



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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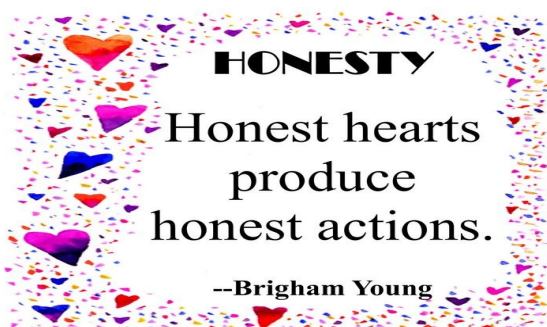
Thursday 9th November 2017

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

HONESTY



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel. To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out; we must not be afraid to set out."



Pope Francis...



Braxton Van der Poel who has started in Rm 2



The results from our school AG day are attached to this week's newsletter....

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TERM DIARY

Wk 4	Fri 10 Nov	9.15 - 10.15	Hamilton Boy's High School Testing Day
		2.15	Class Mass (Rms 3 & 4)
			Whole School Assembly - Hall
Wk 5	Mon 13 Nov	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
		8.30	Yr 5/6 Totara Springs Camp - overnight
	Tues 14 Nov	3.30	Yr 5/6 Totara Springs Camp - return
	Fri 17 Nov	9.00 - 12.00	Yr 8s visit to Sacred Heart & St Johns College
		9.15 - 10.15	Class Mass (CLH)
Wk 6	Mon 20 Nov	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
		9.00 - 2.30	CIS Inter-Schools Athletics Day - (Yr 7&8s)
	Wed 22 Nov	9.30	St Patrick's Athletics Day
		9.30	(8yr olds and up - Te Awamutu Stadium)
			(5-7yrs - athletics at School - AM - Stadium PM)
	Fri 24 Nov	9.15 - 10.15	Class Mass - (Rms 9 & 10 -TBC)
		2.00	Blessing of the Sick - Rm 8
		2.15	Whole School Assembly - Hall
Wk 7	Mon 27 Nov	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
	Fri 1 Dec	9.15 - 10.15	Class Mass (Rms 8 & 11)
Wk 8	Mon 4 Dec	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
		11.00 - 2.30	Road patrol leaders rewards day
		9.30	Team 1 trip to Kiwihouse
	Tues 5 Dec	1.30 - 2.30	Yr 7/8 Reconciliation
	Thurs 7 Dec	9.00 - 2.30	Ear Clinic, Rewi Street
		1.30 - 2.30	Yr 4 to 6 Reconciliation
	Fri 8 Dec		Feast of the Immaculate Conception
			End of Year Student Reports come home
		2.00 - 2.45	END OF YEAR—WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Wk 9	Mon 11 Dec	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
		9.00	Winning house prize day
	Date TBC	TBC	Leavers Dinner (Te Awamutu Club)
	Wed 13 Dec	1.30 - 2.30	End of Year Prizegiving - Church
		6.00 - 7.00	Christmas Liturgy & Yr 8 Graduation
	Fri 15 Dec		LAST DAY OF TERM
		11.30 - 12.30	End of Year Mass
		1.30	FINAL BUS OF THE YEAR

Room 8 Inquiry...

In Room 8 we are taking part in an Inquiry to help us become more aware of the world around us.

As part of this learning we are connecting with a school in Um Ghafa, in the UAE. We have written letters to students there and made a movie of our school introducing ourselves.



This week we received a letter back. It was really interesting to find out just how different it is over there. Here are some parts of the letter we received:

We have 1300 students at our school, girls and boys from Grades 1-5 (Years 2-6 in New Zealand). Our school is called Al Sumow School and we are in a little township (much smaller than Te Awamutu) called Um Ghafa. We are very close to the border of another country called Oman.

Al Ain is about 1 ½ hours from two big cities – Abu Dhabi and Dubai. These cities are fun to visit... in Dubai we have two big water parks and the tallest tower in the world...829.8m tall (the Sky Tower is 328m)... and it has the largest shopping mall in the world, with the world's largest indoor shopping mall. Everything here is big.

Our school is about the size of Chartwell Square in Hamilton and then a little bit bigger. Students come to school by bus (most of the students). School starts at 7am for students and ends at 1.35pm. Most students are on the bus by 6am. At 9.00am we have our first break when we eat what we call, breakfast, a snack to start the day. We have a second break at around 11am when we play. Then when we go home with our families we have big lunch together around 3.00pm and then a sleep. Then we get up and play. Our bedtime is usually around 11.00pm. It can be really hot during the day so we play at night. In the summer it can be 55 degrees here and in the winter it can be as cold as 10 degrees. So in the hot times of the year (June-July-August) we stay inside, visit malls, go to the indoor playgrounds and watch videos) we stay up most of the night when it is colder, go to the park and play and then sleep during the day. In the winter we go camping, swim in the ocean and drive in the desert. It rains about 5 days a year here and so sometimes when it rains, we have the day off school because it floods and we want to play in the rain.

An interesting thing about living in Um Ghafa, and the UAE is that we don't really have street names and house numbers. We just tell people the part of town we live in and then describe the neighbourhood we live in. Mail just normally goes to the post office. It doesn't get delivered to your house. The courier will just call you if he has a delivery and you then give him directions. It sounds crazy but it works.

Many of you told us about your birthdays. Many people here just don't know when their birthdays are. It is not seen as important. When I ask parents about their children they tell me they are about...9 or about 10. Some people know and other people don't. You told us about your families. Many students here have big families... a small number will have 2 or 3 children but many have 10 or 12... one boy in our school has more than 30 brothers and sisters!

Oh.. someone asked about camels... we have a lot of them in Um Ghafa. We have a camel race track and I stop at the camel crossing most mornings to let camels cross the road. Many of our families have camel farms. We enjoy the camels but they certainly don't come to school. It's like a sheep or dairy farm in New Zealand, except they are mainly used for racing!

Yr 7/8 Wellington Camp

Stay tuned for stories from our Year 7 & 8's Wellington Camp adventures next week.....



Yr 5/6 Robotic Workshop

Some Year 5 and 6 students took part in a robotics workshop and had a lot of fun. In our first lesson we learned about coding and numbers that went in the pixels which can make/change the look of a photo etc. Lightbot and Pyonkee were two apps we used to improve our coding skills, both of these apps are free to download on the app store or the google play store.





ENVIRO GARDENS

Thank you to the two families that have kindly donated towards our enviro gardens. To make the gardens a success we

URGENTLY need your help. We need tools to work the gardens and seedlings to plant them out.

Please contact Paula Carr at paula@stpatta.co.nz if you are able to assist.



PTA NEWS



The PTA is organising a Christmas Hamper with some wonderful prizes up for grabs and we need your help!

We kindly ask that each family bring one item to put in the Christmas Hamper either a Christmas food item or a Christmas themed entertainment item. Each family will be given a book of tickets to sell. The book includes 5 tickets. If more tickets are required please see the office. A reminder email will go out the day before the cut off date. Thank you to all those who have donated.

The winner will be drawn on 8th December at the school assembly or contacted via phone.



THE WAREHOUSE - 11th NOVEMBER

We will be doing a sausage sizzle at The Warehouse on 11th November. **WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS!** This is a great opportunity for families to come down and help out together. If you're available even for half an hour this will be most appreciated.

Contact for PTA

If you would like to join the PTA and help out any way please feel free to contact Tania 0275360492 / tania.penliz@gmail.com.



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SIZES 16, ADULTS SMALL AND MEDIUM

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SIZES 4,6,10

SENIOR SKIRTS \$68

ALL SIZES

BUCKET HATS - \$15

The Warehouse Uniform Shop

The Warehouse now has short sleeved polos available in all sizes for purchase for \$37.00. Don't forget to check our School uniform shop first for a \$25.00 bargain (see above)!

Help... If any families have second hand uniforms in sizes 4-8 that they would like to donate to the School, we would very much appreciate it...please see the office if you are able to help.

God Bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton

Acting Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses see Parish Newsletter

Saturday (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

Sunday's Gospel Reading:

'.....later the rest of the bridesmaids arrived and called out: 'Lord, Lord, open to us'.....' Matthew 25:1-13



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