



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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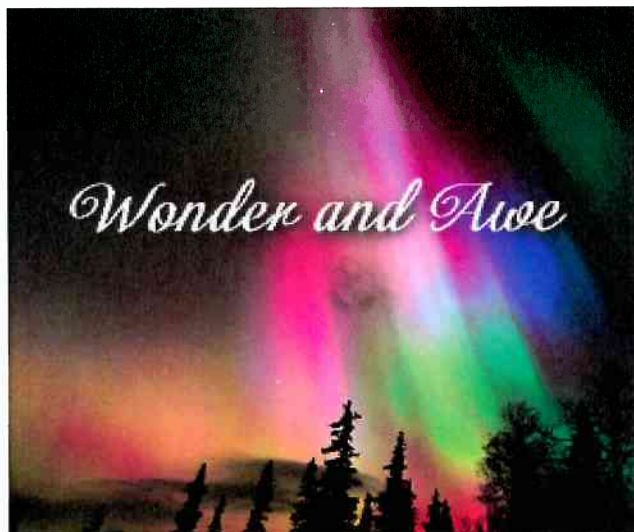
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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2016**

**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



### 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

### The Grand Opening

We had a lovely morning last Friday as we opened our new buildings. Thank you to those people who were able to attend, especially to the many past pupils, sisters, principals, parishioners, and friends of the school. I hope you caught up with the spread in the TA Courier last Tuesday. Here is the link to the online version:

<https://www.teawamutu.nz/courier/archive/2016/2016-02-09.pdf>



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### TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 2</b>	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm <b>NOTE: TEAM 2 HAS SHIFTED TO NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>Wk 3</b>	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Weetbix Tryathlon (Hamilton) Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: JUSTICE Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb: PAL Leadership Day Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Team 2 and 3 (Snr Sch) - Assembly 2:15pm
<b>Wk 4</b>	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: JUSTICE Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb: Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb: BOT Meeting 6pm Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
<b>Wk 5</b>	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: PERSERVERANCE Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar: Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar: Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar: Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Team Assemblies: Team 2 (2:30pm) Team 3 (2:15pm)

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



### A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'With humility, charity and truth on our part, all will in the end be well.'

11<sup>th</sup> November 1883

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



### Welcome to our school...

Zoey Bueno, Ruby Pryor.

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

**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'*

## **FAMILY FUN EVENING / MEET OUR TEACHERS NIGHT NEXT WEEK.....**

**On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 5:00pm .....**Here 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 that went out last Friday.

There has been an 'events' page created on the school's Facebook page.

### ***We are now in the 40 days of Lent...***

- Prayer
- Fasting – not giving up but giving out....
- Works of Love...

### ***What's your Lenten sacrifice going to be?***



### ***Commissioning Mass***

Our school was represented at the annual Commissioning Mass that was held at the Cathedral in Hamilton on last Tuesday evening. Five staff attended along with our Head boy and girl.

***Passing of Pa Hemi Hekeira SM.*** Unfortunately Bishop Steve was unable to celebrate the Commissioning Mass with us as he was attending the Tangi of Pa Hemi Hekeira SM who died suddenly in Rotorua. Pa Hemi's Tangihanga was held at Puniho Marae, Taranaki. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Joseph's, New Plymouth, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 11am followed by burial at Parihaka. *May he rest in peace....*

### ***From the Bursar...***

Thank you to everyone who have settled their 2015 and 2016 accounts.

***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.

***We welcome regular weekly or fortnightly payments to reduce the impact of receiving large accounts, if preferable.*** Just a reminder that there will be no receipts issued unless specifically requested and ICT & RE donations are tax deductible.



### **SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS:**

Bus children will be receiving their bus tags and their code of conduct agreement today, parents please check school bags. These need to be signed and returned to the school office immediately.

***Uniform...***If your child is not in correct uniform (including footwear), please ensure that they have a note explaining the reason why.

***HATS...***The uniform hat is the monogrammed bucket hat. These give good protection against the sun, hence the reason why we would prefer NO caps. The school policy is '**NO HAT, NO PLAY**'.

### ***Annual update of our database***

This is coming home today; please give this your urgent attention.

### ***Energize Leadership PAL Training Day***

**2016...**Year 5/6 students have been involved in a selection process of deciding which students will attend this leadership day next week. The training received by the students will help them to develop their skills to fulfil their leadership responsibilities at our school. The PAL leaders are crucial in our school in helping to provide organised activities at school lunchtimes for our students. The successful students will receive a letter that will come home tomorrow.

#### **DETAILS:**

17<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday

Venue: Albert Park

Time: 9:30-2:15pm

***Wanted...***Second hand uniforms, if you have any unused current school clothing, tunics, shorts, polo tops, P.E tops and bottoms, please bring them to the office, they will be very much appreciated.

## **PTA NEWS**

School lunches resume on **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Parents please ensure your child gets their envelope returned to the office by **Thursday afternoons at the latest!**

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

Thank you to those parents who have put their names forward to assist with school lunches, **we always need more helpers.** If there is anyone able to help with lunches on Friday's from 11am to 12.45am, please call Maree on 0275336555.

I will keep you up to date on upcoming events so keep an eye out in the newsletter each week. Thanks Maree.



## SPORTS NEWS

**NETBALL...** Tomorrow Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb is the last day for netball forms to be returned to the office.

### **School Sports Calendar for Term 1...**

is enclosed with this newsletter for your reference. On the back of the sports calendar is the St Patrick's School 2016 sporting guidelines and Procedures, please read.

### **Sports Meeting...**

Today marks the beginning of our new Sports/PE structure in our school. Our meeting this afternoon will allow us to further define specific roles of our Sports Co-ordinator-Maree Waldrom, Sports Administrator-Celena O'Donnell and Teacher in Charge of PE/Health/Sport-Marcus Oxenham. We are also investigating the idea of forming a Sports Club to support the many sports teams we have currently in our school. A concept that we will keep you posted on. We will have also Claire Rusk from Energize Waikato attending this meeting to help to outline the support they can provide for our school in 2016.

### **Sports Acknowledgments and notices of achievement...**

If your child is involved in any other sporting pursuits and has achieved success within their given code, please let us know. Our sports section also is here to acknowledge the achievements of all our students. You can email: [marcus@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:marcus@stpatta.co.nz)

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](mailto: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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** 'You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone'. Lk 4:1-13.

### **Parish Notices....**

**Preparation for Baptism** – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### **DRAMA CLASSES**

#### **Helen O'Grady - Drama Academy**

Please see the enclosed pamphlet.



### **TA MARIST**

## **JUNIOR RUGBY 2016 Registration**

25th February 2016 - 5pm-7pm

10th & 17th March 2016 - 5pm-7pm

\$35 per child (inc socks/shorts) or \$50 family (inc socks/shorts)

Eftpos available

**Register with TA Marist & go into the draw**

**to WIN your 2016 Subs back**

**Please email:** [maristsubs@gmail.com](mailto:maristsubs@gmail.com) for online banking options

**Parent Info:** - Please bring a photocopy only of your child birth certificate.

And your complete registration form if applicable.

Forms are available on the night.

Please bring any old rugby boots for boot swap.

**EGG-CELLENT EGGS**

## SCRAMBLED EGGS

A great breakfast, lunch or dinner. Add some veggies to make you GLOW.

- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp milk
- Salt & pepper

Beat eggs & milk in a microwave-proof dish. Cover, leaving a small hole for steam. Microwave for approx. 2 mins, stirring regularly. Serve on wholemeal toast.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TE AWAMUTU – TERM 1 SPORTS CALENDAR

TERM ONE										
Week 1 1-5 Feb	Week 2 8-12 Feb	Week 3 15-19 Feb	Week 4 22-26 Feb	Week 5 29 Feb- 4 Mar	Week 6 7-11 Mar	Week 7 14- 18 Mar	Week 8 21-25 Mar	Week 9 28 Mar-1 Apr	Week 10 4-8 Apr	Week 11 11-15 Apr
	<p>Swimming Timetable Begins</p> <p>Thurs, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Sports Meeting 3:30 Conference Room</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Feb Cheerleading Workshops ASB Stadium 3:3—6pm</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday WeetBix Tryathlon</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> February Y5-6 Energize Leadership Day Wed 9:30-2:15 Albert Park</p>		<p>No Swimming T3 Classes All Week</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> February Miniball Y5-6 Monday Nights (6 week block)</p> <p>2 March Miniball Y1-2, 3-4 Wednesday Nights (6 week block)</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> March CIS Swimming Yr 7&amp;8 Te Rapa</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> March CIS Swimming Matamata Y5&amp;6</p> <p>No Swimming Friday only T3 classes</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> March Netball Future Ferns Y1-2,3-4 10 Weeks Finish 25<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> March Waipa Fun Run Cambridge</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> March Mon St Patricks Swimming Day 9am-1pm</p> <p>Junior School Swimming Day-</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> March Wed WFPA Swimming Sports</p>		<p>Sports Meeting 3:30 Conference Room</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> April Sunday Top Schools</p>		Small Ball Skills
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Swimming Timetable	<p>Tues-8<sup>th</sup> Rm 11/10 Wed Rm 8/9 Fri 10/11</p>	<p>Mon Rm 8/9 Tues 10/11 Wed Rm 8/9 Fri 10/11</p>	<p>Mon No Swimming Tues 10/11 Wed Rm 8/9 Fri 10/11</p>	No Swimming	<p>Mon Rm 8/9 Tues 10/11 Wed Rm 8/9 Fri No Swimming</p>	<p>Mon Rm 8/9 Tues 10/11 Wed Rm 8/9 Fri 10/11</p>				

# St Patrick's Te Awamutu Sports Guidelines and Procedures - 2016

Sports are an integral part of the life of the school and all students are highly encouraged to be active participants in an increasingly wide and varied array of sporting codes.

## **Sporting opportunities:**

These opportunities largely depend on the enthusiasm of teachers and parents who wish to be involved. Saturday and out of school time sports are generally club based with the exception of netball and indoor sports such as basketball that still have school based teams. The organisation of the above is the role of the Sports Co-ordinator. Within the school day a range of sports are played in-house, inter-school, inter-Catholic School with some Waikato Full Primary School sporting opportunities.

**School based sports** are generally part of or extension activities from PE sessions and are as such compulsory for all students. Students are expected to change into the approved PE/sports uniform unless otherwise directed by their teacher. Parents are expected to advise the teacher in writing where their child is unable to participate in these activities generally for medical reasons.

## **Student participation:**

All students are encouraged to participate in all sporting opportunities and as these students move through the school we expect them to be excellent role models to our younger students by:

- exhibiting a high level of fair play
- Not 'shying away' from healthy competition and being gracious losers
- encouraging our younger students through sharing their skills (assisting with coaching).
- playing for school teams, where we have them in the particular sporting code.
- cheering on all of our teams
- celebrating their own and other successes.

## **Parent participation:**

We are highly dependent on the good nature and expertise of our parent community to manage and coach teams. As teaching is already a very full career there is NO expectation on teachers to take on these roles unless they especially have the desire to do so. Sporting opportunities can often only go ahead from the planning stage when there is parent commitment to manage or coach. As a school we value our reputation in the community and our children are representing our school when they wear our colours in a variety of settings. You as parents are also representing our school and so we expect ALL of our parents whether managing, coaching or watching from the sideline to:

- ensure that they are modelling a sporting spirit and a high level of fair play
- accept the rulings of referees, all of whom are doing these jobs voluntarily – for the love of the sport and where there is gross negligence, to make this known to managers and coaches after the game.
- accept that all of our children ARE children and are learners and none of them are at Olympic standard yet!
- congratulate the winners and be gracious losers.
- ensure that comments about teams, members of teams, family situations around team members, players perceived abilities or lack of abilities are not 'food for carpark gossip' but real concerns or complaints are directed through the appropriate channels by the person raising them to coaches/managers, Sports co-ordinator, teacher in charge of sport, Assistant Principal, Principal.
- Shy away from those who wish to partake in hurtful and undermining comments about others – students, parents, coaches, managers etc – by reminding these people of who we are and what we stand for.

## **The process of organising afterschool/weekend sporting opportunities.**

1. Notification of the sporting opportunity is received from the organising body (club).
2. Teacher in charge of sports/sports co-ordinator makes the decision on whether the school will participate. Sports co-ordinator becomes the key organiser.
3. Interest gauged from students, letter sent home seeking responses. Letter is to give details of season, expectations request for parent participation as managers/coaches, and approximate costs.
4. From responses from students and parent willingness to manage/coach, the decision is made to proceed or not.
5. Organising body (club) is advised of our participation.
6. Confirmation letters sent home with details – teams, managers, coaches, confirmed costs. Parents are expected to pay with the tear-off response form.
7. Sports co-ordinator completes paperwork required by club and school (proposal).
8. If there is a school (sports) uniform involved, details are recorded of who has what item.
9. **'No pay, no play'** process applies. Students are to have paid before the second week of competition or they will not be able to play until paid.
10. Once subs have been paid there is no refund to players once they decide to withdraw from a team.



# DRAMA CLASSES

## Life Skills for Children

*"Give a child the gift of confidence, one of the greatest gifts we can give"*

- \* Increase self esteem
- \* Work in group situations
- \* Feel good about themselves
- \* Speak and move confidently
- \* Academic Success
- \* Improve confidence
- \* Meet new friends
- \* Improve listening skills
- \* Encourage English language skills
- \* Have fun while learning

The aim of the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is to help young people develop **confidence** and to **communicate** in a clear articulate manner. Our drama classes provide a safe and fun environment for children to explore their imagination and grow as individuals.

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Give children opportunities to **succeed**; they believe in themselves and their abilities. Some of the many benefits of our programme include, **improved academic results, relationship building** and **the life skills necessary to make the most of life.**

**Weekly FUN CLASSES for 5-18 years  
after school at:**

Waikato: Cambridge – Hillcrest – Dinsdale – Te Awamutu – Rototuna  
Rotorua: Lynmore

Lower Primary – 5 – 8 years  
Upper Primary – 9 – 12 years  
Youth Theatre – 12 – 18 years

**CALL (07) 827 0526 NOW!**  
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