



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**2016**

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**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:

## Stewardship

*God looks at the heart, not the hand—the giver, not the gift*



Often we think that we know what is going on in each other's lives, and so therefore can become judgemental about how we perceive each other's actions or inactions. However, until you have walked in their shoes do you really understand what it is, to be steward.

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

'It is our good God who is our support and strength.'  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1871.

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

**Whole School Assembly tomorrow**  
**@2:00-2:45pm, in the hall.**



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### TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 11</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Stewardship Science Roadshow 9am-3pm@Hall Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> April: Cricket Workshop Team 3, 1:00-3pm Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April: Whole School Assembly, Team 3 Led, 2:00-2:45pm
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### TERM 1 HOLIDAYS Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Wk 1</b>	<b>TERM 2</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Honesty Cricket Workshop Team 1&2, 11:00-3pm Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May: Future Ferns 4:30pm-5:30pm.
<b>Wk 2</b>	Mathathon Week Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> May: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Honesty Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> May: CIS Touch; 9am-2pm.
<b>Wk 3</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> May: Prayer Ass 8:55am CH: Respect National Catholic Schools Day Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May: SHGC Open Day, 9am-2pm Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> May: Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations

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 light

### Last Day of Term Mufti-Day Fiji Fundraiser...

**This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, come to school**  
**dressed in Island theme.**

**The cost of a money donation of any**  
**amount to go toward our school target for the**  
**Fiji Appeal.**



**Our Vision:** 'To provide 21<sup>st</sup> century learning in a Catholic environment which empowers children to strive for excellence'.



## Welcome to our school...

Grayson Harvey.

We hope you enjoy your learning journey at our school.

### Waikato Catholic Principal's pilgrimage... 'In the footsteps of Pompallier'..

Last week I was very fortunate to be part of a group of 15 Catholic principals who, with Bishop Dennis moved around the early Catholic historic sites in Northland both and Waitangi / Russell and into the Hokianga. We were very privileged to offer what is believed to be the first mass to be held on the Treaty Grounds at



Waitangi, before moving into the Hokianga and offering Mass on the site (pictured) of where the very first mass in NZ was said by Bishop Pompallier at Totara Point. We then moved to Motuti Marae where we were hosted by Pa Henare Tate who gave us a very full history of the early church in NZ before he offered Mass at St Mary's Church where the remains of Bishop Pompallier are interred after they were exhumed in France and brought to NZ in 2002. We were very privileged that Pa Henare allowed Bishop Pompallier's casket to be raised into its place below the altar after the mass. We were very thankful both to Bishop Dennis and to Pa Henare for their support to our pilgrimage.



**ANZAC DAY** is on the second Monday of the school holidays. The Dawn Service is at 6am, at the sunken cross in Memorial Park. Our head boy and girl will represent and lay a wreath on behalf of our school at the Civic Service that starts at 11am on the ANZAC Green on Banks Street. Those who wish to match with the school (in school uniform) can meet us outside the RSA on Alexander Street at 10:30am.

### Fiji Appeal...

**We are still trying to meet our school target...** We want to fundraise \$1000.00 to get solar power into Bibi's village. Our young Vinnies are organising some other



fundraisers but any other donations will be gratefully received. The school has raised \$402.20 toward our goal of \$1000.00.

Please continue to support Fiji as they cope with another cyclone.

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.**

**Mother's Day Raffle...** Come in to the office and check out the beautiful Mother's Day Basket. Tickets: \$1.00 each and is drawn tomorrow.

**Tickets are selling like hotcakes-be in quick!**

### Winter Uniform Reminder...

Remember, that we change into winter uniform in Term 2 and 3. This usually is 'no hats' but while the sun is still quite high in the sky we will continue with these. Please ensure **'proper'** school shoes are worn, these are to be leather, non-high or low heel for safety.



**NO labelled fashion/sport shoes are acceptable.** The girls are to wear navy blue (below the knee) socks and the boys are to wear navy socks with maroon stripe.

### Here are our Student leaders!!!!



Congratulations to you all!!

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at team assemblies. Team 1 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Team 2 & 3 were Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.



### TEAM 1 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Perseverance"
1	Kees Van Der Hulst	Harry Wright
	Tamara Eva	
2	Ruby Pryor	Poppy Beck
	Sasha O'Leary	
3	Emer Kendrick	Annabel Kraayvanger
	Lukas Atkinson	
4	Cale Higginson	Analee Mackie
	Joel Torrie	

### TEAM 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Perseverance"
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<b>Colgan Block</b>	Maxwell Shepherd	Lily Priscott
	Jasmeen Kaur	
	Jacob Young	Olivia Wrathall
	Keira Buckley	
	Eliza Songhak	Madison Crossman
	Ezra Dearing	

### TEAM 3 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		CHARISM AWARDS "Perseverance"
8	Mitchell Rawson	Grace Armstrong
	Matt Henderson	
9	Hannah Parsons	Mia Ellis
	Cooper Rush	
10	Aidan Greenhalgh	Keana Shum
	Jacob Chapman	
11	Reese Sanders	Alana Oliver
	Cooper Blackwell	

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Make a difference  
Ki te whakapiki

As you are aware the Triennial Board of Trustees Elections are to be held in 2016. Your Board of Trustees have determined that we will follow the national dates for the election – the Election Day being 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. The electoral Roll has been compiled and can now be viewed in the school office. Nomination forms will be posted out on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to all people on the electoral roll, if you do not receive your forms, please contact our returning officer Mrs Dana Macdonald at: [dana@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:dana@stpatta.co.nz). A reminder that there are 5 parent elected positions on our board, and the timeline for the electoral process is set out below:

Timeline	BOT Elections and Professional Development Action
04 May 2016	Main roll closes at 12 noon
<b>By 06 May 2016</b>	<b>Nominations called for (closes at 12 noon)</b>
18 May 2016	Supplementary Roll closes at 12 noon
<b>20 May 2016</b>	<b>Nominations close</b>
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)

Our chairperson, Hayley McConnell is available to answer any queries that you may have, her contact details are:

Hayley: 021 241 7482 email:

[Hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:Hayley.mcconnell@vodafone.co.nz)

**PLEASE CONSIDER STANDING FOR ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.**

**School Accounts Emailed...**As a new initiative, from tomorrow, student accounts will be **emailed** to parents at the end of each month, rather than sending hardcopies home with each student (Just trying to reduce paper costs). If you don't receive an email then please contact the school office to update your email details. Many thanks, to all of you who have paid student accounts over the past weeks. **Payment (or part payments) can be made over the holidays using the internet; bank details are; 12-3134-0048177-00.** St Patrick's Catholic School BOT. Remember to add the student's name and activities in the reference please. Patty Dudson.

**Lost...**1 x Sunhat named Nikita, there is a hole in the back of this hat. If found please return to Nikita in Room 11.

**Headlice...**School Holidays are here, and a great opportunity for parents to check your child's hair and clear away any headlice. There have been cases of lice in the senior classes.

## PTA NEWS

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

**Lunch Orders will be available in week 1 of Term 2.**

## SPORTS NEWS

**Miniball Finals Result...**St Pats Miracles played for top spot, and were the runner up, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool 1. St Pats Justus (Shown below) won the Yr 3 & 4 pool 2 miniball last night against Pirongia 24 – 14.



**Awesome effort teams...!**



## Abbie's BMX Fundraiser

**Raffle Pack...** All proceeds go towards supporting Abbie to attend the 2016 BMX World Championships in Columbia. Total Prize Valued over \$1000, \$5 per ticket, raffle drawn 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Please see the school office or go to:

[www.facebook.com/abbiesbmxfundraising](http://www.facebook.com/abbiesbmxfundraising)

**Netball...** I had the pleasure of watching a number of our School netball teams play last Saturday. It is fair to say that the majority of our students were up against some very tall competitors, resulting with some rather disgruntled parents. Please remember all teams are **ONLY** grading at this stage, it will all balance out in the end for the competition rounds.

**Parents DO NOT be alarmed** please support your children, and remind them that these games are to decide which grade level each team belongs in.

**Students DO NOT be discouraged**, netball is not all about winning or losing, it is about developing your skills as you play, and having fun doing it.

**Fahrenheit Flames...** I would like to acknowledge this team and their impressive performance. You girls were an absolute pleasure to watch on the court, with fluid movements and great communication between players, not to mention your humble attitudes with your victory win. **Well done girls!**

**Grading...** will continue this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. There is **no netball** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April as this is the school holiday break.

Please check the netball website

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball/24033/> or the local Courier for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

COMPETITION NETBALL		
3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADING DRAW FOR: Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2016		
Team St Pat's.. (v)	Time Court	We thank our Sponsors
B&C Property Tycoons v Ray White Pirongia Flyers	11:30am C7	
B&C Property Tycoons v Pekaeru Respect	1:10pm C7	
Timmos ITM Tigers v TAPS Wildcats	10:40pm C4	
Timmos ITM Tigers v TAPS Stormers	11:30am C4	
Gibson Construction Cobras v Ray White Pirongia Stormers	9:00am C4	
Gibson Construction Cobras v Korakonui Kiwi	9:50am C6	
Fahrenheit Flames v TAI Achievers	12:20pm C2	
Fahrenheit Flames v Waipa Angels Cherubs	2:05pm C1	
Pastoral Realty Panthers v TAPS Superstars	10:15am C6	
Pastoral Realty Panthers v Paterangi Pirates	12:45pm C8	
Daffodils v Paterangi Pixels	9:50am C8	
Daffodils v TAPS Marvels	10:40am C8	

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

ANZAC Writing

The crisp morning air nips at my bare skin as I open my eyes. Today is the day, this is the most important battle. I get up and prepare myself for the victory or devastation that lies ahead.

As I walk with the other fearful soldiers I feel somewhat reluctant to carry on. The battlefield lies in front of me. Will I die here or will I be victorious and strong? My poor wife and children at home must be terribly scared. I want to be back with them, safe and sound, but I came here for a reason. To fight for freedom and make my country proud. And I can't just go home, not without putting up a fight.

Planes speed through the sky, some dropping supplies, others dropping bombs. Gunshots echo throughout the valley. My ears are ringing and I feel awfully weak. I lie low to the ground, my gun clasped firmly in my hands. A small red flower catches my eye, it blows peacefully in the breeze. The flower gives me new hope, a sense of bravery. In that moment, I knew I would be able to get home to my family. Because if that delicate little poppy had survived this war, so could I.

By: Madeleine Wall.

## The War



Did we win?  
Did we win the war?  
Did all of this useless fighting do something more?

Is my family safe?  
Are they at home and well?  
Or in your world are they dying as well?

Is everything okay?  
Do you live in peace?  
Or are you the last one, everyone else deceased.

If anyone reads this, let them know I tried,  
To fight for our freedom.  
It's too bad I died.

By: Savannah Freeman

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 Saturday @ 9.15am

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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

HMRR PRESENTS:

## The Model Train Show

TE AWAMUTU EVENTS CENTRE

SAT 30 APR & SUN 1 MAY

10AM-4PM



ADULTS \$6, KIDS \$3, FAMILY \$12

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SEEKS ONLINE BOOKING



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## Te Awamutu Football

### Fun Holiday Programme - April 2016

This is an opportunity for kids to have fun and practice their football (soccer) skills over the holiday break.

**Who?** Any child aged 5-12 years

**Where?** Te Awamutu Stadium, Armstrong Ave

**When?** 20th & 21st, 27th & 28th of April - 9am to 3pm each day.



**How much?** \$25 per player per day

#### What do you need to bring?

- Enough food for morning tea and lunch.
- Boots or shoes, socks, shin pads, any coloured shirt and shorts, a drink bottle.

**Who is coaching?** We have adult supervision and all coaches have recently completed New Zealand Football coaching courses.

To register click on the link below. Even if you have completed a course with us before, click on the registering a new player tab.

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofom.cgi?formID=58213>

If you need any other information, contact Dave Hall on 021 2537979

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