



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:

HONESTY

Signs of honesty.....

- Loyal to their friends
- Knows what is right and wrong and always chooses what is right
- Can be trusted



Flexible Learning Environment 18th August 2015



Winter Series: Parent Education – 'Catholic Character / RE Curriculum' Our next (in the series) of parent education evenings is on Wednesday 26th August @ 5:30-6:30pm – see flyer enclosed.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TOMORROW
@ KIHIKIHI DOMAIN from 12noon



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To find us following the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsteawamutu>

TERM DIARY

Wk 5	Fri 21 st Aug: Class Mass R1,2,3 @ 9:15am SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY @ Kihikihi Domain NO Team 2 or 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 Ed Evening, Religious Education 5:30-6:30pm 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
Wk 8	Sun 6 th Sep: Father's Day Mon 7 th Sep: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Stewardship Wed 9 th Sep: Hui Katorika – Catholic Schools Festival - here Thur 10 th Sep: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 11 th Sep: Grand Parents Day : Special Mass @ 9:15am TA Schools X Country Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm Sun 13 th Sep: Community/Parish Mass @ 10am - Social Justice Theme

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

'Look upon your crosses as stepping-stones to an eternity of happiness.'

28th February 1890

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us.



Grandparent's Day is coming up – Friday 11th September

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 our principal Brian Belczacki

Hi there,

My role on the board is CEO to the board and principal of the school. I have been in this position for 8 years and find the role both challenging and rewarding. I have three adult children (two of whom are teachers, holding senior positions.) I have five beautiful grandchildren. My family name comes from Poland, where my father was deported from into Siberia in 1940. He arrived in NZ in 1948 and shortly thereafter, met a beautiful lady – my mum. They soon married and settled back in Taranaki where my mum 'hailed' from. I am a product of Catholic Education through the 'brown Joes' and the De la Salle Brothers, being brought up in New Plymouth, which will always be home. My passions are music and genealogy when I have the time!



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.

FROM THE BURSAR...

School Accounts... will be coming home today, please Check your child's bag for these.

Community Survey – Student Voice in

Learning... Thank you to those parents who attended the recent conferences, these came home earlier this week. Thanks to those who have returned these already!

ADVANCED NOTICE.... Grandparent's Day

We want to honour our Grandparents and this day is coming up soon – **Friday 11th September**. Watch out for further details.

ADVANCED NOTICE.... Hui Katorika 2015.

Our school is once again hosting this Catholic Schools Festival on **Wednesday 9th September**. 14 schools have entered this competition where we compete in 4 sections: Religious Drama, Speeches, Religious Questions & Scripture Reading. This is a great day! And you are most welcome to come and have a look!

Watch out for further details.

Community Mass – Our next Community Mass is coming up rapidly on Sunday 13th September @ 10am. The theme is Social Justice as this Sunday marks the beginning of Social Justice Week. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

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 has been 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.

A 2nd fundraiser: Pre-Order Sausage sizzle... Some parents have organised a sausage sizzle, this is 'PRE-ORDER ONLY' for next Wednesday 26th August. Order forms will be sent home on Monday, look out for these and have your completed order and money back at the office no later than Wednesday morning for your tasty sausage. Funds raised will be going towards the Wellington Camp.

Rugby World Cup Colouring Competition...

Prizes to be won for students in these categories: U7, U10, U13...If students would like to enter this colouring competition they can collect a picture from the office.

There are Prizes....!!

Lost! Missing school shorts, size 4, named Elijah Wood. Parents and caregivers please check the bottom of school bags in case it was mistakenly taken.






PTA NEWS

Abacus Calendar Art Fundraiser...Reminder!!

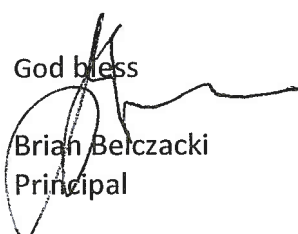
These are due (your child's art and orders) back at school by Friday 11th September 2015, so they can be ordered and back to you in time for Christmas.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Season is 'almost' over... The Netball association prize giving is at 2:00pm after Finals.

COMPETITION NETBALL		
DRAW FOR: Saturday 22nd August 2015 - FINALS		
Team St Pat's.. (v)	Time	We thank our Sponsors
Timmos ITM Tigers v TAI Skittles	09:50am	
Gibson Construction Cobras v Ohaupo Rebels	11:30am	
Fahrenheit Flames v TAS Manuka Health Honez	09:50am	
Daffodils v Puahua Magic	11:30am	
Pink Panthers v Ohaupo friendship spirits	08:10am	

Reminder: Our School Netball Prizegiving is next Friday 28th August @ TA Sports from 6-8pm.

God bless

 Brian Belczacki
 Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary time

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS @ 10AM

Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

COMMUNITY NEWS

Supporting success in your school.

For new ASB home loans over \$150,000 drawn down before 31 December 2015, ASB will donate:

\$500 cash to participating schools.

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PARTY IDEAS

DRINKS

Did you know there can be at least 10tsp of sugar in a can of fizzy drink and 4tsp in small glass of cordial?

Instead try flavouring water with fruit like oranges, lemons, limes




Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

PARTY IDEAS

FUN FOOD SHAPES

Creative ways to dress up healthy treats... What else could you try?








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ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TE AWAMUTU

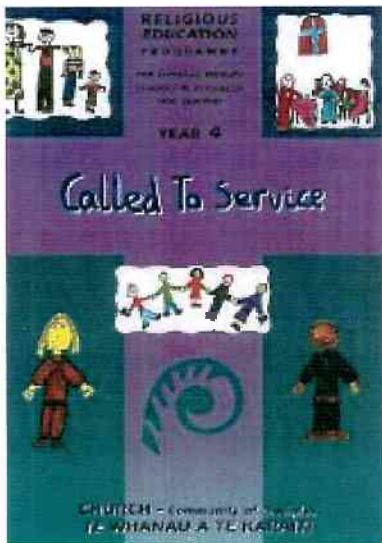
REMINDER : YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING **SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

On : **Wednesday 26th August @ 5:30-6:30pm**
Where : **In Room 9**

TOPICS TO BE COVERED....

The Special Catholic Character of our school

- the Charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- Liturgies, Masses, Outreach
- Relationship with school/church/community



The Religious Education Programme....

- Looking at Programme –What is it?
- How the programme is taught?
- Different Resources available
- Example from the 'Jesus Strand'
Years 1-8 – how each year builds on concepts from previous years
- Different Modules – Prayer, Sacrament, Liturgical Year, Myself and Others



Please complete the tear off portion below and return to the office by Tuesday 25th August

PARENT EVENING – Catholic Character / RE Curriculum WEDNESDAY 26th August 2015.

Name : _____

I / we will be attending (Number attending)

OR

I / we are unable to attend, but would like some information.....☐

(signed) _____ Phone : _____

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