



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

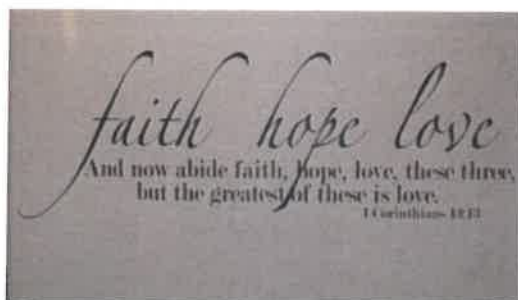
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**Vol 4.9**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2015**

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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:



**And the greatest of these is love....**

As we finish the second to last week of school, and move into the final week, we are aware that some of our students (and parents) are leaving us....

All are invited to our Y8 Graduation Ceremony that is on Thursday evening at 6:30pm.

All students are expected to attend.

**Innovative learning environment –**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**



Thanks to those parents who attended our first meeting in the Flexible Learning Environment last night. Rooms 5-7 have now had 5 days in the environment and it is looking great!  
Any parents who were unable to attend due to the Miniball finals and would like the PowerPoint please email: [amiee@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:amiee@stpatta.co.nz) for your copy.



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## **TERM DIARY**

<b>Wk 9</b>	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec: EOY Reports home. Y8 Retreat @ L Ngaroto Yacht Club Y7 Retreat at School. Class breakup parties.
<b>Wk 10</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec: NO Prayer Final School Assembly (Y8 Lead) 2pm. BOT Mtg 6pm. Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Winning house treat!!! Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec: School Prizegiving @ 1:45pm-2:30pm. End of Year Christmas Liturgy/Graduation Yr8. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec: End of Year Mass, 11:45am-12:45pm.

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**2016**

<b>Jan</b>	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Office opens 8:30-12:30pm. Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Office opens 8:30-12:30pm. Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Office opens 8:30-12:30pm.
<b>Wk 1</b>	<b>Term 1</b> Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: School opens @ 8:55am. Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Beginning of Year Mass 9:15am. Opening of new buildings.

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.**

'Take care of yourself and don't work beyond your strength.'

17<sup>th</sup> March 1901

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

**Pray for us.**



**WHOLE SCHOOL Y8 LED ASSEMBLY**  
**– MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ 2PM SCHOOL HALL -**  
**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'*

### The Third Sunday of Advent – 13<sup>th</sup> December



We again light the candles of hope and love. Today we add the **PINK (ROSE)** candle of joy. Prophecy has been fulfilled. The long-awaited Messiah has come. Joy is the mood of all earnest seekers.

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20<sup>th</sup> December



We light again the candles of hope, love, and joy, and the fourth **PURPLE** candle, the candle of peace.

Christ is the Prince of peace, come to reconcile us with God and others.

Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.



**Year 8 Dinner...** We had a really lovely evening with our Y8 students and parents on Tuesday night. The dining room looked magnificent and a big thanks to Maree Orr and her team for making this look so lovely!

**Christmas cards & sweets...** It's a lovely idea that children want to bring cards to give to their friends at school, but we are getting overloaded with the sweets to the degree that some parents have asked us to mention that the cards are fine...but not so much, the sweets!

### HELP! Cars & trailers for Tuesday....

We are incredibly fortunate to have been gifted some furniture from an office in Hamilton, BUT we have to be able to get it! We have arranged that we could collect this between 5 and 7pm from central Hamilton. We probably need 3-4 cars/trailers. If you can help, please let the office know by Monday [office@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.co.nz) We would be very grateful.

**From the bursar...HELP!** Only 6 days of school left and still **\$7595.76 owing in student accounts**. Thank you to all those parents who have made the effort to clear their accounts. Some parents have contacted the school to arrange terms of payment, but many others have not. Please finalize your child/ren's accounts before next Thursday so that the school can finalize its accounts also. As our financial year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015, all remaining debts will be rolled over to your child's account for 2016. Online payments can be made throughout the holidays.

Our account details are as follows:

**St Patrick's Catholic School BOT**

**ASB Bank, Te Awamutu 12-3134-0048177-00.**

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

Thanks,

Patty Dudson.

### Formal opening of our new buildings....

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

Please RSVP to [office@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.co.nz) by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (for catering purposes).

### As we finish 2015.....

**Year 8 Retreat** Today & tomorrow Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (not overnight) @ Lake Ngaroto Yacht Clubrooms.

**Year 7 Retreat** is on tomorrow Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (at school).

**Class EOY Celebrations** Tomorrow, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**End of Year Reports** come home tomorrow Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

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

**Winning House Treat!!!** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Buses** We have been advised by the TA School Transport Committee, that the last the buses will run is Wednesday 16<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).

### 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	Office closed – 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	Holiday – Auckland Anniversary Day
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	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.



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to the following students who have received awards recently.

**Gold Certificates:** Jake Dolan, Jake Gunn, Edmund Shum.

**World Maths Day:** Edmund Shum.

**2015 Overall Achievement (Concepts Mastered):** Harry Walkinshaw, Jake Fergusson, Madeline Schrader. All students who currently have access to Mathletics will be able to use this throughout the holidays.



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

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

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## PTA NEWS

There are NO lunch orders tomorrow...

A big thank you to all those people who were on the lunch order roster – have a wonderful break... see you next year!!!

## SPORTS NEWS

### **End of Year Sports Assembly....**

Teams 2 & 3 held their Sports Assembly yesterday.  
Congratulations to all of the winners!

**Miniball...** The 2015 Miniball season has now come to an end with another brilliant year of great Sportsmanship displayed by all of our St Patrick's teams. We hope our children enjoyed their season and will return next year to expand and strengthen their individual talent.

Our year 5 & 6's played their last game on Monday; our year 1 & 2, 3 & 4's played their finals last night.

**STAR GAME...** Our two year 3 & 4 teams St Pat's Authority and St Pat's Honor played each other for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition. This was a nail biting game, great game play and commitment from both teams; it was point for point in the first two quarters with St Pat's Honor pulling away with their strong finish. St Pat's Authority showed great sportsmanship with their great team spirit and determination committing their efforts until the last hooter sounded.

**Touch... \*\*Note final night for touch is next**

**Thursday the 17th December.** There will be a prize giving after each round in front of the clubrooms. *All of the Prizegiving ceremonies will be well and truly over by the time our Christmas Liturgy gets underway@ 6:30pm* **This season ALL our sports teams have been a credit to our school and you have represented St Patrick's School honourably!**

**TO...OUR PARENT HELPERS & SUPPORTERS...**

**A HUGE THANK YOU...** to our amazing parent coaches, managers and supporters, without your time and commitment our Miniball and Touch games would not have run as smoothly as they have. Your help has made the season a great success. It has been enjoyable for all, and we THANK YOU for it. Also, thanks to our senior students that have refereed the year 3&4 touch games, you have been awesome boys and good role models for our younger students..!

**You are each a cog that keeps the wheel in motion,  
Thanks again.**

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

### *3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3:10-18*

*'John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with the water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am....'*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH PIRONGIA

#### **'CHRISTMAS SHOPPE'**

**...OPEN 13<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER...**

**9AM-4PM**

*Come join us for Morning and Afternoon for a small cost, check out the wonderful Christmas decorations that are on display, these are available for purchase.*

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