



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:

RESPECT



Respect is 'how you feel about someone.'

Having respect for someone means you think good things about who a person is or how he/she acts. You can have respect for others, but more importantly, it's about having respect for yourself first.

Respect is 'how you treat someone.'

Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.

Flexible Learning Environment 13th October 2015



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TERM DIARY

Wk	TERM 4
1	Fri 16 th Oct : Beginning of Term 4 Mass @ 9:15am
2	Mon 19 th Oct: Prayer Assembly 8:55am – CH: Respect Tue 20 th -22 nd Oct : Catholic Character Review Wed 21 st Oct: BOT Meeting 6:00-8:30pm Thur 22 nd Oct: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Agricultural Group Day 9:00-3:00pm Fri 23 rd Oct : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm – Jnr Class
3	Mon 26 th Oct: LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Tues 27 th Oct: Prayer Assembly 8:55pm CH: Justice Thur 29 th Oct: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 30 th Oct: Team Assemblies: Team 3 @ 2:15pm. - Hall Team 2 @ 2:30pm – 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 as this is updated as events or changes come to hand.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

'Be obedient in heart and deed.'

23rd March 1878

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us.



Beginning of Term 4 Mass Tomorrow...
Friday 16th October 2015, 9.15am.

Deepest Sympathy...

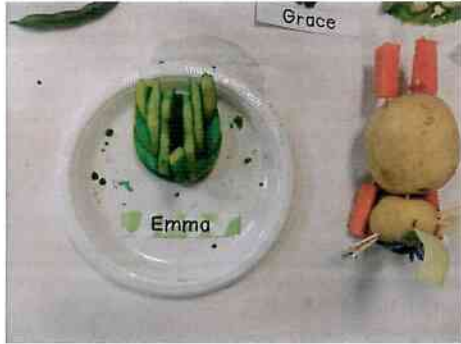
It is with sadness that we ask you remember the Tamaki-Woolly family in your prayers, with the passing of their Grandfather.



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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

St. Patrick's Agricultural Day is on today!



A big thanks to our helpers, judges and Vivien & Michelle for their organization.

Group day is next week (Wednesday 21st October) @ Kihikihi Domain.

Our Catholic Character Review is next week.

Every three years, all Catholic Schools in NZ have an external review to gauge how effect the Catholic Special Character is in schools. Each diocese have review co-ordinators who undertake these reviews on behalf of the Bishop (as proprietor). The co-ordinators form review teams (in our diocese, these are principals, Deputy Principals or DRSs) who assist in the review process. Our school will reviewed over three days next week; Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd October. The review team is : Mr Greg Day (Co-ordinator) assisted by Mrs Shelly Fitness and Mrs Jenny MacKenzie (principals from St Michael's Rotorua and St Mary's Putaruru respectively. All of the policies, processes, RE Curriculum delivery, parish- school relationships and quality of pastoral care are evaluated and a report is then compiled.

A big thanks to those people who have completed the 'community feedback' forms that the review team will also look through. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with the review team on Wednesday 21st October at 2:15pm

RE Curriculum - Communion of Saints...

All classes have started this last learning strand for the year. Here is a brief summary of this strand.

The topics in the **Communion of Saints** strand in the RE programme relate to life after death and choices people make. They also extend into the areas of grief and loss and how to deal with this from a Christian perspective.

Ideas to reflect on:

- ☐ How does what I believe about life after death affect the way I live my life?
- ☐ What are the priorities in my life and on what do I base the choices I make?
- ☐ How do I express Christian hope in everyday life?

As a Family:

- ☐ Take time to look at photographs of family-whanau members who have died and talk about life after death.
- ☐ Explain to children the importance of the gift of free will God has given them.
- ☐ Discuss as a family what needs to be done before people make choices and use examples of times this has been done well and times bad choices have been made.

Winter Series of Parent Education...

Following the last session in the series last term, there is a feedback form with this newsletter that ask you to complete. We do want to run further parent sessions about the same topics again next year and really want your feedback about how we could do this better. There are two further evenings coming along – about flexible learning environments and pubertal change consultation (team 3).

Parish Fundraising Dinner...

Please be aware that our Parish is holding a pot luck dinner evening on this Saturday 17th October, at the Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms commencing at 6:30pm. This is to kick start their fundraising campaign for the proposed new Parish Centre that is set to be built alongside the school's new administration block. There are tickets available from the school office @ \$3.00 per ticket. *Please look to support our Parish in this exciting project.* Any queries please phone Wilma 07 873 1702.

Christmas Boxes...

Each year St Patrick's children donate Christmas gift boxes to needy children in the Pacific Islands through Samaritans Purse. Here are some ideas to bring for the boxes.

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), ball with pump, doll, stuffed animals, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books, etc.



Christmas Box Appeal

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewellery, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), outfits, shoes, etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. Download instructions here.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Please **DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Wellington Camp (T4) 2015 – Fundraisers "Family Mystery Movie Night"



NEW DATE:

Tuesday 27th October 2015

A family mystery movie will be screened at the Te Awamutu Regent Cinema at 5.30pm. Tickets cost \$10 per person these can be paid for and

collected from the school office, until 23rd October. (Families that have already purchased tickets will be issued NEW ones; these will be sent home soon. Please check school bags for them).

Support the cause and bring your families to Movie night.

Student Accounts.... Thanks to those people who have already settled their account. As we are now moving into Term 4, we would really appreciate student accounts to be settled.

A reminder that you can pay on the internet. Our details are: ASB Te Awamutu A/C **12-3134-0048177-00**

If you are paying by this method, please identify yourself (family name) in the payee reference.

Donations.... ICT and RE

Thank you so much to those parents who have paid these donations.

As at the end of Term 3, 57.4% of the donations for ICT have been paid. While 70.1% of the donations towards RE have been paid. These donations are HUGELY beneficial to our school as the associated costs of providing especially ICT in schools is enormous.



Lost Property...

1 x Light blue Jacket with fleece inside. Regetta Brand, Size 4-6. If found please return to Room 3.

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball....

Year 5-6 comp will be on Mondays commencing October 26. First game will be at 4.30pm.

Year 1-2 and 3-4 comps will be on Wednesdays commencing October 28. First game will be 4.00pm. Expressions of Interest will be coming home soon, watch this space.

Junior Mixed Touch... Games started this week, hope you enjoy the season.

Just a reminder..... payments for students entering sports teams. Our general policy for children who have entered into sports teams is 'no pay, no play'. The reason for this is that we are charged and have to pay the organizing clubs usually **BEFORE** the playing 'season' begins. Students involved in teams receive notification about the organization and how much they need to pay. We are, however, finding that increasingly, we are getting confirmation that your child is playing but there is no payment with the 'permission slip'. The net effect is that the school is having to 'carry' this debt (on students accounts), until paid. The last thing we really want to do is to say to students that they cannot play until they have paid, so your assistance in paying these types of fees via the 'permission slip' notice would be gratefully appreciated.

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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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 18th October 2015

29th Sunday in Ordinary time

Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS@10AM

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

'For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.'

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE DENTAL DAY

6 and 7 NOVEMBER 2015 HAMILTON

WHERE: River Road Dental, 608 River Road, Hamilton
Frankton Community Dental Clinic, Frankton Primary School,

Massey Street, Frankton, Hamilton

TIME: 8.00am to 5.00pm

TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Please telephone: 0800 FREE SMILE/

0800 373 376

FREE DENTAL DAY: NZ SMILE

FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN (TERM 4)



This service will be available at the Rose Gardens here in Te Awamutu on:

Thursday 29th October and Friday 20th November from 9am – 12noon. Services available include :

- Glue ear assessment & management
- Grommet check
- Wax / foreign body removal
- Treatment of discharging ears.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver



MAD COW DRUMS - Drum Tuition



Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of St Patricks School who want to learn to play drums in Term 4! Lessons will be on Thursday afternoon from 12.30pm. The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term. Please feel free to contact Glenn on 07 871-4738 or 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details. We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at madcowdrums@ihug.co.nz.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons!

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

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Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon time!!

Registrations now open!

No matter the level of ability or fitness of your students, if they are aged 7 – 15 years, they can give it a TRY either on their own or as a team of two.

Get the kids to enter from home at try.weetbix.co.nz with their parent or guardian using your school group discount code and link to the School Group! This is a great option as it means less admin for you and no handling of money as entry fees are paid directly to the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon by the parent/guardians credit card. You will receive your school group discount code when your schools' group is created.

Hamilton – Sunday 14th February 2016

Waipa Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching

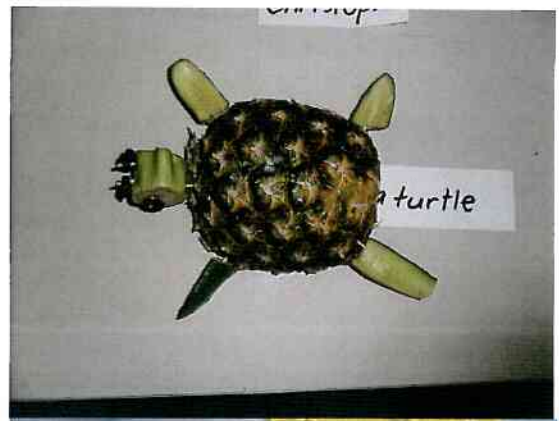
For all age groups & ability, TA Tennis Club:
Monday & Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings
Enquiries to Quentin Wallace, 027 242 8468,
qwallace@extra.co.nz

The Annual combined Te Awamutu Churches LIGHT PARTY is on Saturday 31st October.

TALENT QUEST AUDITIONS

Te Awamutu Bible Chapel (110 Chapel Drive)
Friday 16th October, from 4pm – 6pm

PET DAY.....



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TE AWAMUTU
SURVEY – WINTER SERIES PARENT EDUCATION EVENINGS 2015.

Thursday 15th October 2015

Dear parents/caregivers,

Thank you so much to those parents who availed themselves by attending all or some of the recent series of parent education evenings held in Term 2. We are interested in your feedback about....

a) about the concept of running these as a series and b) for those attended, the content etc.

Could you please return this survey by Friday 23rd October 2015

1. The concept of parent education evenings	1 <i>Of no value</i>	2 <i>Little value</i>	3 <i>Of some value</i>	4 <i>Of real value</i>	5 <i>Highly valued</i>
Parent education evenings are....					
Do you prefer these meetings to be : as a series (in one term) / Over two terms / Spread right throughout the year					
Comment :					
2. Attendance at the parents education evening(s) I/we were able to attend at least one session YES / NO					
If you were not able to attend any sessions, why was this? Day of the week / time of the day / not interested / other :					
Comment :					
<i>(If you did not attend any sessions, you do not have to go any further in this survey – thank you for your feedback)</i>					
3. For the session(s) that you were able to attend, please give ratings as below	1 <i>Of no value Very poor</i>	2 <i>Little value Poor</i>	3 <i>Of some value OK</i>	4 <i>Of real value Good</i>	5 <i>Highly valued Great</i>
• Wednesday 5th August..... <i>How we teach Mathematics</i>..... Attended session : YES / NO					
Clarity of the content					
Usefulness of the practical activities					
Usefulness to assist my child at home					
• Wednesday 12th August <i>The place of digital learning (and future developments)</i>... Attended session : YES / NO					
Clarity of the content					
Usefulness of the practical activities					
Usefulness to assist my child at home					
• Wednesday 19th August ... <i>Moving from Year 6 into Year 7</i>..... Attended session : YES / NO <i>(this session is specifically targeted to parents of year 6 students as their children move into Year 7 in 2016).</i>					
Clarity of the content					
• Wednesday 26th August ... <i>Special Catholic Character and Religious Education</i>..... Attended session : YES / NO					
Clarity of the content					
Usefulness of the practical activities					
Usefulness to assist my child at home					
• Wednesday 9th September <i>How we teach Writing</i>. Attended session : YES / NO					
Clarity of the content					
Usefulness of the practical activities					
Usefulness to assist my child at home					
• Wednesday 23rd September <i>How we teach Reading</i>..... Attended session : YES / NO					
Clarity of the content					
Usefulness of the practical activities					
Usefulness to assist my child at home					

Any other comments you wish to make :

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