



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Receptionist: Vicky Wright
Executive Officer: Dianne Ngapo
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

HONESTY

Honesty prospers
in every
condition of
life.

Friedrich Schiller

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POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the stock market loses two points."



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TERM DIARY

Wk 8	Fri 8 Dec		End of Year Student Reports come home
		10.30	Volunteers Morning Tea
	CHANGE OF TIME	11.15	END OF YEAR—WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Wk 9	Mon 11 Dec	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Honesty
		9.00	Winning house prize day
	Tues 12 Dec	9.00 - 2.30	Yr 7/8 Retreat
	Wed 13 Dec	11.30	Alison Shanks, Olympic Ambassador 8 yrs up
		1.30 - 2.30	End of Year Prizegiving - Church
		6.00 - 7.00	Christmas Liturgy and Yr 8 Graduation
	Thurs 14 Dec	9.00 - 2.30	Class Party day
	Fri 15 Dec		LAST DAY OF TERM
		11.30 - 12.30	End of Year Mass
		1.30	FINAL BUS OF THE YEAR
TERM 1 STARTS ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2018			
2018 School Office Hours			
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January - 9.00am—12.00pm			

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.

Pōwhiri to welcome our new Principal Shelly Fitness

Yesterday was our pōwhiri to welcome our new Principal Miss Shelly Fitness.

Thank you to Kayde Prescott and Jenni Oliver who began the ceremony with a karanga (call) to our manuhiri (guests). Our Kapa Haka group led by Mr Oxenham did our school proud with their singing.

Miss Fitness was accompanied by about 40 members of her current school, parish and board.

A HUGE thank you to Tony Kahura who spoke on our behalf (the tangata whenua—hosts). It was a very successful and moving afternoon with lots of comments from our guests on our lovely students and school.



Waikato Full Primary Interschool Athletics

On Wednesday 29th November, seven of the Year 7 and 8's went to Porritt Stadium in Hamilton to compete in different events for the WFP Interschool Athletics. Alana Oliver placed 2nd in the 1500m, Liam Karl placed 2nd in the shot put, with a whopping 10.97m throw, while Hannah Kendrick ran 4th in her 100m and 200m heats. Ashlee Strawbridge placed 4th in high jump and 3rd in her 200m heat.

Overall it was a great day for everyone and we all took on new challenges.



Road Patrol Day Thank You

On Monday 4th December the road patrollers from 2017 set off to go to Albert Park, Te Awamutu Sports Club for the road patrol reward day which was hosted by the Te Awamutu Police, the Te Awamutu College and Youthtown. There was a range of different activities such as lacrosse, volleyball, mini golf etc. Overall it was a very successful and thoroughly enjoyed day. We would like to thank the Police for the delicious burgers, and the Te Awamutu College and Youthtown for helping out.



Year 8 Leavers Dinner

It was amazing to see our Year 8 students dressed up in their best, looking very elegant and grown up. We enjoyed a beautiful meal and dancing. Each pupil gave a small speech expressing their appreciation for all that had been done for them during their time with us. Some of the adults and all of the teachers present spoke, acknowledging the Year 8s' achievements and encouraging them to continue to develop into people we are proud of. We wish them well for their journeys, wherever that may take them, and look forward to watching them continue to reflect the virtues that are part of our school ethos as they make their way in the world.



An Advent Meditation For You and Your Family Week 1 - Hope



This year why not try the work of quieting and silencing in order to listen for God's voice!

INVOCATION:

God of hope we are going to listen to you as we start this new church year.

Help us to quiet all the other sounds and commotion around us and listen only for you as we wait in hope for the day when we will celebrate your incarnation.

CONFESSION:

God, it seems like it started even earlier this year. All the ads and the decorations, the special songs and the movies on tv. The sound of the season is deafening. This year we want to quiet the input a little more each week until we can hear your Word speaking to us. Please be patient with us as we try to listen for your Spirit's voice.

Psalm 80:1a,19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we might be saved.

Prayer

Leader: Creator God, restore our hope even when we can't quite hear you. Sometimes it seems like you are far away. Give us the hope that you are present in every bit of your creation, every flower, animal, every single person.

All: Help us to listen to the silence.

Leader: Christ, restore our hope even when there is so much chatter that we struggle to hear which voice is yours. Give us hope that we can help one another. Give up hope that we will find ways to feed and care for all people and, above all, treat everyone with respect.

All: Help us to listen in the noise.

Leader: Holy Spirit, restore our hope that you are with us and will help us. Give us the ears to hear those who are speaking out in love. Give us wisdom to know your voice when we hear it.

All: Help us to listen for the sound of your voice. Amen.

A blessing

May God speak to us in the silence.

May God speak to us above the noise.

May we always listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice.

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2018 Stationery Lists

We are in the process of loading the 2018 stationery lists online through Officemax.

These will be available for purchase online shortly. We will send out a confirmation email once this has been finalised.

To ensure delivery before the start of the school term, stationery needs to be ordered by **19 January 2018**.

Delivery will be free for orders over \$40.00.



CHANGE IN CONTACT DETAILS

A note from the office team..

Thank you to those who have emailed through with any change in circumstances or contact details.

It is very important that we are able to make contact with the relevant caregivers when required, so please contact us via phone (07) 871 4669 or email office@stpatta.co.nz as soon as possible.

Become A Sponsor !

Would you like your business to feature in our weekly newsletter in 2018?

We have spaces available on the back page of our newsletter which is circulated every Thursday.

If you have a business, or know of a business that may be interested in securing a spot, please contact Vicky or Dianne at the office who can assist you further.

This is fantastic opportunity to showcase your business through our school community every week.



To local grandad Mr Murray Bates of Hamilton Property Care for donating his time to cut and clear the grasses at the front of the school.

PTA News

The CHRISTMAS HAMPER is on display in the school office. This is going to be a great prize. Tickets should now be in.

The winner will be drawn at tomorrow's end of year assembly.

Good luck to everyone!

Thanks - St Pats PTA Committee



Uniform Shop

"SALE" STILL ON AT OUR UNIFORM SHOP

HELP US CLEAR OUR REMAINING STOCK WITH CHEAP PRICES WHILE STOCK REMAINS. THE SHOP IS OPEN ON WEDNESDAY MORNING 8-9AM WITH LYNLEE OR BETWEEN 8AM-4PM WITH DIANNE AND VICKY.

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ALL SIZES
BUCKET HATS - \$15

Help... If any families have second hand uniforms especially 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.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu



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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:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths..'

Mark 1:1-8

God Bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton

Acting Principal

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Holiday Programme

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and is great

for kids aged 5 to 13. Young Engineers (motorised Lego) is one of our most popular activities kids love! Our theme this holidays is learning about the outdoors. There's nothing better than spending holiday's outdoors! We'll be heading down to the river for picnics, holding outdoor treasure hunts, learning about survival tips and swimming everyday! We'll keep fit with X-Fit/Yoga, learning about swim safety, outdoor crafts and heaps more!

We're heading off to the Hamilton Zoo, hiking up the Hakarimata's, learning how to 'free run' and for some down-time, we'll chill out at the movies watching "Coco". Squiggle runs from one of the best locations in Hamilton - Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) from 8am-5.30pm Mon-Fri. We offer 20% discount for siblings and eligible families can apply for WINZ funding. To enrol, please go online – www.squiggle.org.nz/enrol, or contact Katrina katrina@squiggle.org.nz or 027-909 3903.



Assistance Dogs

New Zealand Trust

PUPPY RAISERS NEEDED

Assistance Dogs NZ are looking for puppy raisers to help raise and socialise our pups. We cover the cost of feeding and vet care.

If you are able to help please contact Robyn 027 779 1488.

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