



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2015**

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**Bursar:** Patty Dudson.  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Stack.  
**BOT Chairperson:** Kyle Owens.

*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

The Charism for this week is:

Risk Character: Families under Nihilism  
Risk Factor: Ecclesiastes 4:1-5

## COOPERATION

*choosing to work with others  
and not insisting on my way*

**COOPERATION**  
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Philippians 2:1-30 ESV / 115 helpful votes

*Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ...*

**Flexible Learning Environment 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



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### TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 5</b>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Team Assemblies: Team 3 @ 2:15pm. - Hall Team 2 @ 2:30pm - R5-7
<b>Wk 6</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Co-operation Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov: CIS Athletics (Y7/8) Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Technology Y7/8 @TAI Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Class Mass @ 9:15am R10,11. Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm - Jnr Class
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Perseverance Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov: TA Interschools Athletics Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov: WFP (Y7/8) Athletics Day 9am-2:30pm. Technology Y7/8 @TAI Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Blessing of New Buildings @7am Class Mass @9:15am. R7,6. Team Assemblies: Team 3 @ 2:15pm. - Hall Team 2 @ 2:30pm - R5-7
<b>Wk 8</b>	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Perserverence

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.

'Never correct when you are angry.'  
9<sup>th</sup> March 1890

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....**  
Pray for us.



### TEAM ASSEMBLIES TOMORROW

**Team 3 – 2:15pm – Hall**

**Team 2 – 2:30pm – RM5-7**

**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'*



## Welcome to our school...

Apologies to Dakota Halse (Rm2) for the incorrect spelling of your last name ☺

*We hope you enjoy your time here at St Pats!!*

**NOVEMBER** is the month dedicated to remember our faithfully departed loved ones. For the month we will be remembering them at our masses and assemblies.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM  
O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM..MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**AMEN**



**Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**



## Community Mass in Otorohanga!

Our next Community Mass is the official 'launch' of the Diocesan wide **'Who is My Neighbour'** initiative where the parishes of Te Kuiti, Otorohanga and Te Awamutu now known as a collegial area will operate in a much more co-operative manner. Mass will be @ 11:30am at Otorohanga South School Hall.

**See the letter/response form with this newsletter for further details re: school uniform and shared lunch.**

More information about **'Who is my Neighbour'** can be found by following this link:

<http://proudtobecatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/WhoisNeighbourPlan-StepsandProcess.pdf>

## 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.



**LOST...**x2 size 8 short sleeve T-shirts, named Jacob Carr from Room 2.

**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. Remember 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.

## As we finish 2015.....

**Blessing of New Buildings** is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November @7am (note that the official opening is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016).

**Student Reconciliation** available for all students who have made their first Reconciliation. Wed/Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**Day of Adoration** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 8 Dinner** is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the TA Workingman's Club from 6:30pm.

**Year 7 Retreat** is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December (at school)

**Year 8 Retreat** is planned to be an overnight retreat on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Class EOY Celebrations** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

**End of Year Reports** will be issued on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Final School Assembly** (led by Y8's) is on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Prize giving Assembly** is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30pm followed by the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** which will be at 6.30pm.

**End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4.** We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Students may go home after Mass (around 12:30pm) with school closing when the final buses run at 2pm.

## And move into 2016.....

Please refer to the following table below:

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Office closed – Holidays
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Office closed</b> – All staff PD
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Holiday – Auckland Anniversary Day</b>
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School open for instruction Office open 8:15am – 3:15pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Official Opening of new buildings
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Holiday - Waitangi Day observance</b>

## Classes for 2016...

We are currently working on classes for 2016. Our current draft, based on information of student numbers we currently have, is as below:

- RM 11: YR 8
- RM 10: YR 7/6
- RM 9: YR 5/6
- RM 8: YR 5/6
- New ILE (Innovative Learning Environment)  
YR 2/3/4
- RM 4: YR 2
- RM 3: YR 1
- RM 1,2: YR 0/1

We will be renaming the classrooms before the end of the year, once we have sorted out some suitable names.

If you have not yet informed us of any changes to our roll next year, please inform us asap.



**Saint Vincent De Paul/Young Vinnies Joint Initiatives...we have had a great response, please keep the items coming...**for the Young Vinnies, teaming up with Saint Vincent De Paul to sell Christmas Cards and assist with the Christmas Brown Paper Bag Appeal.

**Christmas Cards:** The Young Vinnies will be selling these beautiful Nativity themed cards. The cards can be purchased through the Vinnies at school. They are excellent value at \$3.00 for a pack of 5.

**Christmas Brown Paper Bag Appeal:** Once again, the School is privileged to be involved with this amazing project. Each classroom will be given a bag to fill with items of food, kitchen and household consumables, Christmas treats and children's gifts. Last year, 42 families in our community benefited from the Parish and School's generosity. In conjunction with the Brown Paper Bag Appeal is the **Area Council and Radio Christmas toy run**. If you have any old toys in good condition that you would like to donate to this, please send them along to school as well. This appeal runs through to the first week in December.

We look forward to your support with these three ventures. God bless Patsy Wisnewski, Convenor Young Vinnies.

## SPORTS NEWS

### School Athletics...

We were blessed with good weather for our Athletics Day yesterday and it was lovely to see so many whanau there supporting their children. A special thank you to all those who helped make the day go smoothly – time keepers, judges, minders of children etc. We especially appreciated the support of the Secondary School Students who interrupted their study leave to help us out. **We couldn't have done it without you!**

### FINALS YR 5, 6 & 7...

You will be aware that we ran out of time for running the finals of the 5,6 and 7 year olds 50 m sprint. We will run those off next Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at school at 2.00p.m., prior to Team 1 Assembly.

### – Term 4 Dates...

- Catholic Integrated Schools – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
- TA Interschools – Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Waikato Full Primary – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at Porritt Stadium.

We need at least 6 gazebos and are still needing parent helpers 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)



God bless

*C. M. Sutton*

Cass Sutton  
Deputy 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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

(last Sunday in the church's year)

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

**SUNDAY MASS @ 10AM**

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32

*'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the son; no one but the Father.'*

**RAFFLE:** This is the first fundraiser for the parish's multipurpose room extension. The prize is a \$3,000 travel voucher and \$1,000 spending money. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Available from the school office or you may take some books to sell on behalf of the Parish.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

## **COMMUNITY MASS – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.**

Dear parents and Caregivers,

Further to the information that has been in recent newsletters.

The first 'big' community Mass that brings to fruition for us, the Diocesan wide '*Who is My Neighbour*' initiative will be held on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 11:30am in Otorohanga at the Otorohanga South School Hall**. This Mass will bring together for the first time, the three parishes of Te Kuiti, Otorohanga and Te Awamutu.


**There will be NO Sunday Mass in our church on this day.**

After Mass, there will be a shared lunch and entertainment (some provided by each school).

**Everyone is encouraged to attend** – children in school uniform, and we have organized a bus that will leave from outside St Patrick's Church on Alexandra Street at 10:45am and leaving from Otorohanga at approx 2pm. The cost is \$7.00 per seat. These can be reserved and paid for in the office.

You are encouraged to support our wider 'new' community of the three parishes on this day!

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## **COMMUNITY MASS OTOROHANGA – FEAST OF CHRST THE KING – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

Family name : \_\_\_\_\_ Ph : \_\_\_\_\_

I/we **will / will not** be attending this Mass..... (if **attending**, number attending : \_\_\_\_\_ )

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats on the bus @ \$7.00 per seat..... Amount enclosed : \_\_\_\_\_

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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