



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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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: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Charism for this week is: **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.

Grandparents Day... Wow! What a crowd!!

What a great day we had last Friday when we had around 140 grandparents at the school!

We started with a lovely Mass where we 'honoured' our grandparents, followed by a lovely morning tea. Then it was off around the classes to see 21st Century learning in action. From being involved with digital learning, to an in-depth RE discussion, to planting seeds, to Technology challenges, to children sharing their reading and writing with you – so much going on around the school!

I think we had some grandparents who wanted to 'turn the clock back' to come back to school! It was great to see you all and to share our learning with you.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK....

To find us following the link...

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

TERM DIARY

Wk 4	<p>Mon 31st Oct: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Justice Light Party!!!</p> <p>Tues 1st Nov: Feast of ALL SAINTS Whole School Mass @ 9:15am</p> <p>Wed 2nd Nov: Feast of ALL SOULS Senior School Mass @ 9:15am</p> <p>Thurs 3rd Nov: Hui Katorika @ 9:45am-2:30pm, Marian School. Technology Y7/8 @ TAI</p> <p>Fri 4th Nov: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm</p>
Wk 5	<p>Mon 7th Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Co-operation Adrenaline Forest-Year 7&8 Life Education Caravan – All week</p> <p>Thu 9th Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI</p> <p>Fri 10th Nov: Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm</p>
Wk 6	<p>Mon 14th Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Co-operation Life Education Caravan & Marae Stay – All week</p> <p>Wed 16th Nov: BOT Meeting, 6-8:00pm, School Staffroom</p> <p>Thur 17th Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI</p> <p>Fri 18th Nov: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm</p>

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

'Do not say in heat what you may regret later.'

17.12.1883

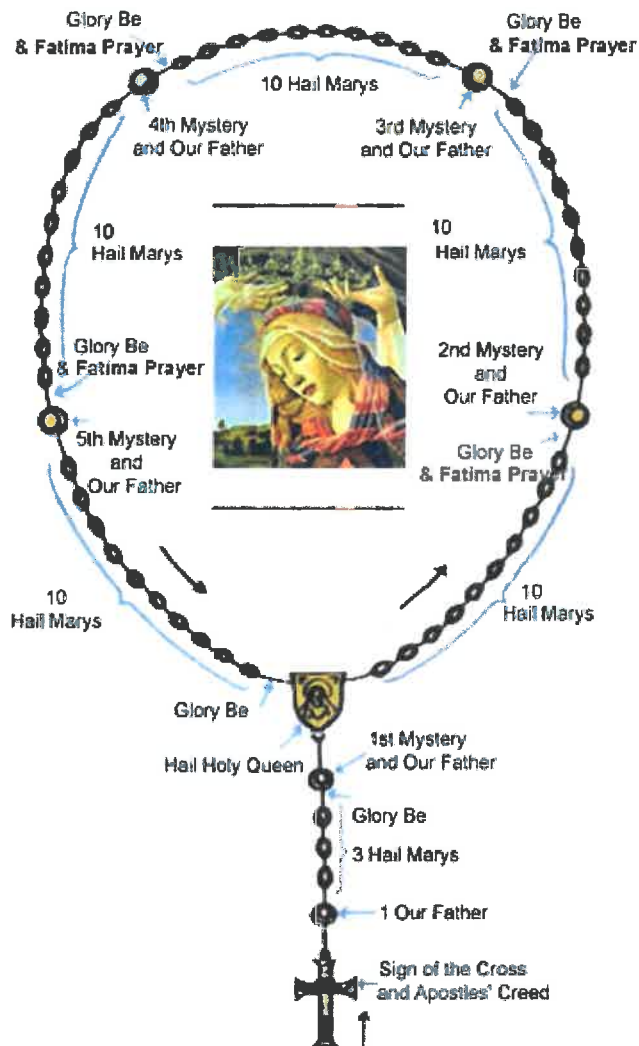
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pray for us



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

OCTOBER – The Month of the Rosary



Learn about the Glorious Mysteries

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



1st Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection of Jesus



2nd Glorious Mystery – The Ascension of Christ



3rd Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

These three mysteries record key events in the early Church



4th Glorious Mystery – The Assumption of Mary



5th Glorious Mystery – Mary crowned Queen of Heaven

These two mysteries talk about the actions of God with Mary and are part of the traditions of the Church

Pray the Glorious Mysteries...

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.

Judy Graham...

I am the Staff Representative on the Board. My role is to ensure that the views of the staff are known to the Board and that the matters pertaining to staff discussed at Board level are known to the staff.

I have taught at St Patrick's School for 14 years now, 11 of those in a New Entrant classroom. It is always a pleasure to catch up with former students as young adults and to see the legacy our school has left in their lives. As my husband, Chris, is also a local teacher, as well as private guitar tutor, it is hard to go anywhere in town without hearing a cheery greeting from a current or former student, or from their parents.

This makes us feel very much part of the community, despite not originally being Te Awamutu-ites.

Hapara Dashboard... ICT development... As all students in Teams 2 and 3 are now using Chromebooks etc (some BYOD devices Rms 9,11), where all students are using schoolbased @stpatta.co.nz logins. The security system to monitor work, internet access and general tracking is now installed. The cost per student for this is \$5.00, which has been added to student accounts that will be emailed today.

MARAE STAYOVER WEEK @ Whakamarama

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

A timetable of when classes are attending is as follows:

- Mon – Weds 14th /16th Nov (2 nights) Y7/8.
- Weds/Thur 16th/17th Nov (1 night) Y5/6
- Thur/Fri 17th/18th Nov (1 night) Y3/4
- Fri 18th 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!

You are invited to...

THE LIGHT PARTY!

Next Monday 31st October

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

Te Awamutu

It's all free!!!!

HELP...!! We need parent helpers at the light party to assist with manning the BBQ and serving the food at the light party. If you are able to help please ring the school office before Monday.

We appreciate your time and effort...!



**ALL SAINT'S DAY JOIN OUR WHOLE SCHOOL
MASS AT 9:15AM ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER.**



NOVEMBER is the month dedicated to remember our faithfully departed loved ones. For the month we will be remembering them at our Masses and Assemblies.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM
O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT**

SHINE UPON THEM.. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

AMEN

ALL SOULS' DAY - Wednesday 2nd November,
Senior School Mass at 9:15am

Advanced notice – next
community Mass

**Feast of Christ the King
Sunday 20th November**



* **Waikato Show** is held tomorrow at Claudelands
Showgrounds - **Friday 28th October.**

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 by Friday, 11th November.

Group Day...

On Wednesday the 19th October around 8 students went down to Kihikihi Domain to participate in Group Day. This year our school hosted Group Day and competed well. Overall there were approximately 70 people competing with a lamb, goat or calf. We had a cake stall with a whole heap of yum food that was made by parents or students from our school.

Everyone who went thought it was a fun and successful day. Our groups of 3 looked awesome and represented our school well.

It was great to get positive feedback from parents from other schools, about how our students behaved and represented our school. As always you are a credit to us.

Saint Vincent De Paul/Young Vinnies Joint Initiative... Christmas Brown Paper Bag Appeal:

Once again, the School is privileged to be involved with this amazing project. Each classroom will be given a bag to fill with items of food, kitchen and household consumables, Christmas treats and children's gifts. Last year 42 families in our community benefited from the Parish and School's generosity.

We look forward to your support with this venture.
God Bless, Patsy Wisniewski, Convenor Young Vinnies.

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 tomorrow. 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

PTA NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTE - NO LATE ORDERS

Thank you to our new parent helpers, we appreciate your time and effort.

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

Group Day Cake Stall...

An extended and huge thanks to all of our super families who contributed plates towards the cake stall at Group Day. We received over 150 plates and the extra plates that we weren't able to sell at Group Day were used for Grandparents morning tea – just wonderful!

The response that we received was overwhelming and showed what a wonderful school community we have.

No matter the size of the contribution, everything was welcomed – thank you to you.
We also would like to thank all of the students and parents who helped with the cake stall and BBQ at Group Day, this enabled everyone to have a turn at watching their own children who were participating and all of the helping hands made a huge job seem much smaller.
Thank you again to everyone for your contribution!!

SPORTS NEWS

Term 4 Sports...

Miniball... We are into week 3 already and our seasonal sports have taken off and are well underway. The junior YR1-2 and YR3-4 Miniball teams started on Wednesday. The YR5-6 and YR7-8 teams will start on Monday 31st October.

Congratulations to 'St Pats United'... This is one of our three YR1-2 miniball teams that played their first game on Wednesday against Puahue Jets with an extravagant win of 36-6. *What an awesome result, well done team UNITED..!*

If coaches have any proud moments they would like shared with the community please send an email to: office@stpatta.co.nz

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Mass Times

Sunday 30th October 2016

31st 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: 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.' Lk 19:1-10

COMMUNITY NEWS

CASUAL WORK WANTED... I am looking for casual work starting immediately through until the beginning of May 2017. My background is administration and hospitality. German is my native language so I can help with German conversation, reading and writing.
Please contact Karin Van Oers at 027 4718 021.

Te Awamutu Intermediate School

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TWILIGHT GALA

FIRST RESPONSE

Come dressed as your favourite first responder!
Auctions, Hot Food, Raffles, White Elephant,
Clothing and much much more!!!

FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER
5.00 - 8.00PM

A GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!
your generosity has been amazing!
WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS
Rainbows End, Split Firewood Services, and Muz's Bin Inn.

FREE to a good home... Gas BBQ, 4 burners, no gas bottle. If you are interested please phone 871 8396.



Are hosting a Quiz night – Saturday 12 November 2016

Child abuse is a huge problem in New Zealand. Chris and Brinna Lane of Big Kid Film Productions have created the registered charity called "Stop the Bus". They are leaving their home and belongings and taking their family on the road, creating a documentary bringing awareness and prevention to child abuse as they travel New Zealand. Lunix Homes is 100% behind this cause and is aiming to raise \$8000.00 by hosting a Fundraising Quiz Night to support them on their journey. We need your help to make this night a success. Please help us in our quest to support this amazing cause which will highlight the child abuse epidemic in NZ.

1. Be part of the fun on the night – Book your quiz night spot now. \$10 per person
2. Sponsor a table - \$250 gets your business branding on a table. As an example, the table would be referred to as "This Lunix Homes table". Your branding will also feature on the program for the night.
3. Sponsor a round - \$100 – Your business' name and branding features on all question sheets for that round as well as your business having a mention before the rounds questions begin to let attendees know a bit about you.
4. Donate a spot prize or Auction item or service

What you need to know...

Venue: Te Awamutu Sports, Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu
Date/Time: 12 November 2016, Quiz starting at 7pm, doors open at 6pm
Quiz Cost: \$10 per person. 8 people per table.
Food/Beverages: Antipasto platters on each table with full cash bar facilities and catering available for purchase.
Contact Us: Phone 07 8712877 or admin@lunixhomes.com to book tickets and confirm sponsorship now.



Please watch Chris and Brinna's "Dope Teaser" video on their website www.stopthebus.co.nz under the GALLERY tab. This is a hugely important project for New Zealand's children.