



# St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**2017**

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**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**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO BETTY  
O LORD  
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON HER...  
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Mrs Betty Gibson. Betty taught at St Patrick's School for many years and was our Deputy Principal. Betty was a wise, loving teacher who formed great relationships with her students and their families. She taught both my sons in their final years at St Patrick's and they were quick to point out to me that she was their favourite St Patrick's teacher – a comment I have heard repeated many times over the past few days. Betty was a fine example of a woman living the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and was a great role model for us younger teachers. Some of her grandchildren, Grace and Lucy Gibson, still attend our school. We extend our sincere sympathy to Betty's husband, Neil, her children and grandchildren and thank them for sharing her with us over many years.

I was so proud that our Senior Students insisted on forming a guard of honour for Betty yesterday, even though it was raining and unpleasant to stand outside. Well done!

RIP, Betty, and thank you for the legacy you have left us.



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## TERM DIARY

<b>Wk 9</b>	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar: Blessing of the sick 2pm. Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr: <b>Sacramental Programme</b> @9am, Colgan Learning Hub.
<b>Wk 10</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr: TA Cluster Swimming Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr: Reconciliation 1.30 – 2.30 Team 3 Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr: Whole School Assembly, 2.15-2.45pm, Hall. <b>First Reconciliation, 6pm @ Church.</b> Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr: <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>Wk 11</b>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr: Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr: Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy in church@1.30pm Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr: <b>GOOD FRIDAY – END OF TERM 1</b>
<b>EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>Wk 1</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May: <b>Term 2 Commences</b> Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue:

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.

## A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'No duty is too little to be done well'.

26.04.1873

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

...Pray for us



## Mr Brian Belczacki

We continue to keep Mr Belczacki in our thoughts and pray for his speedy recovery.  
"..May God be with you and Bless you always.."



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

### **FIFTH WEEK OF LENT...**

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



### **From the CARITAS Lenten calendar**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017..** Give up using technology today and help someone at home.

### **School Community Mass**

Thank you to all those families who attended our School Community Mass last Sunday. It was lovely to see you there. Team 3 were happy with the results of the cake stall and the sausage sizzle – over \$400 was raised for Team 3 Literacy resources.

### **Student Led Conferences...**

Team 3 completed their student Led Conferences with children sharing their online and offline work and explaining to their parents how they can access their work from home. The Team 3 teachers would value any feedback both positive and constructive. Look for an email from Marcus Oxenham.

### **BYOSD...**

Thank you for your continuing patience as we integrate devices into our Learning programmes. There will be a meeting for parents on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5.30. We will have representatives from Cyclone at the meeting, as well as teachers, to demonstrate where we are at and where we are heading to next, and to answer all your questions.

### **Recycling of used computers and other hardware.**

The closest free recycling depot for used hardware is just off the Mt Wellington highway in Auckland. If anyone is heading to Auckland in the near future, and has an empty boot, we would love to hear from you. Apparently it is a 5 minute job!



### **Farewell Vilma...**

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Mrs Vilma Hunwick, who has been the school cleaner for approximately 12 yrs. This position is now available – 4 hours per school day, from 2.00p.m. to 6.00pm and a flexible 20hrs per week during school holidays. Please contact the office for a job description if you are interested.

### **Pies...**

The Year 7 and 8 pupils are selling pies as a fundraiser for



their Wellington Camp in T 4. Notices have been sent home with the eldest child in each family today so please ask for them – they'll be in the bottom of their bags!!

**Secondhand Uniforms for Sale...** Size 6 school Jersey \$30. If interested please contact Kelly Hogan on 027 637 8650.

1 x Size 4 Pinafore approximately \$40. If interested please phone Courtney 021 258 4068.

### **Sacramental Programme Dates – 2017**

These classes commenced last Sunday. Our date for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am Mass.**

The last teaching session for First Reconciliation is this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The First Reconciliation will be held on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Meetings for parents; 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, and 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Sileni Wine Fundraiser**

Please keep the orders coming through. We have until the 7th April, and then delivery the following week in time for the school holidays. Even a single bottle order is very welcome. For very twelve bottles we sell we receive \$40 back to the school!

#### **Contact Person**

Please feel free to contact Tania 0275360492 / [tania.penliz@gmail.com](mailto:tania.penliz@gmail.com) anytime if you have anything that you would like to chat about regarding the PTA.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

**Netball Uniforms...** Netball Uniforms will be issued tomorrow lunchtime Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, students are to wait outside Bibi's shed until your team is called. Please bring your \$20 bond.

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Time (Year A)**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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:** 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me; so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' John 11:1-45.

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