



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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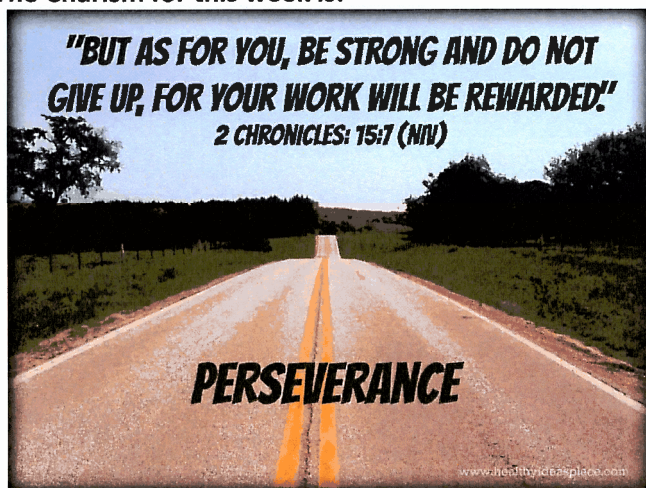
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**Thursday 3rd March
2016**

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:



Perseverance...

- Pray...ask God for the faith to persevere
- Know where you want to go...Set goals
- Know that hard times will come and think about ways to get around them.
- Seek help early...Don't give up...Don't give up...**Don't give up.**

THIRD WEEK OF LENT...

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



From the CARITAS Lenten calendar

Thursday 3rd March 'How do we experience God's forgiveness?'



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

TERM DIARY

Wk 5	Fri 4 th Mar: Team 2 Assembly @ 2.15pm (start with singing)
Wk 6	Mon 7 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH : PERSEVERANCE Cath I/Sch Swimming Spts (Y7/8) @ Waterworld. Tue 8 th Mar: Wed 9 th Mar: Thu 10 th Mar: Cath I/School Swimming Spts (Y5/6) – Matamata. Fri 11 th Mar: Team Assemblies Team 1 @ 2:30pm Sun 13 th Mar: Community Mass @10:30am – please mark diaries
Wk 7	Mon 14 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Empathy Team 3 Swimming Sports @ TA Events C 9-1pm Team 1 & 2 Swimming Spts, school pool @1pm Tue 15 th Mar: Wed 16 th Mar: Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports Goal Setting Conferences Parent Meeting-Overnight Camp Year 7-8, 5-6pm Thu 17 th Mar: ST PATRICK'S DAY . Mass @ 9:15am. Yr 7-8 HPV/Boostrix Programme, 8-9am Goal Setting Conferences Fri 18 th Mar: Team 3 Assembly 2:15pm Team 2 Assembly 2:15pm (start with singing) Sat 19 th Mar: St Joseph's Day Sun 20 th Mar: PALM SUNDAY

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

'We must do the Will of Him we love.'

09th July 1874

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'

Family Fun night... What a great turnout last Thursday, what a beautiful evening it was!! A huge thank you to those people who made the effort!



Community Mass – next Sunday 13th

March. Everyone is invited to our first Community (School/Parish) Mass on Sunday 13th March at 10:30am. Morning tea to follow and there is a Cake stall as well.

Children unwell at school... Just a reminder that when your child is unwell at school the process followed is that the classroom or duty teacher will send your child to the office who will then make an assessment of your child in the sickbay. Your child may then stay in the sickbay while they make contact with you for notification and possible collection. **Children cannot stay in the sickbay 'for the remainder of the day.'** They are either sent back to class, or you or someone arranged by you is expected to collect them.

New telephone system is now up and running and has the following prompts:

Press '1' for absentees. Please use this service so as to reduce calls during peak times.

Press '2' Activities – this is where cancellations will be put – they will also be up on Facebook.

Press '3' for the Bursar, finance and accounts.

Press '4' for the office. This is where the office staff will put calls through to the Principal, DP and AP.

After office hours. Our phone system switches 'in' at 8:15am and 'out' at 3:15pm. When the office is closed, absentees messages can still be left and there is also a facility available to be put through to a mobile phone for emergencies that affect your child (eg) your child did not arrive home etc.

A reminder about absentees... If your child is absent from school then please press '1' for the absentee line provided and leave a message, as this reduces the office workload during peak times. There is a legal requirement that absentees are followed up by an email or written notice from parents explaining your child's absence.

House Leaders... Our house leaders have been chosen and they will be badged at the Prayer Assembly on Monday morning.

Asthma Control Plan Update... Please check school bags and return these forms to school asap. If your child has out grown their asthma you are still required to complete our form indicating that change, receiving this form also provides the school with your confirmation so we can update your child's records accordingly.

Public Health Nurse... Jenni Crosbee would like to say thank you to all parents of our senior students for completing and returning their immunisation forms.

For Sale... Girls tunic size 3 \$10, If interested please contact Racheal 0275408859.

Pizza for lunch - Y5/6 Camp Fundraiser!!

Thank you for the support for our Pizza day, we raised around \$230.00 for Camp. Watch out for information about the 'Doughraiser' and Cake stall at the Community Mass on 13th March.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that your week is going well. I am back again to share some more information about the Board of Trustee roles (four vacancies) that need to be filled at this year's June election.

What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.

Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years. All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

Next week I will share some stories from current trustees and their experiences on the board. In the meantime if you want to contact me please do.

Cell number is 021 241 7482

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Kind regards

Hayley McConnell (Chair – Board of Trustees)

Reference: www.nzsta.org.nz

Sacred Heart uniforms...We are looking for donations of uniform for our Second Hand Uniform Shop at Sacred Heart Girls' College. If you have any items of uniform please give us an e-mail at:

hearts@shgcham.school.nz

Many thanks for your generosity.

Kind Regards,

Ms C Gunn

Principal

PTA NEWS

NO LATE LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED

We are still receiving the odd lunch order on a Friday morning. Unfortunately, if this continues to occur your child **will be at risk of not receiving** their lunch that day. Parents please ensure your child gets their envelope returned to the office by **Thursday 3pm at the latest!** **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.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Update...Year 3 Netballers will move up to play at competition level and we are still waiting to hear if the Year 1 and 2 netball teams will go ahead. We have a large number of students who have shown interest in playing at the year 1 & 2 level but unfortunately, we are struggling to fill these teams with adults who can supervise these youngsters on a Wednesday night. If we cannot find parents to supervise these teams we will not be able to enter teams.

If you are interested in helping with the year 1 & 2 netball, the requirement is that all adults must attend a workshop at the Te Awamutu Netball Centre on the 8th March 2016.

Miniball...The season started on Monday 29th February with our year 5 & 6's, with St Pats Taniwhas leading their game against Puahue 32-2. The Year 3&4 teams started this Wednesday 02nd March with a bang, our St Pats Justus team had a great game leading 30-10 against Puahue Pythons. We would really love to know the results of the other teams; please come in to the office and let us know so we can publish these.

Enjoy your season teams!

But remember to show 'good sportsmanship' toward the opposing teams, enjoy your wins but do not boast.

Last year's Netball Trophies...Could ALL last year's netball students who received a trophy at the end of the season; please return them to school ASAP.

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

4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday 6th March 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: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'
JN 8:1-11

Sacramental Programmes – 2016.

Preparation for the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, is now underway with over 30 children involved. This will be celebrated on **Friday 18th March @ 6pm.** Preparation for **Confirmation /Eucharist** will begin in Term 2 and Bishop Denis Browne will confer these Sacraments on **Sunday 3rd July.**

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