



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

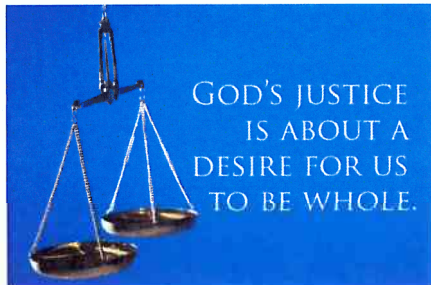
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2017

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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.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT...

- Prayer
- Fasting – not giving up but giving out....
- Works of Love...

What is your Lenten sacrifice going to be?



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TERM DIARY

Wk 5	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 Yr7-8 Catholic Interschool Swimming Day Tues 7 th Mar: Junior swimming Demonstration (Saving Day) Thurs 9 th Mar: 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

'Always try to have success in your work but remember God is often glorified in your failure.'



3rd May 1874

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'

Weetbix Tryathlon... The day began with pouring rain that was off and on all day! People were slipping over on the



grass, running through puddles and speeding past people on their bikes. We started with a swim, the water was the temperature of bath water but the pool was huge. After the swim we headed into the bike ride which was around 3 kms. The last part was the run, it was slippery and showery. At the end of the event gazebos were everywhere with crowds of people trying to get out of the rain. It was cold but we all had an awesome time!

Written By Luke Chapman

God bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton
Acting Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS



St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Mass Times

1st Sunday of Lent 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: 'He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Matt 4:1-11.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discover Through Horses

Equine Assisted School Holiday Workshops

Friday 21st April and Friday 28th

April at 236 Arapuni Road, Kihikihi

Contact Cara 0278507829 or email

enquiries@discoverthroughhorses.co.nz

One day workshops are available for children between 5-16 years old starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm.

Workshops are designed to allow imagination, creativity and growth while having fun, interacting and learning alongside horses about friendship, connection and communication in a safe outdoor environment. There is NO riding involved, all activities are ground based allowing for those with no previous horse knowledge to experience the wonderful abilities of horses as they help us think freely and gain independence.

DTH delivers safe and effective interactive programmes within the Waikato with a professionally trained and qualified Equine Specialist and coach.

6 participants maximum

Cost is \$50 per person.

All enquiries and questions welcome



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ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL:
PIP 027686451

6th to 13th grades

**KIHIKIHI RUGBY SPORTS CLUB
JUNIOR MUSTER**

If you want to be part of a club that values whānau/family, then we are the club for you!

Kihikihi Junior Rugby will be holding a muster/registration day on the following dates:

Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March - 5.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 07th & Thursday 09th March - 5.30 - 6.30pm

Fees:
\$45 First Player
\$35 for 2nd player
\$20 Every player after
(NOTE: Fees will increase after muster dates)

Please bring fees & birth certificate /Passport to registration nights.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for coaches and managers of our 2017 junior teams.

For more information or register your interest contact:
Mihawaatara Hohepa - 021 0244 6774
Email: kihikihirugby@gmail.com

School Community Mass...

"The next School Community Mass is on Sunday March 26 at 10.30am. We'd love you to come to Mass and stay for a while afterwards to mix and mingle with your school and parish community."

Mathletics Awards...

TOP OF THE WORLD! Harry Walkinshaw achieved this amazing feat in April last year. What a huge effort Harry. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to the following students who have achieved GOLD certificates: Douglas Fonoti, Phoenix Shrimpton, Grace Gower, Luke Sickelmore and Zander Shrimpton.

Coming Soon.... Mathathon! Term 2 Week 2. We'd love reward students again through spot prizes if you can donate any items. Last year we had headphones, caps, books, soft toys. Please contact Paula Carr paula@stpatta.co.nz if you can help with a spot prize.

Baptism... Baptism classes started last Monday and are off to a great start, thank you to all those families that registered their children.



BYODs Update... We would now like to invite students in Team 3 (Room 8, 9, 10 and 11) to bring their devices to school on **Monday, 6th March** to be enrolled onto Google Console. If your child's device already has this software installed you will need **not** to bring the device to school for the enrolment process. The installation cost of this software has now been reduced to \$40. Please pay this amount to the office.

1. All devices need to be brought on Monday morning to the Front Office Conference Room **clearly named**.

2. All Devices will be wiped and reset with stpatta.school.nz as user account and a guest account available for easy access to the internet outside of school. **Please note that we highly recommend that all devices are backed up and any data on the device is moved off and stored elsewhere as this will be lost.**

3. If your student is currently using an education extension of app for learning please notify Marcus or Aimee with the details of their tools and we will make these available through the website added. Chris from Cyclone will be available either onsite or via hangout to assist you with this.

4. Once the installation process has been completed the devices will be handed to the students before the close of the week.
Marcus Oxenham and Aimee

Caritas Lent Calendar... This has been included in today's newsletter. If you would like a printed copy these are available at the school office.

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

Wanted...

1. We are looking for people who are available for relief cleaning when our cleaners are unavailable. If interested please contact the school office.
2. Does anyone have a rotary hoe the school can borrow? If so please contact the office.

Sacramental Programmes – 2017.

If people are interested in 2017, the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be offered to those children who are in Y4 and above and are baptized. The preparation process begins on **Sunday 19th March**. Enrolment forms will be available from the school office and need to be returned by Friday 10th March.

PTA NEWS

Pita Pit

Next Friday the 10th March will be a Pita Pit lunch order day. Look out for the form coming home next week.

PTA Meeting

We have this confirmed for Thursday 16th March in the church lounge starting at 7pm. This will be a brief get together to chat about upcoming events, lunch orders and the committee for 2017. We would love you to come and join us for some nibbles and a drink. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Tania 0275360492 - tania.penliz@gmail.com

Sileni Wine Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser for this year will be held in the last two weeks of March. An order form will head home with children over the next couple of weeks. For every case sold the PTA earns \$40! Mixed cases and odd bottles are available. There will be more details to follow.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball...

Future Ferns Yr 1-2... Workshops will be held during the school holidays 18-21st April for four half day sessions. Please watch this space for further information.

Yr3-8... Letters of interest went home last week, it is not too late to get your form in. Forms are available at the school office, but notices must be returned by tomorrow Friday 3rd March.

Team 1 & 2 Junior Swimming Showcase

Where: Tomorrow at 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

Keep it Simple for Lent 2017

 **Caritas**
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

Learn and share calendar

Caritas challenges YOU this Lent to make a difference in others' lives by making small changes to your daily actions. Grow in compassion and empathy for the poor and vulnerable in other countries around the Pacific and the rest of the world.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Food Kai						
	26 Feb  Find out the importance of Lent and explain this to your family.	27  Choose to give up something for Lent. or Think of ways you can help others during Lent.	28  SHROVE TUESDAY Consider how you can produce your own food. Plant vegetables in some pots or your garden.	1 March  ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS Give up meat today and think of people who do not have enough food.	2  Find out which food scraps are good for composting and use a compost bin to reduce your food waste.	3  Use reusable bags for grocery shopping.	4  Food that has travelled long distances generates high carbon emissions. Find out where local produce is available in your neighbourhood.
	Rising Sea Levels Puke Moana						
	5  FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Go to www.royalsociety.org.nz and find out what impacts climate change is having on New Zealand now and in the future.	6  Watch the video of Boore planting mangroves at www.caritas.org.nz to see the effects of rising sea levels.	7  Pray for our Pacific neighbours facing the impacts of rising sea levels.	8  Research to find out which countries are affected by rising sea levels.	9  Create a presentation about people struggling with rising sea levels. Share this with your class or family and friends.	10  Give a gold coin to help provide fresh water tanks in Tonga.	11  Make a Caritas koa box to use at home.
	Caring for the Environment Manaaki Taiao						
	12  SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Dry your clothes outside this week instead of using dry power (like a dryer).	13  This week try to reduce your carbon footprint by only walking, cycling, using public transport or carpooling.	14  Plant a tree today. If you live near the sea, join a group to plant shrubs to protect the coast.	15  Choose three ways to reduce the amount of power you use, e.g. turn off appliances at the wall.	16  Find out how Caritas is helping people respond to climate change.	17  ST PATRICK'S DAY Create a poster to promote green living.	18  Spend an hour outside and thank God for the gift of creation.
	Fresh Water Wai Māori						
	19  THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Challenge yourself to have a shower in two minutes today to save water.	20  Pray for people around the world who do not have access to clean water.	21  TEN CENT TUESDAY Donate 10c today for every drink of water you have.	22  WORLD WATER DAY Find out why bottled water is bad for the environment. Share your findings with friends and family.	23  Wash your dishes in a plastic tub and top the soapy water into a garden rather than down the sink.	24  Find out how many litres of water you use every day at www.rapnet.govt.nz/services/water-using-water/	25  Turn off the tap to save water while you brush your teeth today.
	Caritas Challenge Te Wero o Caritas FIND OUT MORE AT www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-challenge						
	26  FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Write a prayer for a country affected by the impact of climate change.	27  Have a basic rice lunch and remember those who have little to eat.	28  Watch a video at www.caritas.org.nz about someone who is helping people adapt to climate change.	29  Sponsor someone who is doing the Caritas Challenge.	30  Pray for all those taking part in the Caritas Challenge in 2017 to make a difference for others.	31  1 April  Take part in the Caritas Challenge and make a difference	
	Extreme Weather Huarere Hākariraki						
	2  FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Give up using technology today and help someone at home.	3  Give 20c for every year you have been at school. Buy a second hand product instead of a disaster.	4  Pray for those in Fiji and Vanuatu who are rebuilding after the impact of recent cyclones.	5  Find an interesting article on YouTube or a Caritas video about people who have experienced a disaster.	6  Create a poem about what to do during a natural disaster.	7  Raise awareness about the impact of extreme weather on our Pacific neighbours.	8  Have a garage sale and donate the money you raised to a country that is recovering from a disaster.
	Holy Week Te Wiki Tapu						
	9  PALM SUNDAY Give things you don't use anymore to others who may find them useful.	10  Do something nice for someone today as an act of kindness.	11  Create a voucher to give someone a fun experience instead of buying them a gift.	12  Be a peacemaker. Spread a message of peace by sharing a poem or prayer with others.	13  HOLY THURSDAY Remember Jesus' last meal with his friends and donate a can of food to a food bank.	14  GOOD FRIDAY Pray for people around the world who are suffering.	15  Create an Easter card for someone you care about that celebrates new life.
School holidays begin ...							
	16  EASTER SUNDAY Reflect on your action during Lent and choose at least one actions to continue throughout the year.	17  During the holidays, consider how you shop. Buy a second hand product instead of a brand new one.	KEY:  Do  Pray  Create  Give  Find  Live				

Give a little to help communities throughout the Pacific who face difficult challenges caused by the impact of climate change. More information can be found online at www.caritas.org.nz



Donations:

Collect the total money gifted during Lent and make an online donation to Caritas at www.caritas.org.nz.
Or cheques can be sent to: Lenten Appeal, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144

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