



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 Tenderly-----Walk humbly with your God



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

SECOND WEEK OF LENT...

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

What's your Lenten sacrifice going to be?

From the CARITAS Lenten calendar

Thursday 9th March 2015, we keep in our prayers the families in the Pacific Islands struggling with the rising sea levels. What can we do to help?



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

Wk 6	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 Tues 14 th Mar: Team 1 & 2 Goal Sharing afternoon. Wed 15 th Mar: Energise Leadership Day. Fri 17 th Mar: St Patrick's Day St Patrick's Day Mass, 9.15-10.15am. Sun 19 th Mar: The Sacramental Programme begins @9am, Colgan Learning Hub.
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. Sun 26 th Mar: Sacramental Programme @9am, Colgan Learning Hub. School/Community/CollegialMass@10.30am
Wk 9	Mon 27 th Mar: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Wed 29 th Mar: HPV Immunisation catch up day 9-10am Sun 2 nd Apr: Sacramental Programme @9am, Colgan Learning Hub.
Wk 10	Mon 3 rd Apr: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Friday 7 th Apr: Whole School Assembly, 2.15-2.45pm, Hall. First Reconciliation, 6pm @ Church.

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

'The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus'.



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'



Welcome to our school...
Luka Cowley
*We hope you enjoy your learning journey
here at St Pats!*



CHILD SAFETY.....

We have recently had an accident in the Alexandra Street carpark, as both entrances by the church are one access, making it difficult for cars entering and exiting at the same time. We are requesting that children be dropped off on Alexandra Street and walk into school using the driveway beside the top field. Children can be dropped off on either side of Alexandra Street as we have a controlled pedestrian crossing operating from 8.15-8.45am and 2.55-3.10pm. If you are waiting for children after school, Alexandra Street may also be used. Please adhere to these requests as we are concerned for the safety of our children and have had some near misses.

Team 1 and 2 Goal sharing afternoon... Tuesday 14th March at 3.30-6pm. Information was sent home with students yesterday. Please check school bags.

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." Mass will be followed by a BYO picnic/BBQ that we invite all families to participate in weather permitting.

BYOSD Update... Patience Required Thank you to everyone who has brought in their devices. We are having some teething issues around compatibility of some devices with our school internet security systems. Our priority is the safety of all our students. We are investigating ways of integrating all devices onto our intranet infrastructure. There is some confusion around Chromebook and devices that are chrome compatible. Please wait for further notice before bringing in anymore devices. We have a team of staff members and parents investigating the issue and will get back to you as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on Facebook as that will be the quickest way to get our message out.

Team 3 Homework Survey... I wish to invite parents to complete the following survey to help us decide on the quality and quantity of homework we will deliver in Team 3 for 2017:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8BQM9V>

If you could complete this survey **by 17th March**.

Sacramental Programme Dates – 2017

Letters went home yesterday detailing important information for this programme, if you did not receive one they are available at the school office. The Bishops

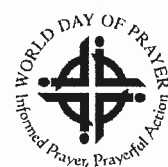
office has sent us our date for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion **Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am Mass.**

The Programme of preparation begins **Sunday 19th March** at 9am, in the Colgan Learning Hub. After each session the children will attend 10.30am Mass. Teaching sessions will continue over the next two Sundays **26th March and 2nd April.**

On Sunday 26th March there will be Community Mass, followed by a picnic/BBQ.

The Programme will resume in Term 2 with the Confirmation and Eucharist/First Holy Communion components. Sessions will be held on Sundays **7th, 14th, and 21st May** (For Confirmation) and **28th May, 11th and 18th June** (Focusing on the Eucharist). On Sunday 25th June is the practice for the Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass.

Meetings for parents; 2nd April, 7th May, and 11th June. The cost of the programme is \$15 per child.



World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March 2017

Representatives from our school attended the World Day of Prayer last Friday. The **World Day of Prayer** is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed **Prayer** and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

THANK YOU... To Mike Spiers for bringing in a tractor and donating your time to pull out all the old concrete posts in the garden area and moving all the dirt. **You are SUPER!!**



SPORTS NEWS

Swimming... Please see the swimming insert for pictures.

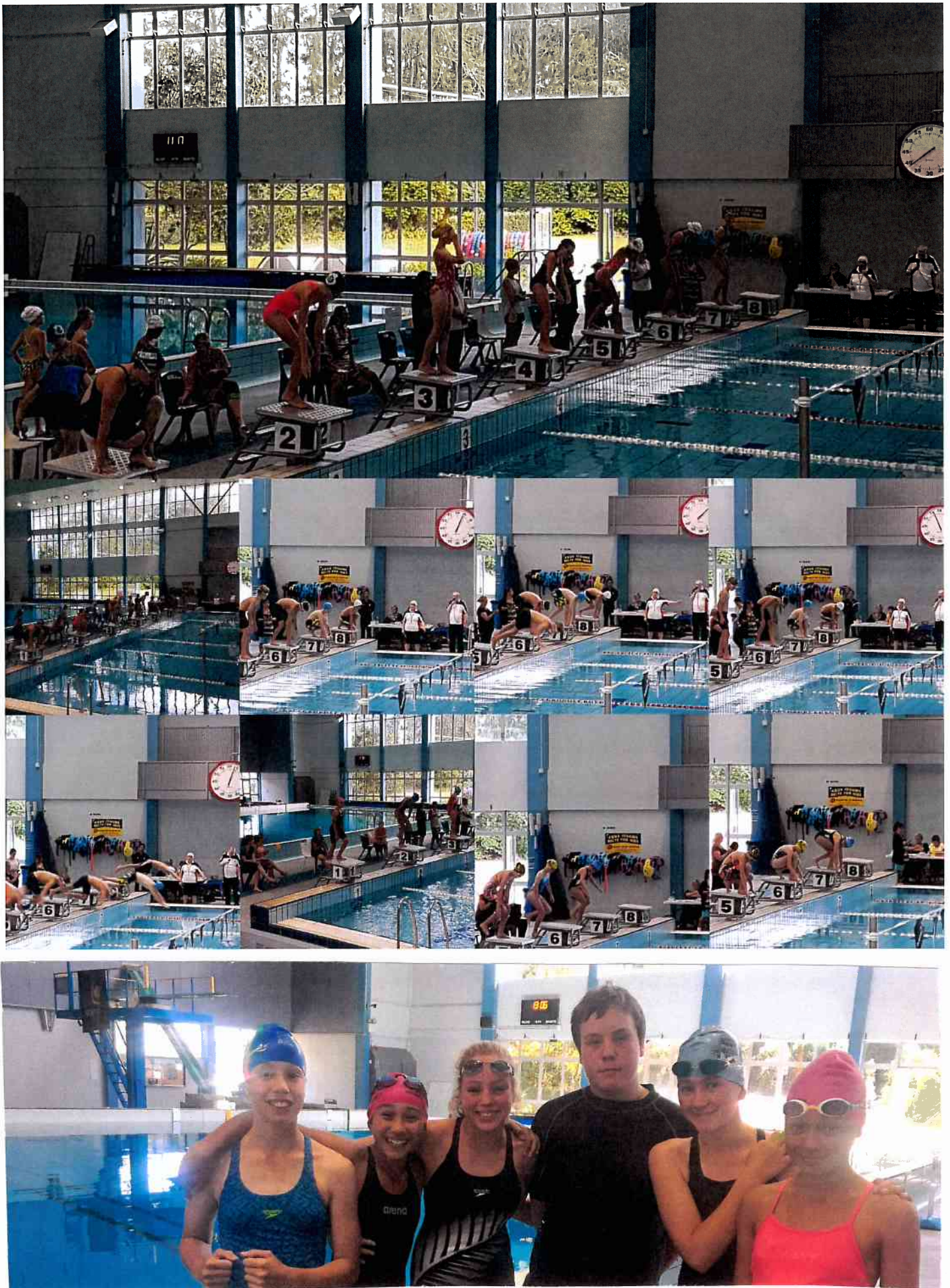
Netball... Forms should be returned to the school office.

Touch... We need more parent helpers to support the coaches on game day; coaches are having to umpire, sub and provide guidance to the children on the field. This is a huge task for one person; **if you are a parent and watching your child play** then please offer your assistance to the coaches, they will be happy to teach you. **Experience is not necessary. Unfortunately,** if we do not get the parental support required to help our coaches then the school will not be in a position to offer these sporting opportunities to your children. Out of school sports are highly reliant on parental availability to support our children during their sports.

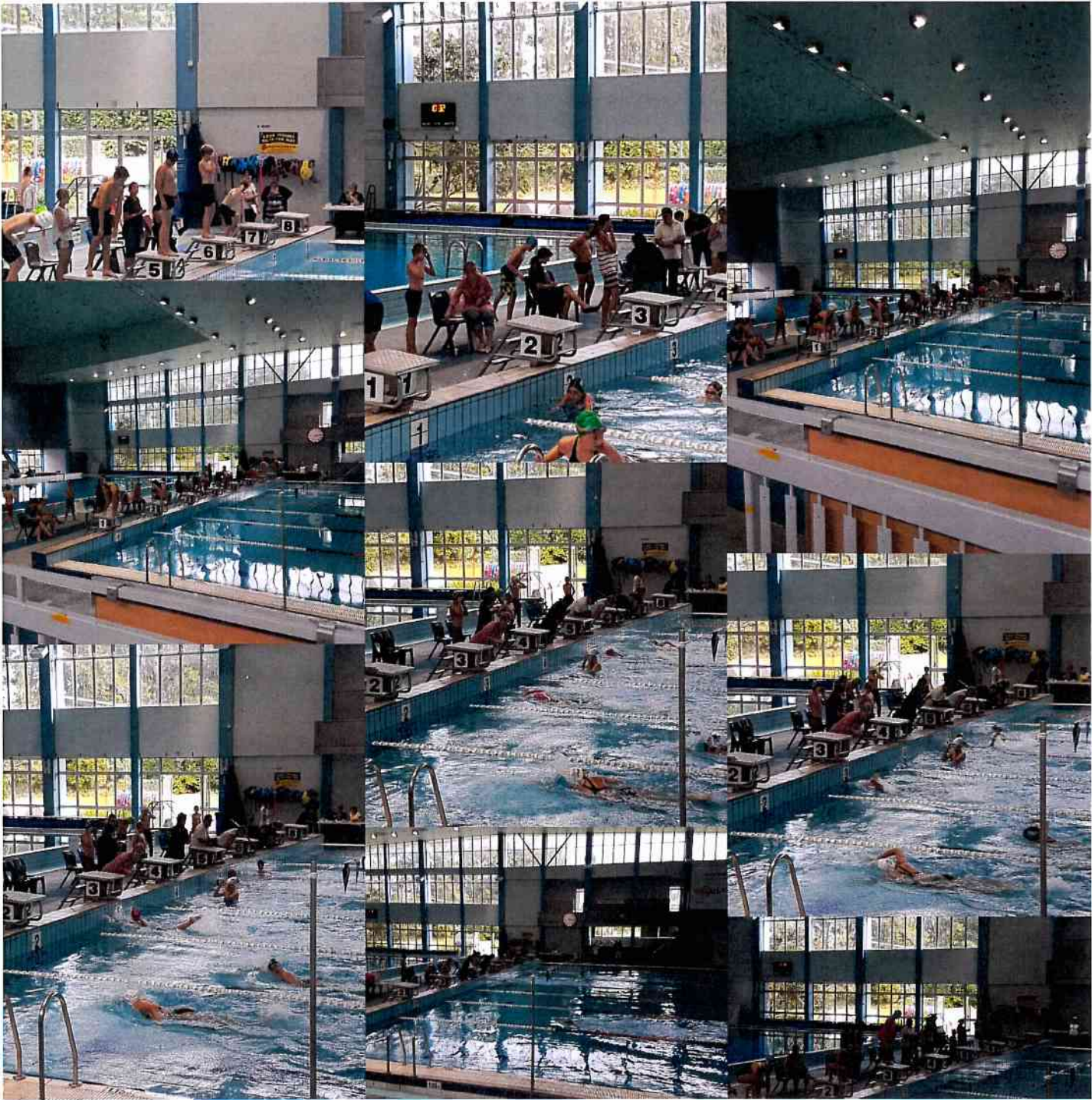
God bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton
Acting Principal



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