



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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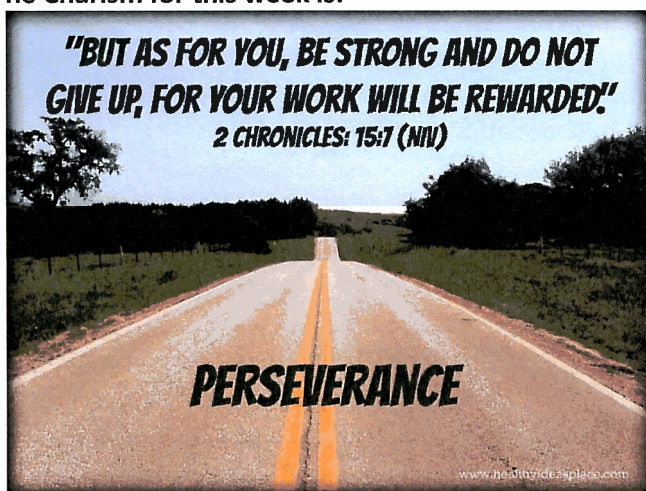
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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
2016**

**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:** Hayley McConnell.

*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.

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT...

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



**From the CARITAS Lenten calendar**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016..** Gospel John 8:1-11: 'How can we show Jesus' mercy to those around us?'



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## TERM DIARY

Wk 6	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Team Assemblies Team 1 @ 2:30pm Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Community Mass @10:30am – please mark diaries
Wk 7	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Empathy Team 3 Swimming Sports @ TA Events CENTRE 9-1pm Team 1 & 2 Swimming Spts, school pool @1pm Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports Goal Setting Conferences Parent Meeting-Overnight Camp Year 7-8, 5-6pm Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>ST PATRICK'S DAY.</b> Mass @ 9:15am. Yr 7-8 HPV/Boostrix Programme, 8-9am Goal Setting Conferences Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Team 3 Assembly 2:15pm Team 2 Assembly 2:15pm (start with singing) Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar: St Joseph's Day Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
Wk 8	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar: <b>HOLY WEEK</b> -Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Empathy Yr 7&8 Leadership Camp Meeting, 5:15-6:15pm Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar: YR 5&6 Camp to Karakariki Christian Camp Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar: YR 5&6 Camp to Karakariki Christian Camp Yr 7&8 Leadership Camp Rotorua; Depart 9am Yr 8 HPV Catch up date Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> -YR 5&6 Camp return from Camp Yr 7&8 Leadership Camp Rotorua; return 2:30pm Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>GOOD FRIDAY– NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
Wk 9	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>EASTER MONDAY– NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>EASTER TUESDAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship BOT Meeting 6-8:30pm

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: [http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](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**

'God will draw good out of evil.'

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1874

**St Mary of the Cross**

**MacKillop...Pray for us**

**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'*



**Welcome to our school...**  
Sian Bartley and Tamara Eva  
**We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats!!**

### House Leaders badged!

Congratulations to our house leaders who were badged at Prayer Assembly on Monday..

**Pirongia:** Harry Southcombe & Alana Oliver

**Maungatautari:** Adam Chapman & Abbie Osborn

**Kakepuku:** Jonnee Harris & Reese Saunders

**Te Kawa:** Reuben O'Keeffe & Xylia Liddell

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at team assemblies. Team 1 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Team 3 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Team 2 were last Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.



### TEAM 1 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Justice"
1	Harry Wright	Elijah Driver
	Olivia Hogan-Finch	
2	Aaron Holmes	Emma Young
	Dakota Halse	
3	Bailey Kahura	Sheina Bantugan
	Azaria Peters	
4	Luke Brindle	Alexa Hewitt
	Mila Cowley	

### TEAM 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Justice"
RED	Rhymes Walkinshaw	Ava Cullen
	Leanne Pacua	
GREEN	Michaela Sweeney	Faith Still
	Douglas Fonoti	
BLUE	Teyani Fairgray	Carys Joyce
	Kayde Prescott	

### TEAM 3 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Justice"
8	Reef Wardlaw	Xanthe Johnson
	Sophie Chapman	
9	Mia Ellis	Benjamin Smith
	Millie Russ	
10	Gemma Baker-Horan	Jonnee Harris
	Jacob Chapman	
11	Katelyn Holmes	Karlle Alexander
	Ashlee Strawbridge	

### Community Mass-This Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

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

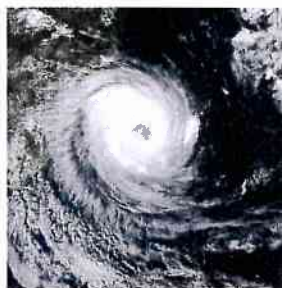
**World Day of Prayer...** I was very impressed with the way our students were involved and behaved at the World Day of Prayer Service held at St John's Anglican Church last Friday. Rev Murray Olson called into the office on Tuesday to pass onto me the MANY positive comments he has had from those who attended this service. These students are a real CREDIT to our school.

**Goal Setting conferences...** are to be held next week Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Notices were sent home yesterday detailing how to book an appointment online or by filling out the form, please check school bags.

**From the Bursar...** Student accounts come home today please check bags. **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.

### Fiji Appeal...

As you all know, Fiji was very badly damaged in the



cyclone a fortnight ago. Our caretaker, Bibi Nasilasila's village was destroyed. There is a project developed by Fijian businessmen, to get solar power into every village so that access to power is not disrupted by future weather events. The

cost of getting solar power into each village is \$1000.00. This gives access to solar power to every village.

We want to fundraise \$1000.00 to get solar power into Bibi's village. Our young Vinnies are organising some fundraisers but any other donations will be gratefully received.

If you would like to donate you can: -

- Send money in an envelope marked Fiji.
- Do it over internet into the school banking system reference Fiji.

If you require a receipt please email Patty.

As always we thank you for your support.

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow it is 'week six already!' I hope that your week is going well. This week I thought I would share some prose from our current trustees. I asked them "Why they put themselves up for election or as a proprietor's representative and what they can say about their experience, to date?"

**Ruth Dolan - Proprietors Representative** "I have now been on the Board for just over a year, joining as a Proprietor's representative. The experience has been interesting to date, with the opportunity to learn about governance and make a contribution to a school that served my children well. Successful boards require a mixed skill set, and the current Board certainly offers that; it has been good getting to know different people and learning from their personal and professional experiences. After lots of hard work by many people over several years, it is heartening to see major projects like the new buildings start to come on line. There is much to do, but there is a great foundation to build on. As parents you have a vested interest in the success of the school, and I encourage you to contribute by way of election to the Board."

**Belinda Overdevest – Parent/Community Representative** "I have been a Trustee on the School Board for two terms (six years). I applied for the role as I was keen to find out more about how the school operates, sets targets and monitors student achievement. By being a Board member I have been involved in setting the schools strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students. We also ensure that the school provides a safe environment and quality education for all students. I have enjoyed being part of the Board; however, my time is coming to an end as I will not be seeking re-election this year."

**A titbit (or 3) # 1** - Our Board is made up of four proprietor's representatives, five parent/community representatives, a teacher representative and the principal. As an integrated school our Board requires one parent/community representative more than proprietor's representative.  
**# 2** – A parent/community representative does not have to be a parent. It could be an ex-pupil, a grandparent or a keen member of our community.  
**# 3** – The first meeting of the incoming Board (post-election) is initially chaired by the principal until nominations for the chair are received at the meeting and the chair is elected. So ... I am still keen to hear from anyone that would like to know more about the trustee role and the election process. So please call or email. Cell number is 021 241 7482  
 E mail: hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz  
 Kind Regards – Hayley McConnell (Chair – Board of Trustees)

## 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

**St Pats Senior Swimming sports...** I am in need of judges, recorders, and especially timekeepers for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Senior Swimming Day. Please make contact with Marcus Oxenham at school 8714669 if you can help.

### Sports Waikato-Cricket...

We have tentatively booked Sport Waikato to run some in-class cricket workshops beginning the week of 21<sup>st</sup> March. More information will come later.

### Waipa Fun Run...

This event unfortunately clashes with our Community Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup> March so I have now decided not to enter a team for this reason.

### Splash and Dash...

The date for this event arrived this week and also clashes with both our St Patrick's festive Day and our Goal Setting Conferences. We have decided not to participate in this event this year.

**Miniball...** St Pats Tridents had a great game leading 22-0 against Puahue and St Pats Miracles won 22-14 against Pirongia. **Awesome effort teams...! But remember to show 'good sportsmanship' toward the opposing teams, enjoy your wins but do not boast.**

God bless

*C-M Sutton*

Cass Sutton

Deputy 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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

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

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