



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2016**

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**Bursar:** Patty Dudson.  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Stack.  
**BOT Chairperson:** Lorraine Kendrick

*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

**Athletics Day.** What a great Athletics Day we had yesterday!!! And thank you to the support of many people who made this day possible. Special mention to our helpers, judges and PTA who made the day run so smoothly and for providing the yummy sausages, juices and cold drinks! They made about \$400 which is so fantastic!

**Life Ed Parent Session.** Thank you to the 20 odd parents who attended this session on Tuesday where Nikki ran the session on 'Rude, mean, bully'. Parents who attended seemed very happy with the presentation. Thank you for coming!

**The Charism for this week is:**



- Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility and count others more significant than yourselves.
- Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

**A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

'Have courage no matter what your crosses are.'

7.5.1891

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 6</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Co-operation Life Education Caravan & Marae Stay – All week Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov: CIS Athletics @ Porritt stadium (YR7&8) Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Community Mass – Feast of Christ the king
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Perseverance Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov: Interschool's Athletics @ TA Athletics Club Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov: BOT Meeting, 6-8:00pm, School Staffroom Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm
<b>Wk 8</b>	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Perseverance Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:40-2:30pm Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec: Technology Y7/8 @ TAI Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec: Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm Free Ear Clinic@St Pats School, 9-2pm.
<b>Wk 9</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas WFP Athletics @ Porritt Stadium Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec: YR 8 Graduation Dinner, 5:30pm@TA Workingman's Club. Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Team 3 Assembly 2:15-2:45pm Team 2 Assembly 2:20-2:45pm
<b>Wk 10</b>	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Class Parties, 11am-2:30pm Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec: School Prizegiving Assembly, 1:30-2:30pm@Church. EOY Christmas Liturgy & YR 8 Graduation, 6-7:30pm. Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec: <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4</b> EOY Thanksgiving Mass, 11:45-12:45pm. Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec: <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY-NO SCHOOL</b>

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.

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

**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  
Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Marae stayover week @ Whakamarama Marae.**

**Is next week !** 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 – FLE\*
  - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y1-2\* (day only)
- \*Y2s in FLE will have the choice to stay – refer to Team 2 Marae letter.

Please refer to the information that has come home via teams/classroom teachers.

### **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 tomorrow Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **HPV immunisation changes for 2017...**

From January 2017, boys and young men aged 9 to 26 will be eligible for the free HPV (Human papillomavirus) immunisation. While the initial efforts of the HPV immunisation programme focused on cervical cancer prevention for women, increasing evidence has emerged that HPV is related to some cancers in men. If you have a daughter or son who will be in Year 8 in 2017 they will be offered the HPV immunisation through the school base programme. This is run by the public health nurse for your child's school. You will receive more information in regards to this early term 1 2017.

For children and young people 9-26yrs who are not in year 8 can still receive the vaccination free at the G.P clinic.

For further information in regards to the Human papillomavirus (HPV). See the Ministry of Health website.

Jenni Crosbee Te Awamutu public health nurse.

021341947 or [Jennifer.crosbee@waikatohb.health.nz](mailto:Jennifer.crosbee@waikatohb.health.nz)

### **St 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 Wisnewski, Convenor Young Vinnies.

**Kete korero Magazine...** This is coming home today.



**FREE EAR CLINIC FOR  
CHILDREN @ St Patricks  
School, Rewi St Entrance,  
9am-2pm.  
(Closed for lunch 12-1pm)**

### **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Following on from the BOT Talk, we need to consult with you on the future direction of our school!

#### **Let's Get Engaged!**

Your Board of Trustees wants your valuable feedback; what are we doing well? What can we do better? We have developed a survey to give you the opportunity to provide your views.

The results from this survey will help us to:

- Inform the school's Strategic Plan
- Improve our school's academic results
- Engage with our school community

We encourage you to discuss the survey topics as a family – we value the student voice as well as the adult – choose the answers that best reflect the viewpoint of your entire family.

St Patrick's is a great school, but that does not mean that there are not areas to improve, hence we need you to be informed and get involved.

It's important that we hear from as many of our families as possible. We are willing to use bribery to achieve at least 60% response. We have never achieved this level of response before, THE INCENTIVE – 50 house points for every survey completed, so expect to hear from your children asking you if you have filled in the survey so they get their house points!

The survey will be emailed to you on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and you have until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November to complete.

It is done via Survey Monkey with mainly tick box answers to make it an easy and quick survey to complete. So you have no excuses not to have YOUR SAY!

If you don't have an email address on record at the school, a hard copy of the survey will be sent home with your child.

Lorraine Kendrick

Chair – St Patrick's Board of Trustees

## 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...**What a fantastic day it was!



"Juniors waiting for the bus..."

**Miniball Results...**St Pats United had their first loss last night, could this have been due to a tough day at school athletics yesterday? Only time will tell.  
*Keep up the good work team..!*

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

**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 [marcus@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:marcus@stpatta.co.nz) if you are interested in being part of this concept.

### NZ Nationals Cheerleading Competitions...

Were held in Auckland on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>



October. Loryn Orr received a silver medal for her level 3 solo and Samantha Rush, Loryn Orr and Xylia Liddell participated in a stunt group and also won a silver medal..!



**Awesome Effort Girls...!**

God bless

  
Brian Belczacki  
Principal

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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### Mass Times

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**33<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:** '...You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' Lk 21:5-19.

EVERYDAY FOOD HEROES

# OILY FISH

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