



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Thursday 4th February
2016

Principal: Brian Belczacki.
Deputy Principal: Cass Sutton. **Assistant Principal:** Marcus Oxenham.
Director of Religious Studies: Gabrielle Balemi.
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:

Wonder & Awe



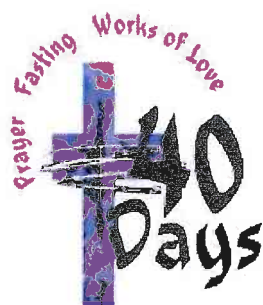
Welcome back to school for 2016 – It is great to see everyone back all fresh and rested after the holidays...

WONDER & AWE....

- Making the time to look at God's creation
- Marvelling at the 'simple' things
- Asking questions about what we see
- Thanking God for creating a beautiful world
- Helping to make our world a better place

Lent 2016 begins next
Wednesday 10th
February being
Ash Wednesday.

Team 3 will join the parish at the 9:15am Mass with Ashes while Teams 1 & 2 will have an Ashes Liturgy in the Church at You are most welcome to join us,



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To find us following the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsteawamutu>

TERM DIARY

Wk 1	Fri 5 th Feb : Formal opening of buildings starting with Mass @ 9: 15am
Wk 2	Mon 8 th Feb: Waitangi Day Holiday – School is Closed. Tues 9 th Feb: Shrove Tuesday. Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Wonder & Awe Commissioning Mass 6pm Cathedral Wed 10 th Feb: ASH WEDNESDAY Mass & Ashes (Team 3) @ 9:15am Town Blessing Service TA Sports 12-1pm Ashes liturgy for Teams 1-2 @ Thu 11 th Feb: Family Fun evening from 5pm Fri 12 th Feb: Team 1 & 2 Assemblies @ 2:30pm
Wk 3	Sun 14 th Feb: Weetbix Tryathlon (Hamilton) Mon 15 th Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : JUSTICE Tue 16 th Feb: Wed 17 th Feb: PAL Leadership Day Thu 18 th Feb: Fri 19 th Feb: Team 3 (Snr Sch) - Assembly 2:15pm
Wk 4	Mon 22 nd Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : JUSTICE Tue 23 rd Feb: Wed 24 th Feb: BOT Meeting 6pm Thu 25 th Feb: Fri 26 th Feb: Teams 1 & 2 Assemblies @ 2:30pm

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 light

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Try always to be generous with God.'

14th January 1882



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

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

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

WELCOME BACK TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - 2016





Welcome to our school...

Alexandra and Douglas Fonoti, Darragh Osborne, Oliver and Ella Buckle, Blake Phillips, Jasmeen Kaur, Annabel Kraayvanger, Jazmin Hodgson, Emma Young, Marley Rose-Care.

We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats!!

Team structure for 2016.

This year we will continue to operate a '3 team structure':

Team 1: Rms 1-4 form our junior team with Judy Graham as team leader as follows: Room 1: Gabrielle Balemi (Y0-1), Gabrielle is also our Director of Religious Studies. Room 2: Judy Graham (Y0-1), Judy is the team Leader. Room 3: Vivien Davies (Y1). We welcome Katharine Eyre (Y2) as classroom teacher in Room 4.

Team 2: FLE team with Aimee Connors as team leader, with Nicola Prescott and Michaela Jesney in the team. The FLE caters for some Y2's and all of our Y3's & Y4's. The children will be taught by all three teachers but will have a 'Kaitiaki teacher' who has overall responsibility for a particular (mixed) group of students and is the first contact regarding social issues, behaviour and general wellbeing.

Team 3: Rooms 8-11 form our senior team with Marcus Oxenham as team leader as follows: Room 8: Paula Carr (Y5-6), Room 9: Patsy Wisnewki (Y5-6), & Room 10: Michelle Russ (Y8). We welcome Amy Knight as classroom teacher in Room 11 (Y6-7). Amy will be supported by Marcus who will deliver RE and will teach in this class one day per week.

Cass as Deputy Principal has school wide responsibilities in curriculum leadership and is our Special Needs co-ordinator (SENCO).

Marcus Oxenham as Assistant Principal also has school wide responsibilities in student welfare in addition to team leadership, providing classroom release time in teams 2 & 3 and has overall responsibility for the delivery of the Te Reo Maori programme.

FAMILY FUN EVENING / MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING

On Thursday 11th February from 5:30pmHere is our first opportunity to gather together and mix n' mingle. Come along and have an informal chat with your child's teacher and look around the classrooms
Even if you are an 'old' parent come along and meet some of our newer families and make them feel welcome. The pool will be open as well!
See the flyer with this newsletter.

From the Bursar...

Thank you to everyone who are settling 2015 accounts, paying for stationery, swimming etc.
The system for money coming to school introduced last year, works really well to reduce congestion in the

office. So the system will continue this year; If students are bringing money to school, please continue to place the cash/cheque in a sealed envelope along with the tear-off slip (if there is one) and clearly write the student's name and room number on the front. These envelopes are placed in the yellow ASB locked box just inside the student entrance door to the office. Office staff will clear this after 9am and process any payments. This container will also continue to be used for ASB banking as normal.

Accounts can be paid by internet banking, our A/C number is 12-3134-0048177-00, please use your child's name (and surname!) as the reference.

Just a reminder that there will be no receipts issued unless specifically requested and ICT & RE donations are tax deductible.

Delivering/picking up children from school...

We all agree that the safety of our students is paramount. To this end, we ask that when dropping off or picking up your children from St Patrick's, you park in a responsible place and DO NOT double park or stop in front of the driveway entrances.



REWI STREET: Students are to wait in the Junior Courtyard area. Parents/caregivers are expected to PARK responsibly and walk in to drop off/collect children. Please do not pull into the school driveway as the risks are great when reversing around small children. **KEA CROSSING:** PLEASE use the Kea Crossing located beside the driveway into the Junior School. We encourage all parents to use this crossing regardless of whether the patrols are out. Be a good role model to your children....**We encourage all parents of students in Rooms 1-4 and the FLE to use Rewi Street as the drop and collection point for their children.**

ALEXANDRA STREET – Church carpark:

Until the parish building programme has been completed which includes a re-design of the entrance ways for school and parish, **please do not use this entrance after school** as there is only a single in/out driveway that would very quickly develop into a 'traffic jam'. **Students in Rooms 8-11 are to use the MAIN SCHOOL DRIVEWAY as their way into and out of school.** Parents: could you please park on Alexandra Street, extra staff will be on duty to help supervise.

Duty teachers are actively supervising these areas so please do not ask your child to wait anywhere else other than the two collection points and please don't be offended if your child is not where you planned to pick them up because they have been told to return to the correct collection point!

Have a happy Waitangi Day on Saturday and holiday on Monday!

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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



Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday
with Benediction around 10:30am

Weekend Masses

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 7th February 2016

Vigil Mass (Saturday)

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: 'Do not be afraid ; from now on it is men that you will catch'. Lk 5:1-11.

Ash Wednesday Masses – Wednesday 10th February

Te Awamutu: St Patrick's - 6:45am and 9:15am

Ecumenical Ashes Service – 7pm

Te Kuiti: St George's – Mass 11am

Otorohanga: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Mass
5:30pm

Parish Notices....

Preparation for Baptism – Tues 16th Feb 7:30-9pm Parish Lounge. This is a single session for parents who wish their children who are under 8 year of age to be baptized. Contact Wilma Schimanski Ph (07) 873 1702.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Te Awamutu Sports Clubs Rugby Registration days.

DATES:

Sun 21st February.

Wednesday 24th February

Tuesday 1st March

TIMES:

11am-2pm

5.30-7.30

5.30-7.30

Please bring cash \$45 pp no eftpos available.

The dates have been changed as we are aware there are many children participating in the weetbix challenge on Sunday the 14th February.

DYNAMIC SPEECH



CLASSES - 2016

Roslyn is a passionate Oral Specialist with over 25 years teaching experience and her aim is to give students confidence to cope with School, University, careers and 'life's' speaking challenges.

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ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email
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MAD COW DRUMS - DRUM TUITION



Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of St Patrick's School who want to learn to play drums in 2016!
Lessons will be on Wednesday 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 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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Come and join Marrzipan!

Is your child shy?

Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance?

Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact?

Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?!

We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills in the Parish Lounge before school on Monday! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Jex on 0272170693 or email jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz

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