August, three of our Year 5 and 6 students represented our school at the interschool speech competition at Pekerau School.

All three students, Adam Chapman, Alana Oliver and Mia Ellis did the school proud. All students spoke confidently and Adam recited his entire speech without cue cards! At the end of the competition Mia was declared winner of the Year 5 girls and Alana the winner of the Year 6 girls. Adam was second in the Year 6 boys.

## Yummy Apple Stickers

Keep those Yummy apple stickers coming in. We have collected about 1600 stickers so far! Well done. We have until week 8 to collect stickers before we have to send them away.

A big thank you to those who have supported us with this venture so far.



## Opportunity to purchase musical

**instruments.** We have an opportunity to purchase some ukulele and recorders at school prices. If you are interested in purchasing a Mahalo ukulele for \$37.80 (educational prices) and Yamaha recorders for \$12.33 (education price). We have a ukelele group that meets weekly to learn chords and simple songs.

If you are interested please email Paula Carr

[paula@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:paula@stpatta.co.nz)

**Hearing and Vision Checks...** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 9am.



**Wanted...**Spare or unwanted underpants for our junior classes. We are in desperate need of underpants for those little accidents that happen at school and would appreciate any items.

**Lost Property....**There are a large number of unclaimed lunch boxes, these will be under the tree outside the office for collection until Friday morning. All items unclaimed will be recycled on Friday afternoon.


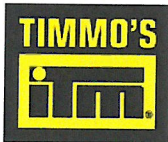



**Addison Mark** lost her PE shirt at the talent quest, children check your child's bag in case it was taken by mistake. If found please return to Addison.

**Found...**after the fundraiser, a large suede, grey, 'Barisal' jacket. If this sounds familiar contact the office.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Basketball...**Year 7&8 basketball has been cancelled for term 3 due to the Intermediate not entering any teams. Could ALL children not playing this term please return your singlets to the office?

*The Year 5&6 Team is still playing this term.*

COMPETITION NETBALL		
DRAW FOR: Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2015		
Team St Pat's.. (v)	Time	We thank our Sponsors
B&C Property Tycoons v Ray White Pirongia Flyers	11:30am	
Timmos ITM Tigers v Ray White Pirongia Troopers	10:40am	
Gibson Construction Cobras v K-Town Tigers	11:30am	
Fahrenheit Flames v TAI Gold Ferns	12:20pm	
Pastoral Panthers v Pekerau Respect	01:10pm	
Daffodils v Pekerau Spirit	09:50am	
Pink Panthers v Ohaupo Friendship	09:00am	

## PTA NEWS

**School Disco fundraiser...**Keep a watch out for the school disco happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, monies raised will be put towards our senior school camps, more about this event later.

**Abacus Calendar Art Fundraiser...**Look out for the order forms, we would like these (your child's art and orders) back at school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015, so they can be ordered and back to you in time for Christmas.

**School lunches...** We are experiencing an increase of LATE lunch orders coming in on Friday mornings. Parents please ensure your child's lunch order is in by Thursday of each week at the latest or your child will be without lunch. **NO ORDER – NO LUNCH.**

**Please ensure that you put your child's name on the envelope so that we can direct their lunch to the right class!**

**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.

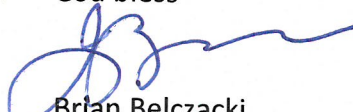
**'Big night out' Raffle Tickets...**was Winner of the raffle Mackenzie Harris (second from left) with her Mum Linda, and cousins Emma and Jacob Carr



**The 'Big night out' fashion show/Auction fundraiser...**Wow, what can I say except 'What a blast' this fundraiser was an outstanding event, the organisers had done an amazing job. The 'big night out' was a truly successful night out, we are yet to confirm the final amount raised, more about this to come.

Thank you to all the people involved with organising this huge event, it was a great night, awesome effort and St Patrick's School is truly grateful.

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal



## 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

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

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> August 2015

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

'I tell you solemnly, everybody who believes has  
eternal life.'

### Confirmation/Eucharist Group...



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Child minder wanted...

Looking for someone reliable to take care of my 2 children every Thursday afternoon and drop them off at Drama class at 4pm. Please phone Carly: 027 955 2224.

**Free healthcare...** at Mahoe Medical Centre and Te Awamutu Medical Centre, for children under the age of 13 years old, this includes prescription medications. (Your child must be enrolled at either one of these places to receive free care). Ring your medical centre for further information or contact the public health nurse Jenni Crosbee 021 341 947.

### WE WANT YOU!

Marrzipan Drama are looking for five lucky students to join in this term's hilarious play 'Lostralia'. We need a bored Koala, a Wallaby, two Policemen and a Sea Eagle who steals ice-creams. For further information or to book in for a no-obligations trial please contact Amelia on 0278183722 or email [amelia@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:amelia@marrzipandrama.co.nz).

### Why not help St John?



**St John**

St John Te Awamutu is opening an Opportunity Shop and is looking for donations of quality second hand goods to sell – clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac, etc.

All proceeds from the shop will be used to support St John services in the local community.

Goods can be dropped to the Opportunity Shop in Alexander Street (the old Whitcoulls shop) on Saturdays between 2.00 – 4.00pm or for other times (or collection) please contact:

Tracy Chisholm - (027) 226-2139, or  
Jim Young (027) 444-6971

**PARTY IDEAS**



# BAKING

**Bought cakes can be high in sugar and fat so try swapping for homemade baking like fruit muffins.**

### Easy Fruit Muffins

- 1 & 1/2 cups self raising flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup low fat milk
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 egg
- 1 cup any fruit (fresh, frozen, canned)

**Mix flour and sugar. Add eggs and liquids. Fold in fruit. Pour into greased muffin tin. Bake 20 minutes at 180°C.**



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