



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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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:** Lorraine Kendrick

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

Thank you all so much for so many kind words and best wishes following my graduation in Sydney with a Masters in Educational Leadership. I was really quite humbled by so many lovely kind words. It was certainly a very challenging process especially also working full time as many who graduated with me had taken sabbaticals to complete the programme of study. There was only one other person from NZ there, who just happened to be in the same cohort as me, during the 'face to face' components (held in the various holidays in Wellington). It was lovely to catch up with her again. Fr Joe has indicated that he wishes to acknowledge this work and would like to do so during a Community Mass. I'll keep you posted on when this might be.

Thank you and God Bless you all!!

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

**7 ways to show you're**  
**All About**  
**RESPECT**



1. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
2. Show kindness and consideration.
3. Like yourself enough to be yourself.
4. Accepting others for who they are.



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 2</b>	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct : Grandparent's Day – Mass @ 9:15am • Followed by – M Tea • Followed by – Looking around the Classrooms Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30pm
<b>Wk 3</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct: <b>LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct : Prayer Assembly @ 8:55am CH : Justice Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct: BOT Meeting, 6-8:00pm, School Staffroom. Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Waikato Show, 10am-3pm @ Claudlands Showground Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm
<b>Wk 4</b>	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Justice Light Party!!! Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov: Feast of ALL SAINTS Whole School Mass @ 9:15am Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov: Feast of ALL SOULS Senior School Mass @ 9:15am Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov: Hui Katorika @ 9:45am-2:30pm, Marian School. Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm
<b>Wk 5</b>	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Co-operation Adrenaline Forest-Year 7&8 Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov : Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: [http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](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**

'Bear with and help one another.'

8.9.1881

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Pray for us



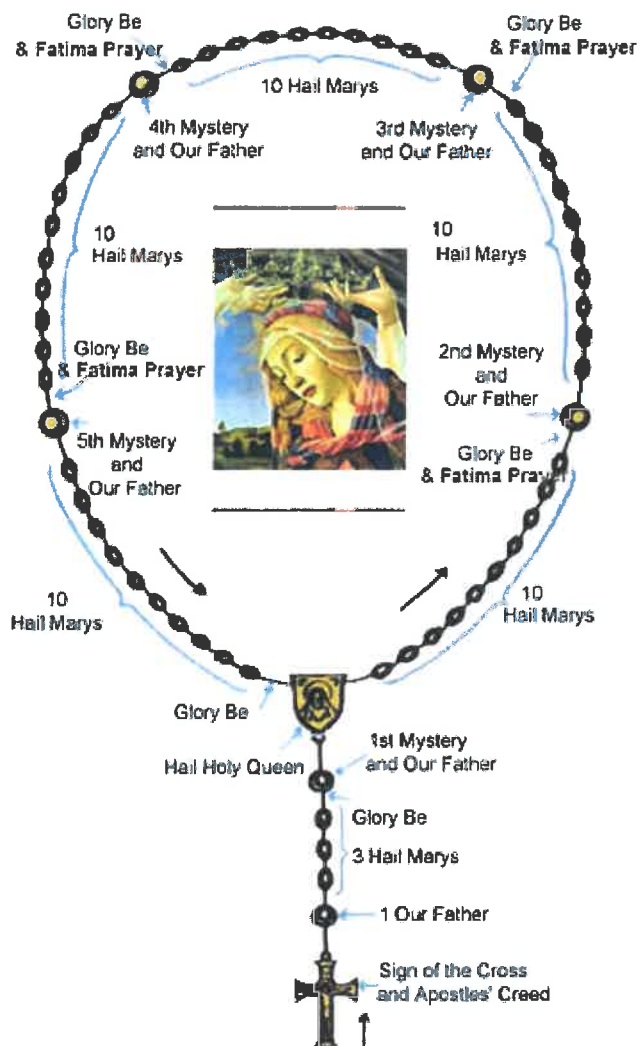
**Welcome to our school...**

Braxton Legg and Euan O'Brien

**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'.

## OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary



### Learn about the Luminous Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries begin with the **baptism of Jesus** in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. From then on, Jesus began to do great things. In the Second Luminous Mystery we go to Cana in Galilee, where **Jesus turned water into wine** so that the people could have a good time. Mary said "Do whatever Jesus tells you." The Third Luminous Mystery calls us to **go with Jesus through the towns and cities of his own country**. The light of his love shone on everyone he met, especially the poor and the sick and those that others looked down on. On one of those journeys, Jesus led his friends up a high mountain. They saw him shining in light, and he promised they would share his light too. This mystery is called **the Transfiguration**. Just before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends and he gave himself to them in bread and wine. **"This is my body," he said. "This is my Blood."** In the Fifth Luminous Mystery we remember the **Holy Eucharist**. How wonderful to follow Jesus in the Luminous Mysteries. We were baptized too, and God wants us to do great things. We can bring joy to people, like Jesus did, especially to those that others look down on. This is a beautiful world where we live. Let's always see it lighted up with the beauty God gave it. Finally, let's always go to supper with Jesus and receive him in the signs of the Eucharist. The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world.

*Pray the Luminous Mysteries*

### Classes 2017

As we begin the process of making up classes for 2017, we are aware that there is continued pressure on our roll. This applies to the Senior classes (Y7-8) and our new entrant area. Please assist us by making contact with the office:

1. In writing, if your child **will not** be returning to St Pat's next year.
2. If your child is enrolled to start at any stage next year and you have not already begun the enrolment process.
3. By reconfirming that your pre-schooler is in our database as intending to be at our school from 2017 onwards.

#### Specific requests for class placements.

We are currently confirming teachers and where teachers will be placed for next year. Any specific requests for class placement for education reasons (as opposed to placement with friends etc) can be made in writing to me or through my email [principal@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:principal@stpatta.co.nz) by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Sports/Cultural Photos...** This went particularly well on Monday. We had over 20 teams have their photos taken. If you wish to have a photo ordered we would need all the order envelopes in by next week the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**CFLE Programme...** Team 3 will start their CFLE programme next week. This will run over two weeks. A programme overview of lessons will be available at the office for parents to view. If you have any queries about this programme you are welcome to contact Marcus Oxenham or Brian Belczacki.

**WHATS HAPPENING IN TEAM 3...** During Term 3 our sporting highlights were the Excellence Achievements that we accomplished at two huge sporting events, these were Sports Camp and Aims Games. During Sports camp we were placed into 12 finals gladly winning 6 trophies which were: Wall Ball, Archery, Shooting, Petanque and girls volleyball. The Year 7&8 students were happy with the outstanding effort that we put our heart and soul into. On the 4<sup>th</sup> September a group of talented Netballers, BMX riders and Cross Country runners were selected to represent our school at the 2016 Aims Games held at Tauranga and we placed amazingly in all the events. For the Netball we placed 63rd out of 116 teams and for the Cross Country our three runners placed 115<sup>th</sup>, 148<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> out of 160 runners, finally our BMX riders placed 7<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> out of 30 riders. So it was a wonderful effort by all our representatives. Also during Term 3 we had a lot of academic achievements and they were Speeches, Waimaths and Science Fair. For speeches and science fair it is compulsory to participate then the best of the best get selected to represent our school in outer/wider events. Waimaths is a maths competition where the best of the best from the Waikato compete

## Introducing our 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.*

**Haley Fielder...** Hello! My name is Haley Fielder (nee Morris) and I am one of the Proprietor's Representatives on the Board of Trustees.

The Proprietor's Reps assist the Board in ensuring the school remains a Catholic School, fulfilling its primary purpose, which is to give a Catholic Education to Catholic children and young people, and we report back to the Bishop annually.

I was born in Te Awamutu in 1979 and attended St Patrick's Catholic School for my primary and intermediate years. I am now proud to be a St Pat's mum with two of my three children attending here now too. Annabelle is in year 4, room 4 and Max is in year 1, Room 3, and Fletcher will follow in a couple of years! I attended Sacred Heart Girl's College in Hamilton, then Waikato Polytech. I worked in Hotels for a few years, and only left the Waikato in 2001, moving to Auckland with my now husband, Lance, so he could further his Accounting career! This must have worked because he's now a Partner at the local firm, GydeWansbone! We moved back to Te Awamutu in 2005 after I studied Beauty Therapy in Auckland, and marriage and babies followed fairly soon after!

In my spare time (which isn't very often) I enjoy travelling with friends, helping out at school, reading and baking!!

## 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).**

A timetable of when classes are attending is as follows:

- Mon – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> Nov (2 nights) Y7/8.
- Weds/Thur 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov (1 night) Y5/6
- Thur/Fri 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Nov (1 night) Y3/4
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y1-2 (day only)

We will be seeking parent help, especially to stayover, and prepare/cook meals so please look out for further detailed organisation coming home soon!

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

**BOT TALK...** Please find this enclosed with this newsletter.

You are invited to...

## THE LIGHT PARTY!

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**3:30-7:30pm, Selwyn Park,**

**Te Awamutu**

**It's all free!!!!**



This annual 'Community Party' on the eve of All Saints Day is hosted by the combined churches of Te Awamutu. It is a very popular event with around 3,000 people attending.

Please see the handout with this newsletter!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...

Time to fill the shoeboxes again!

Each year all classes are asked to fill up shoeboxes with small gifts suitable for boys and girls. The boxes are sent to children in the Pacific Islands. We have until the 29th October. Please see the insert

in this Newsletter giving ideas of what gifts to provide. As always, we thank you for your generosity!



Christmas Box Appeal

## Year 8

St. Pats Year 8's are working hard in preparation for our transition to High School. During this very important time we will celebrate, reflect and prepare for the next stage in



our learning and lives. The many celebrations include a trip to Adrenaline Forest (a high ropes adventure park), a beach trip, our Year 8 Formal Dinner and Farewell as part of our End of Year Liturgy. A highlight for us is the Year 8 Retreat where we grow as an adolescent in today's world and spend time enjoying each other's company on an overnight camping trip. Keep an eye out in the newsletters as we show snippets of special time together as Year 8's.



## PTA NEWS

**Abacus Calendars...** Order forms will be coming home next week.

### IMPORTANT NOTE - NO LATE ORDERS

Lunch orders MUST be in by Thursday afternoons.  
ALL information MUST be completed on the envelope.

### WE NEED PARENT HELPERS

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

**Miniball...** The miniball season has arrived and letters went home yesterday informing parents of all the details about teams, coaches, fees etc. Thank you to the parent helpers that have volunteered their time to support these teams.

**St Pats Troopers Miniball team...** Two parents have offered to coach/supervise this team despite their busy schedules. We are sincerely grateful to Rodney Prescott and Marsha Ticklepenney for being the wonderful people they are.

If your child is in the St Pats Troopers Miniball team we ask that you also offer your assistance to Rodney and Marsha on game nights.

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Give it a Tri »**  
Entry level community workshops designed to help build confidence and get you ready for the Tri Maori event in November...

Thursday afternoons 4pm-6pm  
Beginning 27 October – 17 November  
Cambridge pools and Lake Karapiro

**SWIM**  
**BIKE**  
**RUN**

**Tri Kids**  
Ages 10+, after the thrill of winning the Tri Maori event or learn to build confidence within the components of swim, bike and run.

**Tri Chicks**  
Open to all women and girls (10+) who would like to build their confidence and fitness, learn new techniques and have fun in a non-competitive environment.

20 entry for the night each week – 10-11 weeks to \$10  
You do not have to enter the Tri Maori event but we will be on the list of the programme you will want to!

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and help her celebrate her 21st book,  
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3.30 - 4.30pm  
Paper Plus  
55 Arawata Street  
Te Awamutu

**The Girl Who Rode the Wind**  
**The Diamond Horse**

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**30<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:** 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Lk 18:9-14

# BOT TALK

St Patrick's Catholic School  
Board of Trustees

## TERM 4 PRIORITIES

- Developing 2017 Strategic Charter
- Preparing 2017 Budget
- Reviewing end of year results against targets set in 2016 Annual Plan
- Preparing policy and procedures to adhere to Vulnerable Children Act
- Finalising the Health

## What is a Strategic Charter?

## UNDERSTANDING HOW A BOARD WORKS!

What has your new board been up to?

We have all been in learning mode, as we get to grips with the massive amount of work that the Board undertakes on behalf of School Community. Believe me we are learning a whole new language, what with NEGs and NAGs and lots more acronyms that would make your head spin!

We have been getting to grips with Legislation, Policies, Budgets, Property issues, Employment Matters, the new Health and Safety Act in a school setting and much, much more!

If you want to know more about what the BOT does, check out this useful video clip which can be found on NZSTA website with other helpful information for parents:

<http://online.fliphtml5.com/dvtu/yxad/#p=1>

## WHAT IS THE CHARTER AND HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The purpose of a Charter is to establish the mission, aims, objectives, directions and targets of the board that will give effect to the government's national education guidelines

We will be coming to **YOU** during this term to consult with you on the Charter. We need **YOU** to be engaged in this process!

Why should **YOU** be interested?

- A good Charter and Plan sets the direction the school will take in 2017.
- It sets specific goals that defines what is **Special** about our school and **Who** we are at Saint Patrick's!
- It will set the **targets** that the school should **aim** to achieve in areas such as RE, reading, writing and maths.
- We should aim to be **great** to maximise Student Achievement!



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