



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**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:** Lorraine Kendrick

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

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

**No act of kindness,**  
*no matter how small,*  
**is ever wasted.**  
- Aesop

Kindness and caring...two very simple words, but two actions that can change your world and the world around you. They are qualities that, when you practise them, bring happiness not only to others but back to you as well.

Every day we have many choices to make in the way we treat other people and things. These little choices add up to big things. They define who we are as a person and our impact on the world.



Congratulations to the Kaur family with the arrival of their baby girl, a sister for Jasmine and Mansimran.

## A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'I cannot forget that there is a dear good God watching over us.' 3.4.1871  
**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Pray for us



**TEAM 1 ASSEMBLY**  
**TOMORROW @ 2:30pm**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES who shared Mass with us last Sunday – Social Justice Sunday.**



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<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsteawamutu>

### TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 8</b>	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
<b>HOLIDAYS 24<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	
<b>T4 Week 1</b>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Respect Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Regeneration Retreat Yr7&8, 8.30am-2pm @ Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton. Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 7/8 Technology @ TAI St Pats Ag Day 10am-2pm

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.

## MUFTI DAY – 'BLACK OUT' DAY – TOMORROW - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

We have not five but SIX!  
potential All Blacks  
heading over to Australia  
to play in Sydney in the  
next school holidays. This



team has already been 'on show' having played at half time in the Waikato Stadium in recent games between Waikato and North Harbour and Waikato and Manawatu. We want to support our players in this team – Cooper Blackwell, Regan Linehan, Cooper Rush, Miller Fairgray, Logan Brindle and sorry for omitting your name – Christian Crossman

**So let's wear black, to support the ALL BLACKS and our future young 'ALL BLACKS!' Gold coin donation....**

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

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2016... NEXT WEEK!



The bi-ennial school production '*Pinecone the Musical*' is next week

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 are now on sale from the school office**

**Prices:**

**Individual Tickets: \$8.00**

**Family Pass:**

2 adults/2children (+2years-in a seat,  
primary/intermediate school aged – not attending our  
school) \$28.00

Under 2 years free (no seat)

Koha from schools 2.00/child = 100 students

## NZEI / PPTA Paid Union Meeting

A huge thank you to parents and grandparents for looking after your children to allow staff to attend the Paid Union Meeting in Hamilton on

Monday. The theme slogan is about '*better funding not bulk funding.*'



## ADVANCED NOTICE Book your Diary...

### Calling All Grandparents to....

Grandparent's Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (Friday before Labour Weekend).

### MARAE STAYOVER WEEK @ Whakamarama Marae.

Our school will be visiting this Marae during the week of **14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November (Week 6).**

We will be seeking parent help, especially to stayover, so please look out for further information in Thursday's newsletter and more detailed organisation coming home early next term!

**Beware Cybersafety...** Children accessing YOUTUBE... We have been made aware (through talk between children) that some very young children are accessing YOU TUBE at home and are coming to school with tales of watching some quite inappropriate stuff that is readily available on YOU TUBE. It is really important, parents that you are aware of what your children are doing/watching on the internet. There are some excellent tips for parents... just google '*netsafe*'.

**Sports Camp Achievements...** Congratulations to our year 7&8 students who attended sports camp last week, bringing home six trophies! What a fantastic effort, we are so proud of you all.

## 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.

**Fr Joe Stack...** I am Father Joe Stack, a Proprietor's Representative on the Board of Trustees. I am the product of a Catholic education: primary school with the Mission Sisters at Ellerslie Convent, and intermediate and secondary schooling with the Marist Brothers at Marcellin College, Royal Oak, Auckland. My seven years of formal tertiary education were in the Seminaries that were then in Christchurch (including a year at Canterbury University) and Mosgiel (Dunedin). I was ordained a priest in 1974 for the Auckland Diocese, and was in Whakatane when the Diocese of Hamilton was established. Most of my priesthood has been in the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne. However, my sporting allegiances have remained in Auckland, though the less said about that the better, given the form of Auckland teams and the Warriors in recent seasons. The Church, education (whether specifically Catholic or more broadly as in tomorrow's Schools), sport, the place of priests in society, the demographic make-up of a parish, church attendance....So many changes!! And the change continues!!! The School and Parish building programmes, undertaken side-by-side, signal our common intention to respond with faith and vigour to the challenges that change brings. Empowering children in a Catholic environment is integral to enabling our communities – family, school, parish, wider Te Awamutu and Waipa district - to thrive. My own hope and prayer is that in supporting the children to strive for excellence, staff and parents will broaden their Catholic horizon so that together we provide that environment that witness to the loving presence of Jesus in our midst.

### Team 3 – Inquiry Week/NZAIMS Games

What a great couple of weeks we had had with a huge variety of opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 students. Congratulations to our great sportspeople! Enjoy reading the insert with this newsletter!!

### Pastoral Care – Meals Needed...The freezer is getting empty!...

It's that time of year again when we are asking for people to cook up some meals that can be frozen and then given out to families in need or crisis.

There is frozen meat in the freezer, so all you need to do is come into the school office, pick up some meat, cook it up into a tasty meal, place the meal in an ice-cream container, label what it is and the date prepared, and return it to school (frozen would be great).

### Agricultural Day...

A HUGE thank you to the LOVELY ladies that helped with the Ag. Information Sessions this week. It has become apparent that many more hands are needed for 2016 Group Day to be a success!

\* **St Patrick's Ag Day** will be held at school on **Thursday 13th October (Week 1, Term 4)**

\* **Group Day** will be held at Kihikihi Domain – **Wednesday 19th October (Week 2 Term 4)**

\* **Waikato Show** held at Claudelands Showgrounds - **Friday 28th October (Week 3, Term 4)**

#### We need help with:

- Manning the entry desk
  - Making cups of tea and providing morning tea for the judges
  - Stewarding in ring (as we are organising Group Day, we can assign appropriate rings)
- Please email [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz) by TOMORROW, so the number of helpers is confirmed before the holidays.

**Student Information Sessions** for ALL animals is on **tomorrow 12:40pm** in the school Library, parents welcome.

#### PARENT HELP REQUIRED

St. Patrick's has a perfect opportunity to raise money for our students and school by providing a Stall at the Agricultural Group Day. Help is required from parents who do not have calf club animals! In the past this event has been very profitable and only arises once every four years. Please email [michelle@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:michelle@stpatta.co.nz) if you are able to organise/help on Wednesday 19th October.

#### FOR SALE...1 x size 8 short sleeve Junior shirt -

immaculate - very questionable if it's even been worn \$30.00.

1 x size 8 short sleeve Junior shirt - lots of wear left just a tired logo print - \$20.00

Contact Tracy: (027) 226-2139

### PTA NEWS

#### LUNCHES AS USUAL

We are now looking for someone to volunteer their time to collate and sort school lunch orders on a Thursday evening. If you are able to assist please contact Maree. We URGENTLY need parent help. **Please contact Maree on 027 5336555.**

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Term 4 Touch YR 3&4, 5&6, 7&8...

Thanks to those children who have registered for play next term, **registrations have now closed.** We will be in contact about teams etc before the end of term.

God bless

*C. M. Sutton*

Cass Sutton  
Deputy 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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**25<sup>th</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:** '... none can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Lk 14:25-33



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Bowen Technique** is available for all injuries and pain, headaches and sleep issues. Neck and back problems.

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## SAFE

... are running a coloring competition over the school holidays. October is world vegetarian month and our competition is part of these celebrations. It focuses on how being vegetarian is kind for animals. Our last competition had a lot of interest from school students.

These are available at the school office.

The competition closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, and the winners will be announced on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is open to 5 to 14-year-olds.

If there is anything else you need regarding the coloring competition, please do not hesitate to contact safe.

Kind regards

Alex Woodham

## Te Awamutu Football Fun Holiday Programme - October 2016

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

**Who?** Any child aged 7-13 years

**Where?** Te Awamutu Intermediate School Gym

**When?** 5th & 6th October - 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.
- Non marking court shoes, socks, 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.

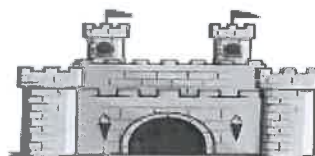
<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=62492>

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

Proceeds from this programme will support the club building more floodlighting at Anchor Park

## St John's Church Holiday Programme

### Medieval



George Street next to Profit Gym

Tuesday & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

10 AM - 3 PM

(Registration Starts at 9.45 AM)

\$5 per child

Booking preferred for catering purposes or drop in on the day

Contact Number: 0211683624 or Email: stjohnsygt@gmail.com

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**RAFFLES | WHITE ELEPHANT | PUSH UP COMP**  
BAKE STALL | LOLLY JAR | SNACK RACE | AND MUCH MORE...

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM FIRE BRIGADE**  
(BRING TOWEL/CHANGE OF CLOTHES)

**1ST OCTOBER 2016**  
11.30AM - 2.30PM  
TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE RUGBY PAVILION (FACTORY RD)  
COST: KONA/DONATION FOR EACH ACTIVITY  
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