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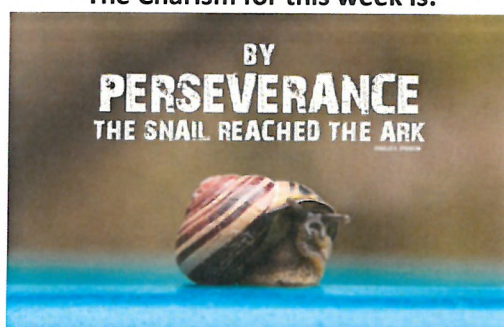
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2015

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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:



Perseverance is vital to growing in your faith, and God wants his people to persevere no matter what happens, so we have to learn how to overcome obstacles, difficulties, trials, and tribulation to experience victory in Christ.

Innovative learning environment –
1st December 2015



Today is move in day.....

Student Accounts are coming home today –
there is further information in this
newsletter..



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TERM DIARY

Wk 8	Fri 4 th Dec: Pastoral visit to the school by Bishop Steve. 9:15am Whole School Mass with Bishop Steve. Jnr Team Assembly: Team 1 @ 2:30pm.
Wk 9	Mon 7 th Nov: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Advent-Faith/Hope/Love Tue 8 th Dec: Y8 Leaver's Dinner (NOTE DATE CHANGE). Wed 9 th Dec: Parent Ed Evening - 21 st C Learning /ILE 5:30-6:30pm Thurs 10 th Dec: Technology Y7/8 @TAI 8:30am-12:30pm Y8 Retreat – overnight @ Marae. Fri 11 th Dec: EOY Reports home. Y8 Retreat Marae till 2pm. Y7 Retreat at School. Class breakup parties.
Wk 10	Mon 14 th Dec: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Advent-Faith/Hope/Love Final School Assembly (Y8 Lead) 2pm. BOT Mtg 6pm. Tue 15 th Dec: Winning house treat!!! Thurs 17 th Dec: School Prezging @1:45pm-2:30pm. End of Year Christmas Liturgy/Graduation Yr8. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Fri 18 th Dec: End of Year Mass, 11:45am-12:45pm.

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.

'God will carry you safely through each struggle.'

20th November 1870

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

Pray for us.



JNR ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Team 1@2:30pm.

TEAM 2 & 3 SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 9th December 2015 @2pm

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

On Sunday we lit the first candle to symbolize hope, as for many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah.



NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of Advent

We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the Second Purple candle of love. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, died on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever. In the second week of Advent we think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. In a similar manner we should be anticipating and preparing the way of the Lord. We hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord.



Pastoral visit by Bishop Steve... Although Bishop Steve has visited our parish and school on a number of occasions already, tomorrow Bishop Steve visits our school for his first pastoral visit. You are very welcome to join us as we welcome and celebrate Mass at 9:15am. Bishop Steve will then spend the day moving around the classrooms meeting the children.

Blessing of the Administration and learning Environment..

We were very grateful to have Bishop Steve bless our new buildings last Friday to enable us to begin the move into these before the end of the year. Thank you to those people – parents and children, staff and BOT who attended this ceremony.



Formal opening of our new buildings....

- **Friday 5th February 2016.**
- **Mass @ 9:15am.... Followed by :**
- **Opening of buildings.**
- **Light refreshments.**
- **ALL WELCOME !!**

Please RSVP to office@stpatta.co.nz by Thursday 28th January 2016 (for catering purposes).

Reflection from the Dalai Lama.....

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, said: "Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money, then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health, and then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future, he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."



As we finish 2015.....

Friday 4th Dec: Pastoral Visit to the School by Bishop Steve. Whole school Mass with our Bishop @ 9:15am. (There will be no Day of Adoration this Advent).

Year 8 Dinner is on Tuesday 8th December (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) at the TA Workingman's Club from 6:30pm.

Team 2 & 3 Sports Assembly : Wednesday 9th Dec @ 2pm

Year 7 Retreat is on Friday 11th December (at school).

Year 8 Retreat is planned to be an overnight retreat on Thurs 10th-Friday 11th December.

Class EOY Celebrations Friday 11th December.

End of Year Reports will be issued on Friday 11th December.

Final School Assembly (led by Y8's) is on Mon 14th December.

Winning House Treat!!! – Tuesday 15th December.

Prize giving Assembly is on Thursday 17th 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 18th Dec.** Students may go home after Mass (around 12:30pm).

And move into 2016.....

Please refer to the following table below:

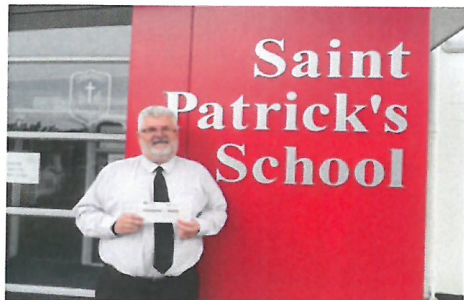
Mon 25 th Jan	Office closed – Holidays
Tues 26 th Jan	Office closed – All staff PD
Wed 27 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Thur 28 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Fri 29 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Mon 1 st Feb	Holiday – Auckland Anniversary Day
Tue 2 nd Feb	School open for instruction Office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

Our Christmas tree is now up in the office...

and we welcome presents, this year for our old folk who are in rest homes and often have no family around them. Please send in a wrapped present labelled 'gentleman or lady'. Suggestions might be – homemade sweets, stationery, smellies hankies etc.



St Patricks would like to thank SGS-IVE and Andrew Linehan for their support to help fund some special education programme. This funding will make it easier to help buy extra software to engage children who need some extra help with learning



Student Accounts....

Dear All,

We still have a way to go to have our student accounts settled. Thank you for those families that have paid since the accounts were distributed on 12th November 2015.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF OUTSTANDING FEES?

As of today we still have **\$6,400.00** owing on student accounts.

WHAT DONATIONS WOULD THE SCHOOL APPRECIATE RECEIVING?

Information and Communication Technology - **\$9,626.00**. (55% paid to date).

Religious Education - **\$570.00**. (75% paid to date).

Lastly, PLEASE do not hesitate to call Patty (School Bursar) if you have any queries or you have identified errors. Patty will be happy to take your call.

Thank you,

Hayley McConnell (Helping Patty).

Trustee (BOT).

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.

Lucky Book Club... This Friday 4th December is the last day for Lucky Book Club orders.

Saint Vincent De Paul/Young Vinnies Joint

Initiatives...we have had a GREAT response to date,

please keep the items coming... A huge 'thank you' to those who have contributed to the appeal so far. The response has been great, but we can do with a few more non-perishable items. Remember that all the goods donated, go towards helping families in need within our community.

God bless,

Patsy Wisnewski, Convenor Young Vinnies.

Room 11's International Food Stall Market Day.

On Tuesday, our year 7 & 8 students participated in selling International foods at school; all stalls were very popular and busy with students lining up for their tasty cuisine.



Above we have the Kiwiana stall, which was proving very popular and busy with their traditional kiwi sausage sizzle and Goody Gumdrops ice cream...



While above we have the Americano stall with their very popular American hotdogs...

A big thank you to those parents who helped out with the children on the stalls and for providing a range of electrical appliances!

WANTED... Old sheets to use as dust covers in the library during the school holidays. If you have any please bring them to the office. Thanks.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at team assemblies Team 1 on Friday 20th November. Teams 2 and 3 were last Friday 27th November 2015.



TEAM 1 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Cooperation"
1		Harry Wright
2	Sam Gower Kaydin Growe-Lolesi	Aaron Holmes
3	Zac Mitchell David Zhu	Lucy Gibson

TEAM 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Cooperation"
5	Emerson Lee Maureen Tauai	James Penny
6	Kayde Prescott Sean Osborne	Tara Old

7	Leanne Pacua	Kenzie Mark
	Connor Sweeney	

TEAM 3 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Cooperation"
4	Danielle King	Miller Fairgrey
	Jack McGrail	
8	Ben Grainger	Emma Field
9		
10	Ross Cockburn	Liam Gleeson
	Michelle Shum	
11	Erin Penny	Cameron Greenhalgh
	Moya Fernandez	

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal



**We are revamping
our school and NEED to sell
a variety of 'well used' school
desks, chairs & cabinetry...**

OFFICE CABINETRY: Come and check out the cabinetry in the school office; this is now up for sale, it can be sold as a whole or individually.

CHAIRS: You could easily restyle these sturdy chairs; give them a dash of paint and good old TLC to suit your décor. The cost is \$5.00 per chair for all sizes.

We have:

x 16 Large chairs to sell. x 12 Medium x 30 small (suit toddlers-5yr olds) These are in a range of colours. Good for play houses, activities or simply for sitting at a desk.

DESKS: Get creative and apply some time and TLC to one of these to suit your décor. We are selling these for \$10 per desk. We have 37 Blue desks for sale, and 32 varnished desks available.

If you are interested please look us up on Trade-Me or come to the office and check them out.

PTA NEWS

This **Friday 4th December** is the LAST day for school lunches. There will be no more ORDERS for 2015.

SPORTS NEWS

End of Year Sports Assembly....

Teams 2 & 3 will hold a Sports Assembly on **Wednesday 9th December @ 2pm in the school hall.**

Certificates to be awarded include :

- Athletics
- Road Patrol
- PAL Leaders

Team 1 – Athletics Certificates will handed out at your Team Assembly tomorrow afternoon @ 2:30pm.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses (in Te Awamutu)

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

Holy Hour: After 9:15am Mass with
Benediction around 10:30am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 6th December 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil – 5pm St

Patrick's, Te Awamutu

Sunday Masses

9:30am St George's, Te Kuiti

10:30am St Patrick's, Te Awamutu

11:30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Otorohanga



Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

'...And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

COMMUNITY NEWS

GKR KARATE

...INVITES ANY NON-MEMBER...

To come along to GKR Karate and train for 'free' during
January to try out a karate class!

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ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TE AWAMUTU

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Parent Evening on 21st
Century Learning in an Innovative
Learning Environment.

On : Wednesday 9th December 2015 5:30-6:30pm

Where : In the Innovative Learning Environment

We all want quality learning opportunities for our students....

Quality 21st century Learning is a combination of:

- Personalised learning (no two students learn in the same way)
- Learning from each other
- Learning at the pace of the learner
- Learning that is initiated by the students themselves (*student agency*)
- Learning that is connected to the real world



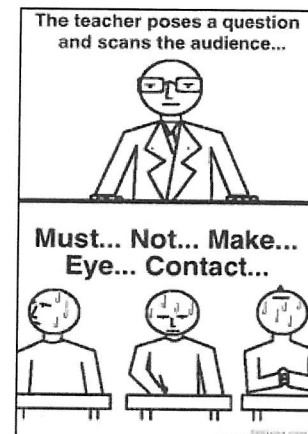
So what does Modern/Flexible/Innovative learning environment provide?

Flexibility – the ability to combine varying groups of students

Flexibility – of furniture, variety working spaces, fewer if any desks...

Openness – fewer walls, more glass, common learning areas

Access to resources - breakout rooms that may be specialised (wet area, IT) that fits within the student's flow of learning.



Flexible Learning Environments promote teaching and learning...

These environments effectively promote and support a range of teaching styles including :

- **Delivering** – teachers will work with groups of students from within a 'home base' within the environment.
- **Applying** - students have a range of spaces in which to apply what they are learning.
- **Creating** – range of space allows for specialised areas for students to create.
- **Communicating** – students (and teachers) have access to a wider range of people to help with learning.
- **Decision-making** – students can make decisions about where they will do their learning, within the flexibility of the learning environment.

Please complete the tear off portion below and return to the office by Tuesday 8th December 2015

PARENT EVENING – 21st Century Learning in an Innovative Learning Environment - 10th December 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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