



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**2015**

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015**



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 2</b>	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct : Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm – Jnr Class
<b>Wk 3</b>	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct: <b>LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Prayer Assembly 8:55pm CH: Justice Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct : Parent Ed Evening – Pubertal Change@5:45pm Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Technology at TAI, 8.30am-12.30pm Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Team Assemblies: Team 3 @ 2:15pm. - Hall Team 2 @ 2:30pm – R5-7 Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct : Light Party 3:30-7:30pm Selwyn Park
<b>Wk 4</b>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov : <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov : <b>ALL SOULS DAY</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov : EOTC YR7&8 Wellington Camp Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Justice (TBC) Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Class Mass @ 9:15am 4,8,9 Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm – Jnr Class
<b>Wk 5</b>	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : Co-operation Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov : School Athletics Day : 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](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.

Forgive me everything I have done to pain or disappoint any one of you.'

12<sup>th</sup> June 1881

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

**Pray for us.**



**Congratulations to Renee Irwin and family** on the arrival of baby Morgan, a sister for Matt and Mia.

**Team 1 Assembly tomorrow** @ 2:30pm in the Jnr Quad area (classroom). – ALL WELCOME!

**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'*

## OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary

**Best wishes to Jennie Hawker** who heads off to New York to run in the New York Marathon next week.

### Classes 2016

### Yes already!!

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2016, we are aware that from next year, there is increasing pressure on our roll. This applies to the Senior classes (Y6-8) and our new entrant area.

Please assist us by making contact with the office :

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.
3. By reconfirming that your pre-schooler is in our database as intending to be at our school from 2016 onwards.

### Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and where teachers will be placed for next year. Any specific requests for class placement for education reasons (as opposed to placement with friends etc) can be made in writing to me or through my email

[principal@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:principal@stpatta.co.nz) by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Catholic Character Review.** Our reviewers leave the school today having given initial feedback to the board and staff. A draft report will be received by the board for consideration and comment, with a final report approximately 4 weeks away. Thanks to those parents who responded to the feedback – we received 57 replies! – and to those parents who attended the parent session yesterday afternoon.

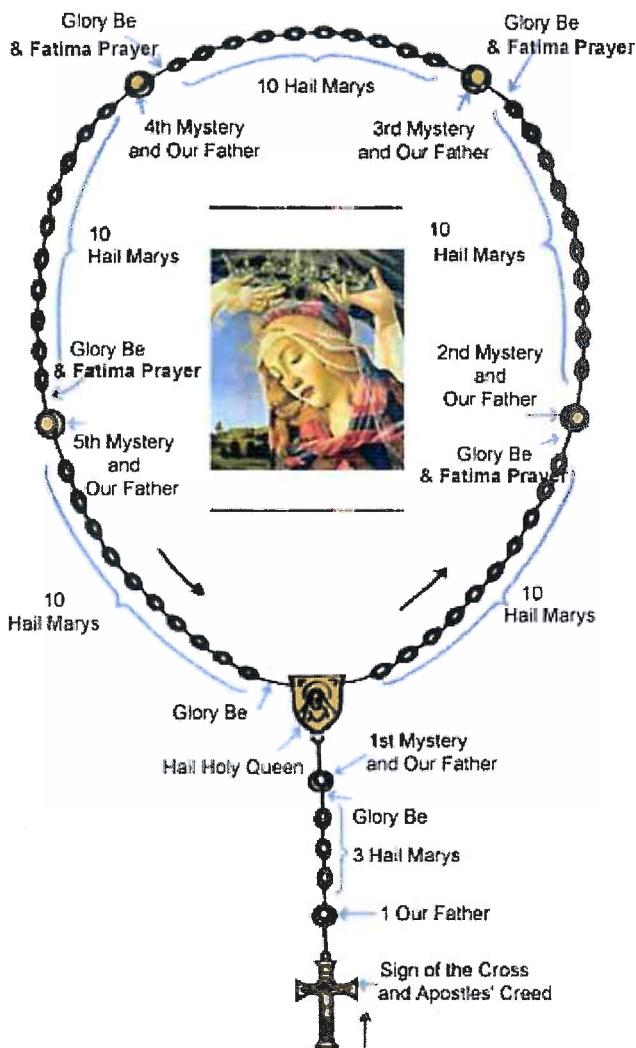
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### Winter Series of Parent Education...

Following the last session in the series last term, there was a feedback form with last week's newsletter that we would love returned. **So far, unfortunately, we have only had 2 forms returned!** 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).

**Parent Ed Evening – Sexuality Education (Pubertal Change)** Meeting next Wednesday @ 5:45pm in Room 11. See the insert with this newsletter.



### Week 2 : Learn about the Luminous Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries begin with the **baptism of Jesus** in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. From then on, Jesus began to do great things. In the Second Luminous Mystery we go to Cana in Galilee, where **Jesus turned water into wine** so that the people could have a good time. Mary said "Do whatever Jesus tells you." The Third Luminous Mystery calls us to **go with Jesus through the towns and cities of his own country**. The light of his love shone on everyone he met, especially the poor and the sick and those that others looked down on. On one of those journeys, Jesus led his friends up a high mountain. They saw him shining in light, and he promised they would share his light too. This mystery is called **the Transfiguration**. Just before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends and he gave himself to them in bread and wine. **"This is my body," he said. "This is my blood."** In the Fifth Luminous Mystery we remember the **Holy Eucharist**. How wonderful to follow Jesus in the Luminous Mysteries. We were baptized too, and God wants us to do great things. We can bring joy to people, like Jesus did, especially to those that others look down on. This is a beautiful world where we live. Let's always see it lighted up with the beauty God gave it. Finally, let's always go to supper with Jesus and receive him in the signs of the Eucharist. The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world.

*Pray the Luminous Mysteries*



**Parish Fundraising Dinner...** Reports from this evening were that this was a great evening! The first of what will be a number of fundraising events.

### 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.

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE RETURN BOXES TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

### Wellington Camp (T4) 2015 – Fundraiser

#### 'Labour Day'

**Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting,  
Bouncy Castle**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Outside Bunnings**

**Support the cause and bring your families**



### Mrs Carr's New Project...

Please collect and SAVE your MILKBOTTLE tops! I am planning a big project with them next year AND need your help in collecting A LOT! They can be dropped off at Room 8 please. Thank you.

**Student Accounts....** Thanks to those people who have already settled their account. As we are now moving through Term 4, we would really appreciate student accounts to be settled. Watch out for your next account that will be out in Week 5. 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.



### Lost Property...

Blue school Jersey Size 14, named 'Benji Smith'.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Athletics – Term 4 Dates.

- School – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November
- TA Interschools – Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Cath I/Schools – Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Waikato Full Primary – Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

We need at least 6 gazebos and parent help for these days. If you can provide a gazebo or parent help, please email Mrs Russ: [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz)

### Miniball....

Year 5-6 comp will be on Mondays commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (NOTE : change of date). First game will be at 4.30pm. Year 1-2 and 3-4 comps will be on Wednesdays commencing 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, first game will be 4.00pm.

### 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. The process we follow is that :  
1. We ask for an 'expression of interest' includes information about the organization, how much you will need to pay.

2. From these 'returns' students, a confirmation letter comes home with a tear-off slip to be returned giving permission to play and should have payment. Your child is then registered in the team.

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 Belczack  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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

Phone 871 6109

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email: [parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz)

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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

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

**SUNDAY MASS@10AM**

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

*'She had put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'*

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto: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.

Supported by: P.R Thompson Contracting Ltd.

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

### SANDWICHES

Keep sandwiches exciting with interesting fillings!

- peanut butter and banana
- grated apple and cinnamon
- mashed egg and lettuce

Great energy to learn and play!







Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

### MINI FRITTATAS

Try these hot or cold!

100g chopped tomatoes

1 chopped onion

410g canned corn kernels

2 cloves crushed garlic

4 eggs

1/3 C milk

1/3 C grated Edam cheese

Divide vegetables evenly across muffin tins. Pour whisked milk and eggs over vegetables. Top with cheese and bake at 180°C for 10 minutes.

Adapted from healthyfoodguide.co.nz



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

***Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015***

***HURRY HURRY HURRY – Tickets still available***

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.

***Support the cause and bring your families to Movie night.***





# St. Patrick's Catholic School

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Thursday, 22<sup>th</sup> October 2015

## **'Puberty Education Information evening'.**

Dear parents/caregivers,

You are invited to an Information Evening for parents to be held on this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October starting at 5:30pm (with wine and cheese) with presentations starting at 5:45pm in Room 11.

We would like to share an overview of our Puberty Education Programme to all interested parents. However, this programme will only be delivered in Room 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11 beginning Week 5, Term Four

We anticipate that the evening will conclude at around 6:45pm

We look forward to sharing this information with you.

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

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*For catering purposes could you please complete the form below & return to the office as soon as possible*

## **Puberty Education Information Evening – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/caregivers of \_\_\_\_\_ in Room : \_\_\_\_\_

I/we **will / will not** be attending the above evening.

Although I am unable to attend the evening, I would like some information..... ☐

(This can emailed to parents)

(Signed) : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

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It has become a very popular event with around 3000 people attending. **EVERYTHING IS FREE!** as the combined churches host the event.

As one worshipping community of St Patrick's Parish **WE** are responsible for running some events and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**... Can you help with.....

1. Sausage sizzle cooking and serving (everything is provided).
2. Strong arms to help loading 2 BBQs and associated tables onto and off trailers.
3. Bouncy castle supervision.
4. Senior children (Y7 or 8) to run the 'guess the lollies in the jar' competition – I will talk this through with the students at school.

The more people who can help, the less any one person has to do.

Starting time is 3:30pm through to 7:30pm

If you are able to help, could you please complete the tear-off portion below and return to school by **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** so that I can forward information onto the organizer for our parish.

Kind regards

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## **LIGHT PARTY HELP – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_

### ***I can help with :***

- Sausage sizzle..... YES / NO (times from /to : \_\_\_\_\_)
- Setting/ packing up BBQs etc..... YES / NO
- Supervise Bouncy Castle..... YES / NO (times from/to) : \_\_\_\_\_

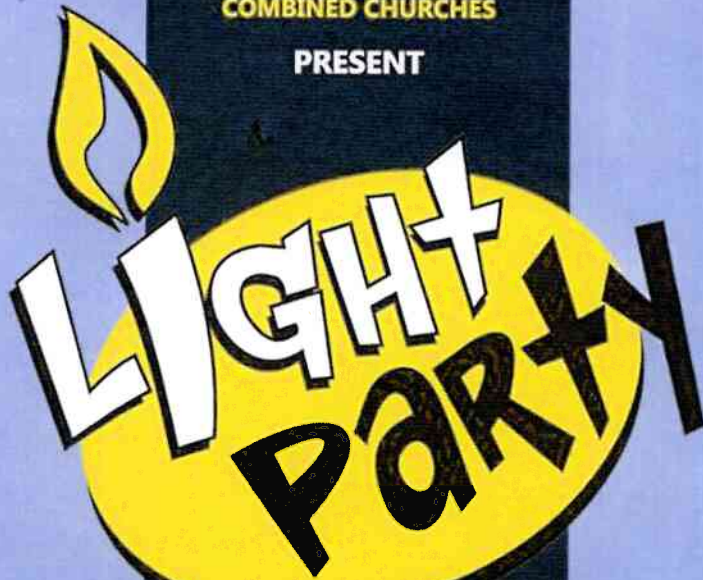
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# LIGHT Party

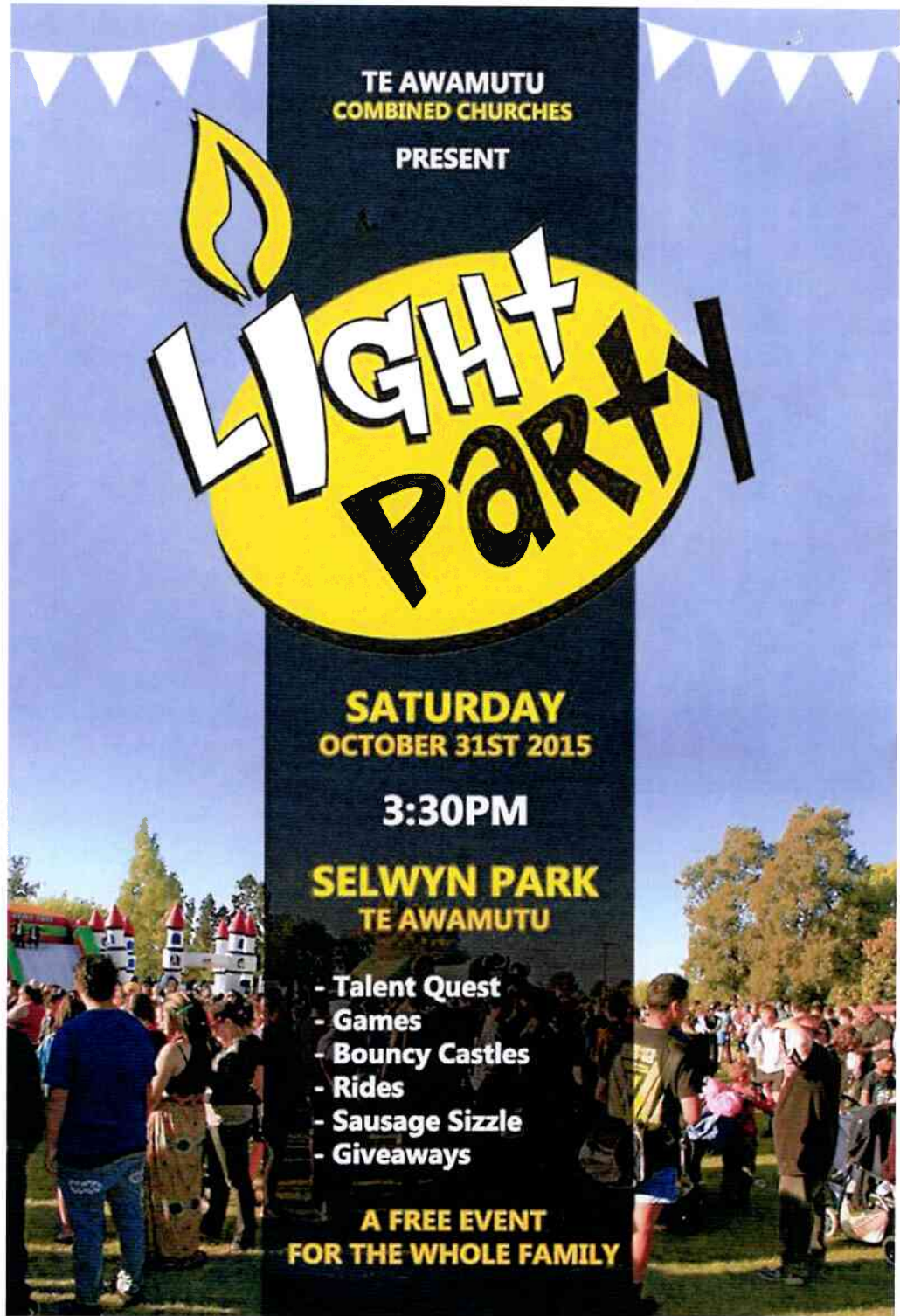
**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 31ST 2015**

**3:30PM**

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- Bouncy Castles
- Rides
- Sausage Sizzle
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