



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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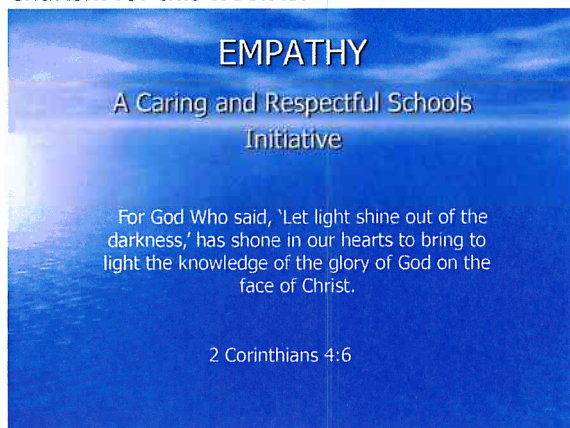
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2016

**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:



**Prayer:** This Lent, God give me the gift of Empathy so as to be slow to judge but quick to help...

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



**Patrick**

I arise today  
through God's  
strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me from  
snares of the devil, temptations,  
and every one who desires me ill.

Amen

*from the Liturgy of St. Patrick*



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 7</b>	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar: Team 3 Assembly 2:15pm Team 2 Assembly 2:15pm (start with singing) First Reconciliation, 6pm@church. Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar: St Joseph's Day Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>PALM SUNDAY – Mass @ 10:30am</b>
<b>Wk 8</b>	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 1:30pm Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar: <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>Wk 9</b>	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 Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr: Team 2&3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 1 Assembly 2:30-2:45pm Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: ASB Top School Games
<b>Wk 10</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> April: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> April: Marzipan Performance 12:30-1:30pm
<b>Wk 11</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship Science Roadshow 9am-3pm@Hall

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

'Gods love is too deep for words to express.'  
6<sup>th</sup> August 1870

**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'*



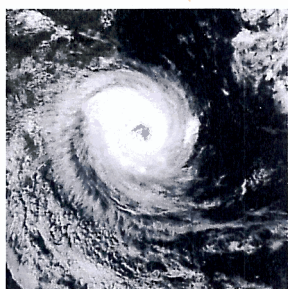
## **Community Mass- Thank You!**

Thanks you to those people who attended our community mass on Sunday and who supported the cake stall fundraiser for the Y5/6 camp. This raised \$656.70.

**NO...Nail Polish at school...** Parents a reminder that nail polish is not permitted to be worn at school. We ask that you please remove **ALL** nail polish before your child comes to school.

**Goal Setting conferences** – These are on at the moment – thank you for a great support of these.

**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: -

- a) Send money in an envelope marked Fiji.
- b) 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.

**Mufti Day – St Patrick's Day** The children looked fantastic in Mass this morning with plenty of green evident! The mufti day where the fun ds will go to the Fiji Cyclone appeal raised \$352.60.

## **First Reconciliation – tomorrow night!**

Early congratulations to 34 children who will receive this sacrament for the first time, tomorrow night at 6pm.

## **Urgently needed...Flowers! Flowers!**

As part of our Easter Liturgy we would like the children to be able to put a flower under the cross. If you are able to supply some please bring them to Room 1 from Next Wednesday or Thursday. Thank you.

**Apologies...** For the incorrect spelling of Reese Sanders surname name in last week's newsletter when announcing our Team Leaders.

**Lost...** 1 x P.E school top named Azaria Peters, if found please return to room 3. Parents please check school bags to ensure your child has not accidentally placed someone else's clothing in their bag.

**From the Bursar...** Thank you to all those who have cleared their school accounts this past week, and sent in their email addresses. I do appreciate your promptness. **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.

## **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I will make it short this week (I am hoping the brain washing is setting in!)

### **What training do new and current trustees get?**

We have an induction pack for each board member on starting. This includes information that is St Patrick's specific and also standard bulletins from NZSTA (the national professional development provider). Professional Development in the form of 'topic specific sessions' is routinely offered throughout the year via NZSTA. For 2016 the local school network (called Rural and Roses) has already planned development sessions to be held locally by an NZSTA facilitator. This is a great initiative!

### **What are the Election dates?**

Timeline BOT Elections and Professional Development Action

04 May 2016 Main roll closes at 12 noon

By 06 May 2016 Nominations called for (closes at 12 noon)

18 May 2016 Supplementary Roll closes at 12 noon

20 May 2016 Nominations close

By 25 May 2016 Voting papers sent out (voting can begin)

03 June 2016 Close poll – Election Day at 12 noon

09 June 2016 Votes counted – results declared

10 June 2016 New members take office

14 June 2016 New Board member's induction (NZSTA PD)

16 August 2016 New Health and Safety Legislation (NZSTA PD)

01 November 2016 Strategic and Annual Planning (NZSTA PD)

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](mailto:hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz)

Kind Regards – Hayley McConnell (Chair – Board of Trustees)

## PTA NEWS

### NO LATE LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED

It would be helpful if the correct amount of money is placed in the envelope when ordering your child's lunch. The school does not hold suitable amounts of cash to accommodate the increasing requirements for change.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Orders are placed by **Thursday 3pm at the latest!**
2. Order forms are completed correctly with name and room number.
3. Orders have correct amount of money in them.

**PITA PIT...**is doing our lunches on **Friday 1st April**; there will be 2 options of wraps.

The order forms will be at the office on Wed 30th March for your child to collect and take home for return on Thurs 31st.

We hope that you will enjoy the lunch! This will probably happen once maybe twice a term for something a bit different.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Matamata Swimming sports...**A snapshot of our students after their competitions in Matamata.



**Awesome effort competitors...!**

### TE AWAMUTU NETBALL ASSOCIATION...

Representative Trials will be held on the 10th April. Yr 7 trial is at 12.00pm, yr 8 & 15 at 9.00am. Representative forms can be downloaded from our sportsground website this weekend and need to be handed into the office by Sat 9th April. The office will be open for Thursday night grading, so they can be handed in then if you wish. There will be no yr6 representative team anymore. This representative group has been phased out.

**Netball Uniforms...**Netball students were issued with their dress and hoodie displaying the school sponsors.

## Waikato Catholic School Interschool Swimming Results...

The following Y4-6 students made event finals:

- Millar Fairgray;
- 25m 9yr old Boys- 3rd Place
- 25m 9yr old Boys Backstroke- 2nd Place
- 2nd Place 9 year old boy overall
- Jacob Fergusson;
- 25m 10 year old Boys Breaststroke- 3rd Place
- 3x25 Medley- 2nd Place
- Open 50m Freestyle Boys- 3rd Place
- 2nd Place 9 year old boy overall
- Our House Relay team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Well done to all competitors we were all very proud of your results...!**

**Watch out for the Yr7&8 results in next week's newsletter...**

God bless

Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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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

#### Palm Sunday

Sunday 20<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:** The Passion of the Lord according to Luke (Lk19:28-40)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Just a reminder that the ceremony where the children will make their First Confession is tomorrow at 6pm.









Children are to be at the church at 5:50pm. The three reconciliation lessons must be completed and children need to bring their books on Friday evening so we can collect them and keep them safe until our confirmation lessons begin on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

It is important that you keep up your commitment to the programme by attending Sunday mass during our break in lessons.



## The events of Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important times in the Church's Liturgical calendar. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from the events of Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on the Cross on Good Friday and finally to his Resurrection from the Dead on Easter Sunday.

Sunday		Palm Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	
<p><b>In the time of Jesus...</b></p>  <p>Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt accompanied by his disciples. The crowds were overjoyed to see him and covered the streets ahead of him with cloaks and palms.</p>		<p><b>For us in 2016...</b></p> <p>At Mass this <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 10:30am</b>, We re-enact the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by starting our Mass outside of the church. Palms are blessed and we all process into church. We listen to the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus which sets the scene for the week.</p> 	
Monday		Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	
<p><b>In the time of Jesus...</b></p> <p>Jesus chases the money-changers out of the temple saying that the temple is his Father's house of prayer.</p> 		<p><b>For us in 2016...</b></p> <p>We are on Monday of Holy Week, how has our Lenten observance gone? Have we become people of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?</p>	
Tuesday & Wednesday		Tuesday & Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	
<p><b>In the time of Jesus...</b></p>  <p>Jesus preached and taught in the temple in Jerusalem while the Chief Priests plotted on how they could capture Jesus.</p>		<p><b>For us in 2016...</b></p>  <p>During this week, a <b>Chrism Mass</b> (or the Mass of the Oils) is celebrated in every Cathedral throughout the world when the Bishop of the Diocese blesses the Oils to be used by Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders for the coming year. In our Diocese this is celebrated at the Cathedral in Hamilton <b>@ 6pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016</b>. Members of our parish and students from the school will attend this Mass and bring back the Oils to our community. All priests are expected to attend this celebration with their Bishop who leads them in a re-commitment of their priestly vocation.</p>	
Thursday – Feast of the Passover.		Holy Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	
<p><b>In the time of Jesus...</b></p>  <p>Jesus calls his disciples together to celebrate the Jewish Feast called the 'Passover' and washes their feet. He later eats with them instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist as he says the words, <b>'This is my body.. This is my Blood'.</b></p> 		<p><b>For us in 2016...</b></p> <p>Today the school will have an Easter Liturgy when we recall the Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus by re-enacting these events in the church at 1:45pm.</p> <p>Later as a parish community, we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper (<b>at 7pm</b>) at which time Fr Joe re-enacts Jesus' actions of washing the feet of disciples (in our case some parishioners).</p> 	
<p>Later Jesus takes his closest apostles into the Garden of Gethsemane where He goes to pray. It is here that Jesus is arrested. He is taken before Chief Priests in the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. Peter follows and is questioned whether he is a follower of Jesus by various people. Peter denies ever knowing Jesus as Jesus had foretold... "By the time the cock crows you will have denied me three times." Peter remembers these words and scripture records Peter as, "Going away and weeping bitterly." <b>Jesus' persecution has begun....</b></p>		<p>We celebrate the 'last' Eucharist and as the Mass concludes the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the church as we too enter into the time of remembrance of Jesus' persecution.</p> <p>After this service, we are encouraged to</p> <p><b>'stay awhile and pray.'</b> (until 10pm)</p>	



## Friday – the eve of the Sabbath

Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016

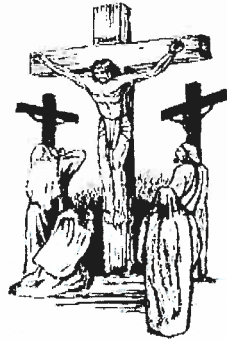
### In the time of Jesus...

Jesus is taken to the Roman Court, before Pontius Pilate. He is questioned closely, **"Who are you?"** asks Pontius Pilate. He is



whipped and scourged and taken by Pontius Pilate out before the people. The crowds reply is, **'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'**.

Jesus takes up his cross and is taken through the streets of Jerusalem and out to the place of the skull – Golgotha. There he is



crucified.

After three hours nailed to a cross

**Jesus dies.**

Later in the day, as it is almost the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is removed from the cross and placed in a tomb nearby with a large stone covering the entrance.

A sentry is placed at the entrance so that Jesus' body is not stolen and the story spread that Jesus had risen from the dead (as he had foretold he would).

### For us in 2016...

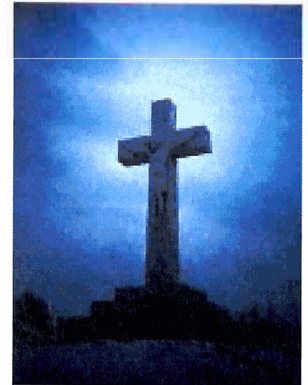
Good Friday is a **day of fasting** where Catholics are to abstain from meat.

There is an ecumenical 'Procession of Witness' @ 10am starting at St John's Anglican Church and finishing at St Patrick's Church.

We commemorate the Passion of Jesus at a service that starts at **3pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** in the church.

This ceremony has the following parts :

1. The Reading of the Passion of Jesus
2. Solemn Prayers of the Faithful
3. Veneration of the Cross
4. Holy Communion



## Saturday – The Sabbath Day.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### In the time of Jesus....



As this day is the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is left to lie in the tomb to be attended to and prepared for a proper burial on the next day.

### For us in 2016...

The church is bare of cloths and the tabernacle is empty and open. On this day we remember and pray with Jesus in the tomb. There are no church services during the day, on this day.

IN STILLNESS  
EARTH AWAITS  
THE RESURRECTION

## Sunday

Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### In the time of Jesus...

It is very late on Saturday evening / early Sunday morning when the sentry guarding the tomb flee the area and are too frightened to even speak of what they saw.....

It is early morning and the women arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They see that the stone is rolled back from the entrance. They enter the tomb and are told that Jesus has risen from the dead. They rush off to tell the Apostles.



**"Who are you looking for?**

**The man you are looking for is not here, for He has Risen!"**



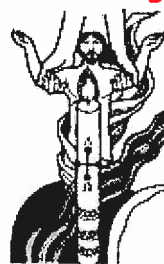
### For us in 2016...

**Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection begins with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening....**

**Easter Vigil** The Vigil Mass is divided into four parts:

1. Service of light – the Pascal Candle is lit
2. Liturgy of the Word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism – Renewal of Baptismal promises.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In our church this begins on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm.**



**Mass of the Resurrection**

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a special Easter Sunday Mass @ **10:30am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**





17<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Learning is lifelong. However, now is the time your child most needs you to help them learn, grow and reach their full potential, and ICAS can help you do this.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us to focus our teaching more purposefully to ensure all students achieve their best.

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To learn more about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about) Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation)

**To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Kind regards,

Marcus Oxenham

(Assistant Principal)





## 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

### Permission Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name Class

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies*		17 May 2016	\$8.50	
Science		31 May 2016	\$8.50	
Writing		13–17 June 2016	\$8.50	
Spelling		15 June 2016	\$8.50	
English		2 August 2016	\$8.50	
Mathematics		16 August 2016	\$8.50	
TOTAL				

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

\* Previously known as Computer Skills.

Please find \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed total entry

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/ Guardian

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