



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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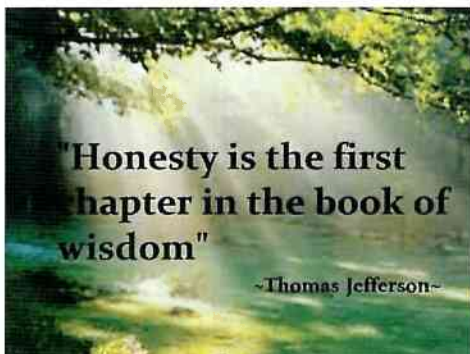
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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2015**

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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:

**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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015**



**Grandparent's Day**

Is coming up – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 6</b>	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Team 1 Assembly, Jnr Quad
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Stewardship Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep: WFP Cross Country Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Open day at TA College Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Class Mass R10,11 @ 9:15am Team 2/3 Assemblies
<b>Wk 8</b>	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Father's Day. Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Prayer Ass 8:55am – CH: Stewardship Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep: <b>Hui Katorika – Catholic Schools Festival – here</b> Parent Ed Evening – Writing 5:30-6:30pm BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep: <b>Grand Parents Day : Special Mass @ 9:15am</b> TA Schools X Country. Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
<b>Wk 9</b>	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep: <b>Community/Parish Mass @ 10am</b> Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Prayer Ass 8:55am-CH: Kindness Y7/8 Inquiry Week - Sports Camp @Totara Springs Christian Centre. Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Rural Hockey Tournament Y2-5, 9-2:30pm @ Galloway park. TA College enrollment afternoon, 3.30-7pm. Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm WFP Speeches –Grand Final, 6:30-7:30pm Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep: TA Schools Kapahaka Festival Team 3 Assembly, Hall Team 2, Assembly (R5-7)

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.

## **A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

'With our eyes fixed upon God, let us humbly thank Him alike for the trials and for the blessings, for the bitter and the sweet.' 16<sup>th</sup> January 1875

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....**

Pray for us.



**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'**

**Deepest Sympathy...** It is with sadness that we



remember the passing of Anthony Raman whose funeral was in Hamilton today. Anthony's wife Lynette was on our Board before they moved to Hamilton. Their children Miguel and Juanita are past students of our school.

**Meet our Board members...** This week, we introduce you to our Parish Priest.

I'm Father Joe Stack, a Proprietor's Representative on the Board of Trustees. I am the product of a Catholic education: primary school with the Mission Sisters at Ellerslie Convent, and intermediate and secondary schooling with the Marist Brothers at Marcellin College, Royal Oak, Auckland. My seven years of formal tertiary education were in the Seminaries that were then in Christchurch (including a year at Canterbury University) and Mosgiel (Dunedin).



I was ordained a priest in 1974 for the Auckland Diocese, and was in Whakatane when the Diocese of Hamilton was established. Most of my priesthood has been in the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne. However, my sporting allegiances have remained in Auckland, though the less said about that the better, given the form of Auckland teams and the Warriors in recent seasons.

The Church, education (whether specifically Catholic or more broadly as in tomorrow's Schools), sport, the place of priests in society, the demographic make-up of a parish, church attendance....So many changes!! And the change continues!!! The School and Parish building programmes, undertaken side-by-side, signal our common intention to respond with faith and vigour to the challenges that change brings. Empowering children in a Catholic environment is integral to enabling our communities – family, school, parish, wider Te Awamutu and Waipa district - to thrive.

My own hope and prayer is that in supporting the children to strive for excellence, staff and parents will broaden their Catholic horizon so that together we provide that environment that witness to the loving presence of Jesus in our midst.

## 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](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 closes today, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015.**

**FROM THE BURSAR...**Accounts went out last week, we look forward to you finalising your accounts.

**Hui Katorika 2015.** Our school is once again hosting this Catholic Schools Festival on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Winter Series Parent Education Evenings..**

Thank you to those who have supported these evenings, we take a break next Wednesday before we have our final sessions on:

**9<sup>th</sup> September – Writing**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September - Reading**

**Wellington Camp (T4) 2015 – Fundraisers**

**Sileni Estate Wine Fundraiser.** Information was in last week's newsletter and has been emailed out via the 'school email tree' Contact : [elaine@cnca.co.nz](mailto:elaine@cnca.co.nz)

**Sausage sizzle...**There was a great response for this fundraiser, thanks for your support and it will be on again next Wednesday !

**Daffodil Day is tomorrow Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2015! Mufti Day  
(gold coin donation) – Yellow and  
Green**



Come to school in Yellow & Green Mufti – prizes for the best dressed in the theme !! There will also be some lunchtime games - \$1.00 per 'go'.

Of course, all donations go to the Cancer Society.



## Rugby World Cup Colouring Competition...

Come on and enter, all entries will be displayed at New Zealand Rugby's Head office in Wellington and shared on AllBlacks.com for the team to see. Judges favourites in each category will receive a prize and the school with the MOST entries wins \$1000 worth of sports equipment.

**Come on and get colouring....!!** Collect your picture from the office.

**Lost!** Elijah Driver has lost a pair of size 4, school shorts. Parents please check your child's bag to ensure it has not been taken accidentally.

## PTA NEWS



### MID YEAR DISCO

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

This is a fundraiser for the Yr 7 & 8 Wellington Camp! Please see the insert for further details.



## Abacus Calendar Art Fundraiser...Reminder!!

These are due (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.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Netball Season is OVER...** Parents please have your child return their netball dresses AND hoodies to the school office in a named bag, **by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**. Well done to ALL our teams, see you next season!

**Reminder:** Our School Netball Prizegiving is tomorrow night, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August @ TA Sports from 6-8pm. Cost is \$3.00 per player, thanks to those who have returned form and money.

**School Cross Country...** Well done to our children who ran, it was great to see you all participate and cross the finish line, what an achievement, no matter what placing you came. **AWESOME EFFORT!**

**C.I.S Cross Country...** Our Yr 7 & 8 students enjoyed a beautiful day at Kihikihi, at the Catholic Interschool Catholic Cross Country. We had 5 top ten finishes: **Year 7:** Kate McQuilkin 6<sup>th</sup>, Savannah Freeman 9<sup>th</sup> Aidan Greenhalgh 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Year 8:** Sinead Cooper 10<sup>th</sup>, Harry Russ 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done to these students and best of luck at next Wednesday's Waikato Full Primary Cross Country at Te Aroha. **GO ST PATS..!**

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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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 – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

**Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)**

**SUNDAY MASS @ 10AM**

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

*'He has done all things well,' they said, 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Now that winter sports is almost finished. The new Albert Park Indoor Centre is open for after school games. We encourage all our local and surrounding schools to come and try out our new facility. Our first two modules are:

#### Junior Indoor Netball – Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September

Students Year 5&6; Thursday 3:30-5:30pm

Year 7&8; Friday 3:30-5:30pm.

#### Indoor Soccer – Starts 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Boys & Girls Year 5&6/7&8

Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm

Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm

Both modules will be mixed

Limited to 10 teams per night.

If you want to participate please come to the office.

## Te Awamutu Swimming Club



### OPEN DAY



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Entries Open at 8:15am

Racing Starts 9:00am

Racing Finishes 12:00pm

Venue: Te Awamutu Event Centre



**St Patrick's PTA present**

**"MID YEAR DISCO"**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Theme: Favourite Pop Star**

**Time: Yr 1 – 4**

**5.30pm till 6.30pm**

**Yr 5 – 8**

**7pm till 9pm**

**Door Entry: Gold coin donation**

**Food: Pizza, drinks, bag lollies**

**This is a fundraiser for the Yr 7 & 8 Wellington Camp!**



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