



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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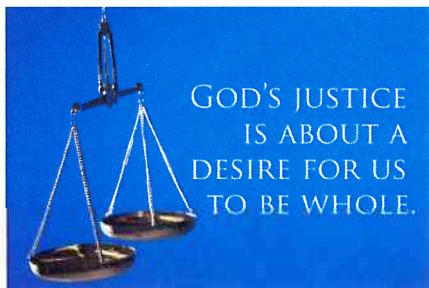
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**Thursday 23rd February
2017**

Principal: Brian Belczacki.
Deputy Principal: Cass Sutton. **Assistant Principal:** Marcus Oxenham.
Director of Religious Studies: Gabrielle Balemi.
Office Staff: Celena O'Donnell.
Bursar/Accounts: Dana Macdonald.
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack.
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick.

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is: **JUSTICE**



A **virtue** is a disposition to do good and give the best of oneself. This is what we are encouraging our students to do.

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 Mercy-----Walk humbly with your God

We continue to keep Mr Belczacki in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord.

JEREMIAH 30:17

GET WELL SOON



**Lent 2016 begins next
Wednesday 1st March being Ash
Wednesday.**

The whole school will join the Parish at the 9:15am Mass.



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To find us following the link...

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

Wk 4	Fri 24 th Feb: Whole School Assembly 2.15pm @ Hall
Wk 5	Mon 27 th Feb: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Wed 1 st Mar: Ash Wednesday Mass, 9.15-10.15am Town Blessing TA Sports Club, 12-1pm. Fri 3 rd Mar: World Day of Prayer, 9.30-1.30am Junior swimming Demonstration @ 12-2.30pm, School pool.
Wk 6	Mon 6 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Tues 7 th Mar: Junior swimming Demonstration (Saving Day) Thurs 9 th Mar: Y4-6 Catholic Interschool Swimming Day Matamata. Rural and Roses Leadership, 3.30-4.30pm Fri 10 th Mar: Waikato Full Primary Association Swimming Whole School Assembly, 2.15-2.45pm, Hall.
Wk 7	Mon 13 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Wed 15 th Mar: Energize Leadership Day Fri 17 th Mar: St Patrick's Day St Patrick's Day Mass, 9.15-10.15am.
Wk 8	Mon 20 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Leadership Camp, RM9-10. Wed 22 nd Mar: TA Cluster Swimming Thurs 23 rd Mar: HPV Immunisation, Dose 1 YR8's Fri 24 th Mar: Whole School Assembly, 2.15-2.45pm, Hall.

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.

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

'Take fresh courage. Lean more on God and less on ourselves'

21st May 1877

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'.

'Empowered today for tomorrow's world'

SORRY! SORRY! SORRY!

Your child will probably have told you that they have been involved with the **St John in School's programme** as outlined below. Unfortunately, I neglected to inform you that there is a \$2.00 per student charge for this. Could you please send this to school by Friday 24th February.

My apologies for this oversight.

Years 1-2 and 3-4 Modules:

- Responding in an Emergency.
- Disaster Preparedness.
- Accident Prevention.

Years 5-6 and 7-8 Modules:

- Responding in an Emergency.
- Disaster Preparedness.
- Accident Prevention.
- Clued up Camper.

Flood... We had an interesting start to the day yesterday, arriving at school to find a pipe had burst in the Junior resource building. It had obviously been broken at night. Fortunately, we had the pipe fixed by 9.15am so there was limited shutdown of our school water supply. Damage appears to be limited to the flooring although we are keeping an eye on the walls.



Baptism... Please register your interest if you would like to have your child baptised.

Children who are in Year 4 and older may be eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation held later this term, and then Holy Communion and Confirmation which will occur in Term 2. However, they need to have been baptised first. Please register at the office by Friday 24th

February at the latest. Baptism classes will be held for those children from 3.15 till 4pm on Mondays starting in Week 5 Monday 27th February for 3 sessions.

If you wish to have your child baptised please ensure you attend the Preparation for Baptism. Meetings to be held in the Parish Lounge on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm till 9.30pm.

BYOSD Update... The number of students who have returned BYOSD agreement forms to date has been incredibly satisfying. These devices will help to improve the sufficiency of our digital platform school-wide.

Whilst the response for this initiative has been fantastic it has now forced us as a school to review the whole infrastructure in which our school wide digital platform operates on. We have, over the last week, met with three IT providers who were asked to write proposals for the operations of our network, school-wide technical support and staff professional development. Our Board of Trustees are going to consider all three proposals and will, this week, decide on which proposal will best serve our school, moving forward into the future. Once this process has been completed we will appoint one of these providers to enroll those devices that need google console installed, and then setup the administration controls needed to safeguard these devices while they are operating within our network.



I really do appreciate that many of our families are ready to bring devices to school but I believe that our school needs to undertake completing this process before we invite devices into our school environment. We will notify families as soon as we are ready to receive devices.

Marcus Oxenham and Aimee McMillan

Scholastics Lucky Book Club... Last day for Lucky Book Club orders is **Wed 1 March**. Classes/teachers have now been updated in the online ordering system. Apologies to those parents who ordered before this was done. Could parents please check the order forms before returning to school and make sure all information is on the form (eg. name, class and item numbers) as a lot of forms are coming back incomplete.

Lost... 1 x School sunhat named Paetyn Hansen. If found please return to Paetyn in Colgan Hub Green.

PTA NEWS

Lunch Envelopes Please clearly label your child's classroom number OR if in the Colgan Learning Hub please make very clear the **colour** that your child is in, eg red / blue / green.

- Also **One** envelope per child, unfortunately often orders get missed if envelopes are shared or, another child's order is written on the same envelope.
- This makes life a lot easier for our great volunteers who put together the lunches.

Senior Swimming Sports BBQ Thank you to the amazing parents, grandparents and students who helped out with the BBQ. These are always a team event and every set of hands makes the job so much easier. It also allows time for parents to watch their own children race as well. We were able to bank \$270 from this event. Thank you for your support!

Lunch Volunteers Thank you to our small team of volunteers. Lunches will continue at the moment. If there is anyone else out there that is interested we would love to hear from you, 0275360492, tania.penliz@gmail.com.

This is an easy job but does require you being available on a Friday morning from 11.30 – 12.45.

PTA Meeting We hope to have a date and venue confirmed soon for everyone that has emailed to indicate that they would like to help. Please note it is not too late to offer even the smallest bit of help. Text or call 0275360492 or email tania.penliz@gmail.com

SPORTS NEWS

Team 1 & 2 Junior Swimming Showcase

Where: St Patrick's School Pool

When: 1.00 - 2.45pm

1.00pm Rooms 1&2

1.20pm Room 3

1.40pm R4

2.00pm Colgan Learning Hub

School Swimming Sports...

Y4-8 Swimming Sports Aquatics Events Centre

Thank you again for all those people i.e. parents, staff and students who helped with the officiating of this event. I was really impressed with the standard of swimming displayed by our students and enjoyed the House Spirit that was evident during the events that were on show.

Teachers will now collate the results from Monday and will start selecting our St Patrick's Swimming squads for 2017 for both the Year 7&8 and Y4-6 Catholic Interschools, happening in Week 6.

Results will be available in next week's newsletter so please watch this space.

You are awesome and thanks again from St Patrick's School staff.

Weetbix Tryathlon... Congratulations to all those students that participated in this event on Sunday. I would like these athletes to wear their Weetbix Tryathlon T-shirts to school on Friday 24th February, so that we can get a group photo and article posted in the newsletter next week

Sports Committee... We had announced last week the formation of our Sports Committee and the appointments that were made at our inaugural AGM. Our next meeting on the 2nd March at 7pm will allow different sport groups within our school to report to the committee with ideas and needs they have to allow them to function and deliver the programmes they are offering to our students.

Sports Co-ordinator 2017... I would like to officially welcome Mrs Maree Orr to her Sports Co-ordinators role for 2017. Already, Maree has been extremely busy in organising many of our school teams for this term's sports events and is doing a fantastic job. If there are any issues or concerns with any of our teams please send your concerns and issues to Maree or myself.

Marcus Oxenham

(Assistant Principal/ TIC of Sport PE)

God bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton

Acting Principal

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



Mass Times

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 26th February 2017

(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 Friday @ 9.15am

All other times please refer to the church notice

Holy Hour: after 9:15am Mass each Friday
with Benediction around 10:30am

Sunday's Gospel Reading: 'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.' Matt 6:24-34.

Parish Notices....Preparation for Baptism – Tues 21st Feb 7:30-9pm Parish Lounge. This programme is for parents who wish to baptise their infants and or children up to 8 years of age. This is one session, lasting about an hour and a half. Contact Wilma Schimanski Ph (07) 873 1702.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you like to sing?

Come and join the "Songbirds."

A new singing group for 7 – 9 year olds.

Every Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Woolshed Theatre, Mahoe St, Te Awamutu.

Enquiries phone 0274 434397 or just come along.

ALL WELCOME.



MAD COW DRUMS - DRUM TUITION

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of St Patricks School who want to learn to play drums in 2016!

Lessons will be on Tuesday afternoon from 12.30pm.

The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please feel free contact Glenn on 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details.

We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at madcowdrums@ihug.co.nz.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons! If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

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