



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Thursday 1st December
2016

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BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

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



Have you started your Christmas preparations yet?
Often the very reason for the celebration is lost in the celebrating and we spend a lot of time organising the celebration without thinking of why the celebration. Advent gives us the time to reflect on the why and so then the celebration is much more meaningful... Happy Advent

A quote from St Mary of the Cross

Mackillop 'Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace I hope will be yours.'

7.12.1899

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Pray for us



**ASSEMBLY TOMORROW
TEAM 1 @ 2:30-2:45pm**



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TERM DIARY

Wk 8	Fri 2 nd Dec: Road Patrol Reward Day, 9-10am Class Mass RM10/11 Team 1 Assembly @ 2:30-2:45pm Free Ear Clinic @ St Pats School, 9-2pm.
Wk 9	Mon 5 th Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas WFP Athletics @ Porritt Stadium Tues 6 th Dec: YR 8 Graduation Dinner, 5:30pm@TA Workingman's Club. Wed 7 th Dec: BOT Meeting 6-8:30pm Fri 9 th Dec: Whole School Assembly, YR8 leading
Wk 10	Mon 12 th Dec: Prayer Ass @ 8:55am CH: Advent-Christmas Adrenaline Forest – YR7&8 Tues 13 th Dec: YR7&8 Retreats (Separately) Class Parties, 11am-2:30pm Wed 14 th Dec: School Prize giving Assembly, 1:30-2:30pm@Church. EOY Christmas Liturgy & YR 8 Graduation, 6-7:30pm. Thurs 15 th Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM 4 EOY Thanksgiving Mass, 11:45-12:45pm. Fri 16 th Dec: STAFF ONLY DAY-NO SCHOOL

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 co

The 'SPONGING' is on... The Year 8 students have successfully exceeded their proposed target of \$200 raising a total of \$477.50 from their lunchtime activities; this amount does not include the extra monies received for the mufti day gold coin donations. Therefore, this means the Year 8's get to sponge the many 'willing' teachers including our Principal tomorrow Friday 2nd December at lunchtime.

Awesome Effort by the students involved, I wonder what inspired their drive to achieve this target?

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

As we finish 2016.....

Year 8 Dinner is on Tuesday 6th at the TA Workingman's Club from 5:30pm.

Final School Assembly (led by Y8's) is on **Fri 9th December**.

End of Year Reports will be issued on **Friday 9th December**.

Class EOY Celebrations Tuesday 13th December, 11-2:30pm.

Retreats – Y7s at school Tuesday 13th December

Y8s Tuesday/Wednesday 13th/14th December

Prize giving Assembly is on **Wednesday 14th December** @ 1:30pm followed by the **End of Year Liturgy / Farewell to Y8's** which will be at 6.30pm.

End of Year Mass - Last day of Term 4. We celebrate the end of year with a school Mass at 11:45am on **Thursday 15th Dec**. Students may go home after Mass (around 12:45pm).

And move into 2017.....

Please refer to the following table below:

School Office Hours - 2017	
Tues 24 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Wed 25 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Thurs 26 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Fri 27 th Jan	Office open 8:30am -12:30pm
Mon 30 th Jan	Holiday – Auckland Anniversary Day
Tues 31 st Jan	Term 1 Commences Office open 8:15am – 3:15pm
Mon 6 th Feb	Holiday - Waitangi Day observance

Second Sunday of Advent

We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the Second Purple candle of love. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, died on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever. In the second week of Advent we think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. In a similar manner we should be anticipating and preparing the way of the Lord. We hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord.



FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN @ St Patricks School,

Rewi St Entrance,



TOMORROW Friday 2nd December



9am-2pm.

(Closed for lunch 12-1pm)

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 Wisniewski, Convenor Young Vinnies.

Our Christmas tree is now up in the office... and we welcome presents, this year for our old folk who are in rest homes and often have no family around them. Please send in a wrapped present labelled 'gentleman or lady'. Suggestions might be – homemade sweets, stationery, smellies, hankies etc.



ICAS RESULTS... Congratulations to the following students who achieved a merit or above within the ICAS examinations for 2016. Of special mention are those students who received a Distinction (top 9% of students within their Year level across all participants in New Zealand and Pacific Region) and High Distinction (top 1% per of students within their Year level across all participants in New Zealand and Pacific Region).

Digital Technologies: Adam Kabel – Credit.

Science: Adam Kabel – Credit, Blake Higginson – Credit.

Mathematics: Jacob Fergusson – Distinction, Savannah Freeman – Credit, Liam Karl – Credit.

English: Sam McQuilkin - High Distinction, Kate McQuilkin – Credit, Sean Osborne – Distinction.

FOR SALE... 1 x School Jersey size 10, 1 x Old School Jacket size 10, P.E Shorts x 2 size 10 and P.E top x 2 size 10-12, senior polo shirts x 2 size 12. If interested please call Maree 0275336555.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

School Community Survey

Wow we are all certainly engaged! We received a fantastic response to the school community survey, thank you so much for taking the time to complete the survey. We received 104 parent/family responses. We also asked the middle/senior school to complete the survey as we are also interested to hear the 'student voice', 95 students completed the survey.

So what happens next? The board will review all the data and analyse the responses and seek to utilise the information provided to feed into the School Strategic Plan. We will also share the results with you; we will keep you informed on how this will be distributed to you in the coming weeks.

The children will all receive a healthy boost to their house points, with Pirongia just coming in on top and Te Kawa and Kakepuku both coming in a close second.

A massive thank you from your BOT!

Lorraine Kendrick

Chair of St Patrick's Board of Trustees

PTA NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTE

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

ALL information MUST be completed on the envelope.

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball... The miniball season has now come to an end with all teams playing their final games. We thank ALL our wonderful parents, helpers, coaches, managers and supporters. **Your time is appreciated and valued.**

Miniball... St Pats United won their final against Pokuru All Stars 32-36. **Awesome effort Team!**

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/after school sports programmes, and parents who have administration skills. Please make contact with Marcus Oxenham marcus@stpatta.co.nz if you are interested in being part of this concept.

God bless

Brian Belczacki
Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Mass Times

Sunday 1ST December 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(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: 'I baptize you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am...' Matt 3:1-12.



COMMUNITY NEWS



If there are any students registering in the weetbix kids TRYathlon as an individual or would like to join as a team please contact Mr Oxenham as he is looking at entering a school team. There will be discounts for entering and prizes up for grabs. Please contact: marcus@stpatta.co.nz



What is the Tuff Kid Challenge...?



A Course designed to Challenge Students through mud pits, hurdles & many more.

Who can participate –

Students in year 1&2 3&4 5&6 7&8

When is the event

– Friday 9th December 5pm

*Registration night is the 8th December 5-7pm @ TA Sports club rooms.

Where – TA Sports, Albert Park Te Awamutu

More Details contact: programs@tasports.co.nz 0274 519 158



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