



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2015

Principal: Brian Belczacki.
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:

IMPARTIALITY

'Freedom from bias or favoritism; fairness'.

Signs of success.....

- Making my own mind up (not following the crowd)
- Loving the person (but not the action)
- Behaving with justice – deciding what is the right thing not based on prejudice

Feast of the Assumption of Mary...

Is celebrated on this Sunday
Mary, Queen of Heaven.....

Pray for us

Mary is the patronal saint for
Aotearoa/NZ and as such we
give her special honour as the
mother of Our Lord



Feast Day Mass @ 10am

Flexible Learning Environment 13th August 2015



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TERM DIARY

Wk 4	Fri 14 th Aug: SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY
Wk 5	Sun 16 th Aug: Celebration – Feast of the Assumption Mon 17 th Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Honesty Wed 19 th Aug: School Cross country 11:30-2:30pm Yr6 Parent evening RM11, 5:30-6:30pm Thur 20 th Aug: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 21 st Aug: Class Mass R1,2,3 @ 9:15am Team 2 / 3 Assemblies
Wk 6	Mon 24 th Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Honesty Wed 26 th Aug: CIS Cross Country, 10:00am-2:30pm Parent evening, religious education Thur 27 th Aug: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 28 th Aug: Team 1 Assembly, Jnr Quad
Wk 7	Mon 31 st Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Stewardship Wed 2 nd Sep: WFP Cross Country Thur 3 rd Sep: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Open day at TA College Fri 4 th Sep: Class Mass R10,11 @ 9:15am Team 2/3 Assemblies Sun 6 th Sep: Father's Day

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

'Do not be uneasy about me but pray for me.'

25th March 1873

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us.



REMINDER: Tomorrow our school is closed

to enable all staff to attend Professional Development with other Catholic Schools in the wider Hamilton area.

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...this week; we introduce you to Judy Graham.



I am the Staff Representative on the Board. My role is to ensure that the views of the staff are known to the Board and that the matters pertaining to staff discussed at Board level are known to the staff.

I have taught at St Patrick's

School for 14 years now, 11 of those in a New Entrant classroom. It is always a pleasure to catch up with former students as young adults and to see the legacy our school has left in their lives. As my husband, Chris, is also a local teacher, as well as private guitar tutor, it is hard to go anywhere in town without hearing a cheery greeting from a current or former student, or from their parents.

This makes us feel very much part of the community, despite not originally being Te Awamutu-ites.

Chris and I have four adult children and will have 10 grandchildren by the New Year. Apart from keeping busy with family, we have recently built a new home on a large section to make room for them all (having down-sized when the kids left home!) and so Chris can have a 'man-shed' for his guitar-making business. Our 'leisure time' over the next few years, at least, will be spent developing the section, which we (almost!) always enjoy doing together.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 Please email your comments to: 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.

Year 6 – Parent Education Evening.... Is our next (in the series) of parent education evenings. This is on Wednesday 19th August @ 5:30pm

Kete Korero...will be coming home today.

FROM THE BURSAR...

School Accounts...will be coming home next week, please check your child's school bag.

MATHLETICS AWARD...

Congratulations to Harry Walkinshaw who achieved the Top Kiwi Mathlete award on the 5th of July. Harry scored the most points of any New Zealand student on Mathletics for this date. He was presented with a certificate and a black Mathletics wrist band. **Great work Harry!**



Community Survey – Student Voice in Learning...

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent conferences, please watch out for a survey coming home early next week.

School Cross Country...Is on Wednesday 19th

August 11:30-2:30pm at Kihikihi domain. The timetable is as follows : **(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME CHANGES TO THE LIST FROM WHAT WAS SENT HOME ON LAST FRIDAY.)**

11.00am : Board Buses

11.30am : All Teachers to walk the course with their classes

12.00noon : Students to be seated in their age group lines.

12:00noon - Welcome

12.10 pm : 8 yr olds Girls and Boys

12.20pm : 9 yr olds Girls and Boys

12.30pm : 10 yr olds Girls and Boys

12.30pm : 5-7 year olds arrive

12.45pm : 11 yr olds Girls and Boys

12.45pm : 5-7 year olds to walk the inner track.

1.00pm: Year 7 Girls and Boys

1.00pm : 7 year olds – inner track

1.10pm: 6 year olds – inner track

1.20pm: Year 8 girls and Boys

1.20pm: 5 year olds – inner track

1.50pm - Farewell

2pm load buses to return to school

All Welcome to come and support your children, grandchildren, niece or nephew, Wednesday 19th August at Kihikihi Domain. Students are to come to school dressed in PE uniform, running shoes or school shoes and school jersey (It can get very cold at Kihikihi). Students will need a drink and healthy lunch.

Healthy Lunch Order Form : A lunch is available for purchase - see the insert provided in today's newsletter. Please complete and return this form to the office by Monday 17th August to ensure your child receives their lunch pack. Please support this healthy lunch option as this is supporting the cross country, the money from the lunches are helping pay for the buses. Thank you to those who have returned the Cross Country slip and can help on the day. We still need help to manage this event, please email Michelle on michelle@stpatta.co.nz.

Lost P.E Uniform...Named 'Presley Hose'. Parents please check your child's clothing to ensure it has not been taken by mistake. If it is found please return the items to school.

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!



Wellington Camp (T4) 2015 – Fundraiser.

A group of parents have been working tirelessly to raise funds to assist our R10/11 students go to Wellington in Term 4, for an urban EOTC experience. Here are the details of a fundraiser you may wish to participate in... **Sileni Estate Wine Fundraiser.** St Patricks has been offered an opportunity to sell on behalf of Sileni Estate a fantastic range of Sileni Wines at very competitive prices to family, friends and the wider community. For every case (12 bottles) sold, St Patricks is guaranteed a return of \$40.00 to go towards the Wellington Camp 2015. **An email will sent to your 'school contact email' address, to invite your participation, or alternatively you can contact the school office and they will send a hard copy of the information home.**

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Season is 'almost' over... The season is coming to an end, with semi-finals this Saturday 15th August and Finals next Saturday 22nd August 2015. The Netball association prize giving is at 2:00pm after Finals.

COMPETITION NETBALL

DRAW FOR: Saturday 15th August 2015 - SEMIFINALS

Team St Pat's.. (v)	Time	We thank our Sponsors
B&C Property Tycoons v Ray White Pirongia Flyers	2:00pm	
Timmos ITM Tigers v Ray white Pirongia Troopers	11:30am	
Gibson Construction Cobras v K-Town Tigers	2:50pm	
Fahrenheit Flames v Whakamarama Juniors	12:20pm	
Pastoral Panthers v Aropapa Seniors	2:50pm	
Daffodils v St Pats Pink Panthers	10:40am	
Pink Panthers v St Pats Daffodils	09:00am	



2015 Netball Prize Giving

Team members, parents and siblings are invited to join us for our 2015 Netball Prize Giving.

Where: Te Awamutu Sports Club
When: Friday, 28 August 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm

Cash bar facilities for soft drinks / wine / beer

\$3 charge per player for venue hire
(to be paid to the school office)

RSVP to coach / manager by Sunday, 16 August latest

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God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

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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

SOLEMNITY: ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS @ 10AM

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."



A 'solemnity' is a feast day of the highest rank in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Rite, celebrating a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or another important saint. The observance begins with the vigil on the evening before the actual date of the feast.

ST PAT'S CROSS COUNTRY!!

WEDESDAY 19TH AUGUST

Lunch Packs \$6.00

Includes

Ham & Coleslaw Wrap

Water/Choc Milk/Straw Milk (please circle)

Piece Fruit Banana / Apple / Orange (please circle)

Baking (1 piece)

Childs Name: _____

Qty of Packs: _____

I am/are not able to supply a cake or biscuit plate(to be brought to office on the morning of cross country)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO OFFICE BY MONDAY
17TH AUGUST.

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