



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2016**

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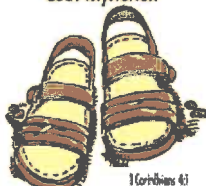
**Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,**

Welcome back to school for another busy term!

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



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



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.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Karam family with the loss of their beloved mother/grandmother June and with the recent passing of her husband.

The Karam / Whalley children attended our School in the past.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JUNE O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHTSHINE UPON HER..  
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**



**Community Mass** – is next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am. This mass will have a social justice theme.



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## **TERM DIARY**

<b>Wk 6</b>	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept: Kapa Haka Festival @ Event Centre-St Pat's @ 9:30am Team 1 Assembly 2:30pm-2:45pm Netball Prize giving @ TA Sports : 5:30-7:30pm
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Kindness NZ AIMS Games in Tauranga – All week Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Team 2 and 3 Assemblies @ 2:15-2:45pm <b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Community Mass – Social Justice 10:30-11:30am</b>
<b>Wk 8</b>	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Kindness Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Yr 8 HPV Vaccination Catch up Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept : BOT Mtg @ 6pm Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Yr 6 transition Evening; 5:30-6:30pm Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Class Mass Rm10 & 11 @ 9:15-10:15am Team 1 Assembly 2:30pm-2:45pm
<b>Wk 9</b>	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep : Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Kindness Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep : School Production - Matinee @ 12:45pm, - Evening Show @ 7pm Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep : School Production – Evening Show @ 7pm Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep : Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep : LAST DAY OF TERM THREE

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.

**A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** 'Are not God's ways wonderful to us all.' 18.9.1873  
**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Pray for us



**Welcome to our school...**

Louie Frost

**We hope you enjoy your learning journey at our school.**

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

## **Investing in Educational Success – Catholic Schools Community of Learning. UPDATE....**

In addition to our school being involved in the Rural & Roses Learning & Change Network, our school is also involved in the formation of a 'Community of Learning' which is the current/developing mechanism by which the Ministry of Education will fund professional development opportunities for schools into the future.

This process is about how the Government will 'Invest in Educational Success.' We have now had a number of meetings with the Catholic Schools in the 'Waikato Catholic Community of Learning'

Our school is part of a community of schools (COL) comprising 12 Catholic Schools in the wider Waikato area stretching from Te Aroha to Huntly and including both of our Catholic Secondary Schools.

Currently a draft Memorandum of Agreement will be circulated to member school's boards of Trustees for signing. Achievement challenges are also being developed that will need Ministerial approval.

### **SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2016...**



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

The sessions are:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Matinee @ 12:45pm

Evening Show @ 7pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Evening Show @ 7pm

Tickets will go on sale on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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

### **News from IT Elective Group**



Our IT group visited an IT Lab at Waikato University last Friday...Looking at a 3D printer!



## **News from Sports Camp...**

Our students are doing really well with groups in the semi-finals for: Soccer, Wall ball, Pentaque, Croquet, Girls Hockey, Netball, and Girls & Boys Volleyball. So of the 14 semi-final sports on today, we are represented in 8 of them!



Our students at Chess.

### **News from the Equestrian / Outdoor Group**

They have had a great time this week including observing an operation on a horse at the Equine Hospital in Cambridge yesterday. They are off to bike riding in the Redwood Forest in Rotorua today.

**TA Schools Kapahaka Festival.** Our school Kapahaka Group has been preparing for this festival to be held tomorrow Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the TA Events Centre. We are 'first up' on stage at 9:30am.

### **NZAIMS Games Tauranga...** Begins next week.

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. Our successful Year 7/8 netball team has been entered along with students in Cross country, Cheerleading and BMX.

### **NZEI & PPTA Paid Union Meeting.**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.** There was an enclosure with last week's newsletter with an explanation as to why this meeting has been called and this also included a tear-off return slip. Thank you to those people who have completed and returned this.

**Scholastic Lucky Book Club...** Issue 6 is due back at school by 9<sup>th</sup> September. SORRY NO LATE ORDERS!!





## 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.

### MR MARK SMITH

Hello, my name is Mark Smith, I'm married to Alana and we have 2 kids attending St Patricks School both of whom are in the Colgan learning centre.

Alana and myself moved to Te Awamutu 13 years ago when I took up a position with the "National Bank" as a Rural Bank Manager, more recently I have changed roles and now work for "Open Country Dairies," which is a Dairy processing company with 3 dairy factories, 2 in the North island and 1 in the South island. Originally I am from Waiuku, when I finished school I attended Massey University, after that like many New Zealanders I went to England – it was there that I met Alana, we spent about 6 years in the UK before moving back to New Zealand. We are currently renting a farm house out in the country while we build our new home on a small lifestyle block just south of Te Awamutu. In our spare time like many other Kiwi family's we enjoy spending time at the beach with both family and friends – during the winter months we are kept busy with winter sports, Rugby and Netball.

Being a 1st time board member is an exciting opportunity to continue the good work that previous board have done. I look forward to working with board members who are continuing on, and the new board members who have just joined the board. I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents if they have any idea's, feedback or suggestions, please come forward and pass these on, this will ensure that the board is kept well informed about what is going on and how we can continue to improve our school.

**STOLEN LAMBS...** Between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, rustlers have entered a property on Payne Road, Kihikihi and stolen two 3 week old lambs off their mothers, one black and the other white. These lambs were possibly stolen and given to a local child for pet day.

**DESCRIPTION:** The black lamb has a white tip on his tail and white spots on the back of its head.

Please keep an eye out for these lambs and if you are at all suspicious about how a child may have acquired their lamb fitting either of the above description then please contact police or myself.

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## PTA NEWS

**Pita Pit Orders next** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, please ensure your form is in **ON TIME**.

Order forms will go home early next week.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Silver Ferns & Sienna Overwater...** Sienna & her family won the competition to meet & spend time with the New Zealand Silver Ferns Netball Team on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Sienna had a fabulous day and was in seventh heaven after meeting the Silver Ferns yesterday morning. She spent



an hour with them and got to watch warm ups plus talk to them all and they gave her a signed netball. She told them she wants to be a Silver Fern one day. Sienna met with the coach, and all the management team, plus their physio and the Team Doctor. They also were given a complete tour behind the scenes of the arena. We had awesome seats to watch last night's game and Laura Langman and Katrina Grant both waved out to Sienna. Sienna has had the coolest day ever and said that the Silver Ferns are all so nice and friendly. Cathy Overwater.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the latest.

**School Netball Prize-giving is tomorrow night**  
**Teams are to provide food for their own table.**

WHERE: Te Awamutu Sports Club

WHEN: Tomorrow Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Lk 14:25-23



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