



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is:



Signs of a just person...

- loving the person regardless of the actions they may take,
- not taking sides,
- not thinking that one person's rights are 'better' or more deserving over another person's rights, both sides are treated with love and dignity.

FUN NIGHT NOW SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY.

Rangiaowhia Commemoration Day

A commemoration Liturgy will be held out at the Catholic Mission Site this Sunday 21st February @ 2pm starting at the Hirini Hall before moving along the road to the Anglican Church and to the Mission site. Bishop Steven will be there and will open a 'gate of mercy' as part of the liturgy. After the liturgy there will be light refreshments back at the Hirini Hall. All are welcome.



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TERM DIARY

Wk 4	Sun 21 st Feb : Rangiaowhia Commemoration Day @ 2pm. 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: Family Fun Evening from 5pm Fri 26 th Feb: Team Assemblies Team 1 & 2 @ 2:30pm
Wk 5	Mon 29 th Feb: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : PERSERVERANCE Tue 1 st Mar: Wed 2 nd Mar: Thu 3 rd Mar: Fri 4 th Mar: Team Assembly Team 3 (2:15pm)
Wk 6	Mon 7 th Mar : Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : PERSERVERANCE Tue 8 th Mar : Wed 9 th Mar : Thu 10 th Mar : Fri 11 th Mar : Team Assemblies Team 1 & 2 @ 2:30pm Sun 13 th Mar : Community Mass @10:30am – please mark diaries

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



A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand.'

21st May 1877

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

FIRST WEEK OF LENT...

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



What is your Lenten sacrifice going to be?

Our Vision: 'To provide 21st 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 WAS POSTPONED TO NEXT THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

On Thursday 25th February from 5:00pmHere 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 this week,

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

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 should have returned their Code of Conduct agreement forms by now, if not please return them by Monday 22nd February these forms **MUST** be returned. We have just received the bus tags today, and these will be issued to the bus children next week.

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.

Do you have any 2nd hand togs?

Hi my name is Michaela, I love swimming. Recently I read a news article on a school in Auckland who has children who can't learn how to swim because they cannot afford togs. This concerned me, so my sister and I decided to try and get as many 2nd hand togs together to gift to kids. Can you help us? Do you have any 2nd hand togs or towels that you do not use anymore? Please bring them to the school office. I will be delivering them on the 26th of February.

Many Thanks
Michaela White

**What a great initiative from the White Family!!!
There is a container in the office.**

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hi School Community

My name is Hayley McConnell and I am a current elected parent representative on the St Patrick's School Board of Trustees. My children have now moved onto College so it is time for me to step down. We also have three other board members stepping down. So if my school certificate maths results account for anything ... that means we need four new trustees to lead the governance of the school.

When is this going to happen? The elections will be in May this year with the newly elected Board taking up office at their first Board meeting in June.

So parents, on behalf of the school community and Board I would like to encourage and invite parents to give me a call to express your interest. I can answer questions (I hope), meet with you and also invite you to a Board meeting.

Over the next few weeks/months I will be posting in the newsletter and Facebook page about the key responsibilities and expectations of a trustee. We need to plan in advance to ensure that we have motivated and willing parents to lead and support our children's place of learning. Below are my contact details and I welcome any enquiries.

Cell number is 021 241 74 82

E mail: hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz

Kind Regards – Hayley

Annual update of our database

This came home last week; please give this your urgent attention.

PTA NEWS

School lunches resume on **Fri 19th 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.

ENSURE: Your child has filled in the form correctly including their name and room number. **NOTE : The FLE classrooms are now identified by their colours, Miss Jesney (Blue), Miss Connors (Green), Mrs Prescott (Red).**

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

WeetBix Tryathlon... Congratulations to the following athletes who took part in the WeetBix Tryathlon.



On Sunday 14th February, it was the Hamilton Weetbix Tryathlon. Lots of kids from St Patrick's school competed in it. The first event was the swim. The 7-10 year olds swam two lengths of the University pool, while the 11-16 year olds had to do four lengths. The next event was the bike ride. The 7-10 year olds did one lap of the University – 3.5kms - and the older kids had to do two laps, last of all was the run. Everyone had to run 1.5km. At the end of the Tryathlon everyone got a medal. There was also a draw for some cool spot prizes. I was lucky enough to win one of them – a voucher for a new pair of Asics running shoes! It was a great day, but way too hot to be doing lots of exercise!

By Molly Osborn, Rm 9



Molly Osborn Won a \$150 Asics Spot Prize Voucher.

BMX Rider-Abbie Osborn...

On the 31st January, Abbie Osborn, competed in the Oceania BMX Championships 2016 at Sunset Coast BMX track, Pukekohe. Abbie was able to place a credible 7th Place. She raced hard all weekend and put in a huge effort against some great riders. Well done, Abbie.



Netball Muster...

Muster for the year 6, 7 & 8 netball teams will be held on the 2nd of March between 4-5pm. The venue is still to be settled but we will advise you as soon as we know. The year 4 & 5 teams will not need to attend, their teams will be finalised and the students advised when they are sorted.

Sports Acknowledgments and notices of

achievement... If your child is involved in any other sporting pursuits and is 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

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Wednesday to Friday @ 9.15am

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

Weekend Masses

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday 21st 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: 'This is my Son, the Chosen One, Listen to him.' Lk 9:28-36

Sacramental Programmes – 2016.

In 2016, the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be offered to those children who are in Y4 and above and are baptized.

1st Reconciliation – This will be celebrated on **Friday 18th March @ 6pm**. The preparation process begins on Sunday 28th February before 10:30am Mass @ 9am. There will be two other preparation days (Sunday 6th and 13th March). Enrolments forms have been given to students and are available from the school office and need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Confirmation /Eucharist. Bishop Denis Browne will confer these Sacraments on **Sunday 3rd July**.

Preparation will begin in Term 2. Watch this space for further information about the preparation process.

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