



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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2016

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack.
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

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



Signs of a just person....

- loving the person regardless of the actions they may take.
- not taking sides
- not thinking that one person's rights are 'better' or more deserving over another person's rights
- both sides are treated with love and dignity.

Act justly ----- Love mercifully ----- Walk humbly

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'May God bless you and keep you strong and help you in your anxieties.'

3.12.1900

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pray for us



Welcome to our school...

Blake Haora ☺

We hope you enjoy your time here at St Pats!!



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TERM DIARY

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>Wed 9th Nov: St Pats Athletics, Seniors 9-3:00pm @ TA Athletic Club Junior Athletics 9-11:30am @school 12pm- 2:30pm @ TA Athletic Club</p> <p>Thu 10th Nov : Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 11th 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>Thur 17th Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 18th Nov: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm Sun 20th Nov: Community Mass – Feast of Christ the king</p>
Wk 7	<p>Mon 21st Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Perseverance Tues 22nd Nov: TA Cluster Athletics, 8-9am Wed 23rd Nov: School Athletics Reserve Day BOT Meeting, 6-8:00pm, School Staffroom</p> <p>Thur 24th Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 25th Nov: Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm</p>
Wk 8	<p>Mon 28th Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Perseverance Tues 29th Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:40-2:30pm Thurs 1st Dec: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 2nd Dec: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm</p>
Wk 9	<p>Mon 5th Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas WFP Athletics Porritt Stadium Tues 6th Dec: YR 8 Graduation Dinner, 5:30pm@TA Workingman's Club.</p> <p>Fri 9th Dec: Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm</p>
Wk 10	<p>Mon 12th Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas Tues 13th Dec: Class Parties, 11am-2:30pm Wed 14th Dec: School Prizegiving Assembly, 1:30-2:30pm@Church. EOY Christmas Liturgy & YR 8 Graduation, 6-7:30pm.</p> <p>Thurs 15th Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM 4 EOY Thanksgiving Mass, 11:45-12:45pm. Fri 16th Dec: TEACHER ONLY DAY-NO SCHOOL</p>

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

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.

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



Next Community Mass – Advanced Notice...

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

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...

Thank you to all those families that provided many wonderful items to support the Christmas Box Appeal. We sent 17 boxes in total.



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.

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.*

Brian Belczacki...

Hi there,

My role on the board is CEO to the board and principal of the school. I have been in this position for 10 years and find the role both challenging and rewarding. I have three adult children (two of whom are teachers, holding senior positions.) I have six beautiful grandchildren. My family name comes from Poland, where my father was deported from into Siberia in 1940. He arrived in NZ in 1948 and shortly thereafter, met a beautiful lady – my mum. They soon married and settled back in Taranaki where my mum 'hailed' from. I was brought up in New Plymouth and I am a product of Catholic Education through the 'brown Joes' and the De la Salle Brothers. New Plymouth will always be home. My passions are music and genealogy when I have the time!

Finally...!

Earthworks around the old Colgan Block have finally begun, this may affect parking for 'pick up' and 'drop off' of children on Rewi Street. Please be mindful of this when doing your school runs.



Mathletics...

Congratulations to Savannah Freeman who was presented with a \$200 Heathcotes voucher. Savannah won this as part of our Mathathon earlier this year, as the student who earned the most money in sponsorship - \$210! Congratulations also to these students who have earned Gold Certificates recently. Well done - these take a lot of hard work and consistency to achieve.

Jacob Carr, Jarred Collins, Zander Shrimpton, Rhymes Walkinshaw, Maureen Tauai, Jade Brindle, Matt Henderson, Edmund Shum, Annabelle Fielder, Erika Mace-Brown, David Zhu

School Athletics... There will be a sausage sizzle along with drinks and ice locks for sale at athletics next Wednesday 9th at the stadium. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible to enjoy a great day, fingers crossed we have good weather. Details to follow next week with prices and items for sale.

Have you checked out the Team 3 blog???

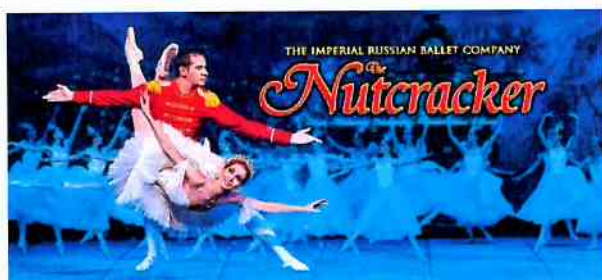
The link is: stpattateam3.blogspot.co.nz

Mary McKillop Leadership Programme...

Our Mary McKillop Leadership Programme is now up and running. I would like to congratulate the following students who have received the Mary McKillop Leadership Badges to date.

Merit Badges:

- **Academics:** Savannah Freeman.
- **School Life:** Savannah Freeman, Madeleine Watt, Jonnee Harris, Adam Chapman, Keana Shum, Reese Sanders, Hannah Kendrick.
- **Service:** Savannah Freeman, Madeleine Watt, Keana Shum, Kale Duncan.
- **Sport:** Savannah Freeman, Madeleine Watt, Dallas Alexander, Izacc Grove-Lolesi, Natasha Linton, Adam Chapman, Cooper Blackwell, Keana Shum, Reese Sanders, Hannah Kendrick, Ashlee Strawbridge.



Congratulations... to Hannah Parsons for her wonderful achievement of being selected to appear in the Imperial Russian Ballet Company performance of 'The Nutcracker,' showing next Tuesday 8th November at the Clarence St Theatre in Hamilton. The Nutcracker performance is an ageless tale of bravery and dreams set to the genius of Tchaikovsky. Hannah currently attends the Valerie Lissett School of Dance.

Go Hannah! Show 'em what you're made of...'

WANTED... If you have any secondhand uniforms in good condition that you could donate to the school please contact the office. All items are welcome...!

PTA NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTE - NO LATE ORDERS

Lunch orders MUST be in to the office by 3pm each Thursday afternoon.

ALL information MUST be completed on the envelope.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics... St Patricks Athletics Day

Date: Wednesday 9th November

Venue: Te Awamutu Velodrome / St Patrick's School

Time: 9am-2:30pm Team 3, 12:00-2:30pm Junior School.

If there are any parents able to help with officiating with events please make contact with Marcus Oxenham at the school.

Sports Committee 2017... I am still looking for parents to be part of this initiative for 2017. This concept will help to support our Sport and P.E programmes in our school. We are in need of Netball Co-ordinators, parents interested in organising lunchtime/afterschool sports programmes, and parents who have administration skills. Please make contact with Marcus Oxenham if you are interested in being part of this concept.

Sports Leaders Report... Our Sports Leaders have been busy organising our athletic equipment for classes this term. They also issued out new classroom lunchtime equipment for Team 3 and Colgan Hub classrooms. Both leaders spent a considerable amount of time organising an application for new Sport/P.E equipment which will be tabled at the next BOT meeting. On top of this they are also responsible for organising our PAL leaders who are rostered on at lunchtime to provide organised lunchtime activities for students in both the Junior and Senior School.

Miniball DRAWS... The weekly miniball draws for all teams are published at:
<https://www.facebook.com/TACBasketball/>

Miniball update... Another win for St Pats United against Rebel Goblins 28-22.

Well done St Pats United...!

God bless

C. M. Sutton
Cass Sutton

Deputy Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Sunday 6th November 2016

32nd 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: '...He is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.' Lk 20:27-38.

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