



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2016**

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

Welcome back to school for another busy term!

*The Charism for this week is: **STEWARDSHIP***



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 not until you have walked in their shoes that you really understand what it is, to be a steward.

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



Welcome to our school...

Joshveer & Jasmine Singh, Toby-Jack White

We hope you enjoy your learning journey at our school.



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TERM DIARY

Wk 6	Mon 29 th Aug: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Stewardship Y7/8 INQUIRY WEEK Thur 1 st Sept: Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 2 nd Sept: Kapa Haka Festival @ Event Centre, 8:30am-5pm Team 1 Assembly 2:30pm-2:45pm Netball Prize giving @ TA Sports : 5:30-7:30pm
Wk 7	Mon 5 th Sept: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Kindness NZ AIMS Games in Tauranga – All week Thurs 8 th Sept: Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 9 th Sept: Team 2 and 3 Assemblies @ 2:15-2:45pm Sun 11th Sept: Community Mass – Social Justice 10:30-11:30am
Wk 8	Mon 12 th Sept: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Kindness Tues 13 th Sept: Yr 8 HPV Vaccination Catch up Weds 14 th Sept : BOT Mtg @ 6pm Thurs 15 th Sept: Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Yr 6 transition Evening; 5:30-6:30pm Fri 16 th Sept: Class Mass Rm10 & 11 @ 9:15-10:15am Team 1 Assembly 2:30pm-2:45pm

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 light.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Be of good heart and let no false fear of God disturb the loving trust and confidence you should have in God's mercy and love.'

12.3.1876

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'.

Introducing our new Board Members...



Back row; Mark Smith, Michael Spiers, Marcus Gower, Brian Belczacki (Principal).

Front row; Sarah McFarlane, Ruth Dolan, Haley Fielder, Judy Graham (Staff Rep), Lorraine Kendrick (Chairperson), Patsy Dickens (Secretary) – Absent from the picture are: Fr Joe Stack and Toni Van der Hulst.

MS SARAH MCFARLANE... My name is Sarah McFarlane and I have one daughter, Poppy who is a year one currently. I grew up in Te Awamutu, completing all of my schooling here in town. I then moved to Auckland, where I went to University. I obtained both a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology) and a Masters of Osteopathy degree, and have successfully run my own business for the last 11 years. I also taught part time at University while working in private practice when I first graduated. I am very passionate about health and wellbeing, especially of our children and hope to be able to share my knowledge, expertise and ideas in those areas. I believe that great education opens so many doors allowing for many opportunities throughout life and would love to see all of our students develop a love of learning that carries on well past their time here at our school. I would like to be a part of the team that leads St Patrick's Te Awamutu to becoming a role model school to all other schools in Te Awamutu – not only in terms of education but the health and wellbeing of our students.

Community Mass – advanced notice!

Our next Community Mass is on Sunday 11th September at 10:30am. This mass will have a social justice theme.

Speech /Scripture Reading Competition.

Congratulations to our Scripture Readers and Speech makers who presented last night in our church.

Our winners were: Alana Oliver (speeches) and Jonnee Harris (scripture reading). Our winners (and some of place getters) will now be considered to represent us at the Waikato Full Primary, Catholic Inter-Schools competitions and Hui Katorika.



NIWA Waikato Science & Technology Fair..

Congratulations to Natasha Linton & Christine Lee whose Science exhibit 'Moisture Loss' gained a 'Highly Commended' at the prize-giving ceremony held on Tuesday evening at

Waikato University. Their exhibit was one of over 300 exhibits from around 70 schools who entered.

Inquiry Week is next week. Our Year 7 & 8's are involved in an inquiry week next week, where students will be involved in: a sports camp at Totara Springs, an equestrian /outdoor group, and an IT group.

TA Schools Kapahaka Festival. Our school Kapahaka Group has been preparing for this festival to be held next Friday 2nd September at the TA Events Centre. We are 'first up' and on stage at 9:30am. A big thank you to our tutors: Areta Kahura & Autahi Brock.

NZAIMS Games Tauranga... This will be the first year that our school will have a significant presence at these games that are attended by thousands of Year 7/8 students from across New Zealand & Australia. This is held in week 7 from 5th-9th September. Our successful Year 7/8 netball team has been entered along with students in Cross country, Cheerleading and BMX.

Sick Children... Now that we are in the 'depths of winter', there are lots of winter bugs around and we are experiencing a high number of children coming to school unwell, and are presenting to the sickbay, sometimes after not being at school for very long. If you are aware or suspect that your child may be unwell please keep your child home. This just helps to keep the cross infection at bay. Just a reminder... if your contact information has changed during the year (especially work contact information) could you please let us know, so that if we do need to ring you 'at work' because of a sick child, that we can do this efficiently.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2016...



The bi-ennial school production 'Pinecone the Musical' will be in Week 9 (last week of term).

The sessions are:

Tuesday 20th September

Matinee @ 12:45pm

Evening Show @ 7pm

Wednesday 21st September

Evening Show @ 7pm

Tickets will go on sale on Friday 9th September

NZEI & PPTA Paid Union Meeting. You may asking as to why BOTH teacher unions have called for a combined paid union meeting to be held at the Claudelands Event Centre (for the Waikato area) from 9am to 10am on **Monday 12th September 2016**. There is an enclosure with this week's newsletter. A letter will come home next week that will explain the arrangements we will be making for this morning.

Nothing Naughty Bar Orders... Don't forget tomorrow is the last day for these orders.

Daffodil Day Photos... Thank you to all our students who brought some very creative hats to school today, it was a tough job deciding on the winners for each team. Please see their wonderful creations below. The children who participated managed to raise \$210.10.

Team 3...Winner Katelyn Holmes



Team 2...Winner Tylah Mackie



Team 1...Winner Riley Barnett



SPORTS NEWS

School Cross Country... What a perfect winter's day to be able to run our school cross country last Friday, at Kihikihi Domain where we witnessed some really great efforts from lots of our students. Thank you also for the tremendous supports and to the efforts of our staff, parents



and student volunteers who made the day so successful. Results will be posted on the school's website when finalized.

Catholic Inter-School Cross Country... Our school hosted the Catholic Inter-schools X Country Event for Y7/8s also at Kihikihi Domain on Wednesday 24th August in very foggy and cold conditions. Congratulations to all of our St Patricks runners and especially to: Alana Oliver (1st Y7 girls), Aidan Greenhalgh (5th Y8 boys), Gemma Baker-Horan (10th Y8 girls). A big thank you to all of the helpers and official on the day.

Netball Finals... What a fantastic day it was last Saturday and to see all our school teams enjoying their games. The star game for us was the senior team St Pats Fahrenheit with plenty of excited supporters on the side line. We would like to thank all our parent helpers and coaches involved with the netball season. Your time and commitment is much appreciated by all.

Netball Uniforms & Bags... Please return ALL netball uniforms to the office in a named plastic bag. Coaches please returned your team bags to the office by Friday 2nd September at the latest.

Netball Prize-giving REMINDER...

WHERE: Te Awamutu Sports Club

WHEN: Tomorrow Friday 2nd Sept.

TIME: 5.30-7.30pm

Cash bar facilities for soft drinks/wine/beer

God bless


Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Sunday 28th August 2016

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

(Sat Vigil) 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

Weekday Masses

Monday @ 7:15am

Tuesday @ 7:15am

Wednesday to Saturday @ 9.15am

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday

with Benediction around 10:30am

Sunday's Gospel Reading: 'My friend move up higher'

Lk 14:1.7-14

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