



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

HONESTY



Acting Principal: Cass Sutton
Assistant Principal: Marcus Oxenham
Director of Religious Studies: Gabrielle Balemi
Receptionist: Vicky Wright
Executive Officer: Dianne Ngapo
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk	Fri 15 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
9	11.30 - 12.30	End of Year Mass—Church.
	12.30	HOME TIME!
	1.15	All children must be off site unless catching bus.
	1.30	FINAL BUS OF THE YEAR.
TERM 1 STARTS ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2018		
2018 School Office Hours		
Wednesday 24th January 9.00am—12.00pm		
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.

St Vincent de Paul and Young Vinnies Brown Paper Bag Appeal

A massive thank you to all of those who supported this appeal this year. Fifty-five families will benefit from your generosity over the Christmas period. This truly reflects that God's Kingdom is definitely being brought to life in our community.

A big thank you goes to the students of Room 3 who worked really hard getting all the light bags and boxes down to the hall, Bibi for helping load the trailer full of the heavier bags and boxes, and to those stand-in Vinnies from Rooms 9 and 11 who worked on making sure that the boxes were full and ready to go out on time.

Once again, a massive THANK YOU!

Patsy Wisnewski

Acting Convenor Young Vinnies



KAKEPUKU Winning House Reward Day

Kakepuku house enjoyed an action packed day on Monday with Youthtown to celebrate being the winning house of 2017. Youthtown ran fun challenges and relays and the students were put into teams of mixed ages. It was great to see our students working together to complete these challenges and solve problems.

A big thank you to Youthtown for providing this service free of charge. Visit www.youthtown.org.nz if you are interested in seeing the programmes they provide during the holidays.



Visit from Alison Shanks (Olympic Ambassador)

Our students from 8 years up were lucky enough to receive a visit from Olympian Ambassador Alison Shanks, world champion cyclist. Alison was a world champion twice in the individual pursuit and was also a gold medallist at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. Alison shared her journey with us as well as demonstrating her equipment and replaying the emotions of a big race with us.

She had four important messages: dream high; share your dream with somebody you trust; be flexible - change track if necessary; practise every day.



2017 Prize Giving

Congratulations to all of our students winners who received awards at our prize giving ceremony yesterday.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS must be given to NINA LUGTU and BENJAMIN GRAINGER who were voted our Head Girl and Head Boy for 2018.

Also congratulations to our Cup Winners this year:

- Reese Sanders won the Catholic Women's League Trophy for Special Catholic Character;
- Alana Oliver won the St Patrick's Parish Centennial Trophy for Academic Effort;
- Natasha Linton won the Gibson Family Trophy for Sports Excellence;
- Hannah Kendrick won the Mason's Cup for sportsmanship effort;
- Mere Green won the Dudson Cultural Trophy.

Our 2018 leaders will be announced at the beginning of Term 1.



Our Enviro Gardens

Some students came into the office yesterday to show us the fruits of their labour (or vegetables) as the case may be, in our enviro gardens. Well done to everybody that has been involved this term.



Sports News

MINIBALL FINAL

ST PAT'S TRIDENTS v TAPS

FINAL SCORE - 27-30 (TAPS)



The St Pat's Trident's had been on fire all term, winning every game with ease leading up to the final against Te Awamutu Primary. Their coach, Megan Sanders, said it was an awesome game to watch as it was so close throughout the entire match.

Although the Trident's didn't pull off a win this time, they played their hearts out and should be very proud of themselves.

End of Year Liturgy, Year 8 Graduation and the Finale

What a lovely Christmas Liturgy and Year 8 Graduation we celebrated last night - a big thank you to Gabrielle Balemi and Michelle Russ for organising it. Also thanks to Teresa Goulding (piano) and Mike Balemi (choir) who willingly gave of their time to support our singing.

What a busy week we have had since our last newsletter: Final School Assembly; Year 7/8 Retreat; Alison Shanks (Olympian Ambassador); Prizegiving; End of Year Liturgy and Year 8 Graduation; and today Class celebrations, moving classes and resources and a huge clean up and tidy up, ready for 2018.

2017 has been an interesting year, to say the least. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making the year so successful after some major upheavals. First of all I would like to thank our teaching staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our children receive the best education possible. We appreciate all the extra hours you do to deliver exciting programmes and, especially this year, ensuring that relationships between students remain healthy and safe. Our two new Administration staff have done an amazing job coming to terms with how schools work and revising systems to make sure we are efficient and continue to improve our communication. I would also like to thank our Board of Trustees who, when they took on BOT responsibilities, had no idea what they were letting themselves in for. Many, many hours have been spent on supporting us through this challenging year, searching for a new Principal, managing our budget and ensuring that we have an attractive environment to work in. Thank you also to our fundraisers, especially Tania Barras, Rochelle Old and Kaz Spiers who, between them, have raised more than \$30,000 for the school this year. Thank you to all those parent volunteers who have supported us in so many ways, school camps, class trips, sports teams, managing resources, art electives, choir, Lucky Book Club, uniform shop, lunches. Thank you to Father Joe Stack, our Parish Priest, for his continuous support, flexibility, humour and usually listening to instructions! Thank you also to our faithful parishioners who continually keep us in their prayers and who are so encouraging of us.

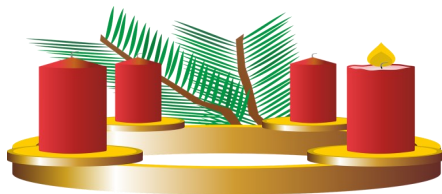
We know that Education is a partnership between students, parents and teachers. Thank you to all of you parents who have supported your child/ren's learning and helped strengthen those partnerships. With modern technology, it is so much easier to be involved in students' learning and they really love the comments etc that you post. And, finally, a big thank you to our pupils for being the people they are and making our jobs fun, challenging, rewarding, stressful and extremely fulfilling. When I look at the calibre of our Year 8 leavers I am proud of the education we have offered them and the amazing young people they have become. They have the skills and attitudes to be whatever they want and I am sure they will make us all proud.

I wish you all the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas, a Happy new Year and great family times over the holidays.

God Bless

Cass





An Advent Meditation For You and Your Family Week 2 - Peace

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

INVOCATION:

God of peace we are listening for your word. We desperately need your peace. Bless this time as we quiet other sounds and attend to you.

CONFESSION:

You know us Lord. We set out with good intentions of silencing the cacophony and focusing on you. But the pressures and expectations are loud and drown out the peace you offer. Be patient with us as we try again to quiet a place in our hearts and make room for you.

Psalm 85:8

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

2 Peter 3:13-14a

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Prayer

Leader: Creator God, help us to remember that the time you picked for your incarnation was not any more peaceful than the time we are in. It was filled with violence and injustice, but somehow, you managed to bring words of peace to us. When we think you are silent, and we start to panic, give us peace.

All: Help us to listen to the silence.

Leader: Christ, you know first hand how hard it is to get us to listen. You taught us how to live peacefully. When we can't hear your voice over all that's happening in the news, and we start to panic, give us peace.

All: Help us to listen in the noise.

Leader: Holy Spirit, we need you to help us act when that is wise, and to wait when that is what you want us to do. Be very near to us so that if we start to panic, your presence will give us peace.

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

A blessing

May God speak to us in the silence.



FINANCIALS

Student statements were sent out last week and we still have a large amount unpaid. Please give priority to activities that your child has participated in but not yet paid for, e.g. trips, stationery, uniform, Athletics, Hapara, swimming. These are costs that our school has already paid and without your payment to reimburse us, our budget runs at a loss.



2018 Stationery Lists

The stationery lists will be online by the beginning of next week through Officemax at www.myschool.co.nz.

Please look out for our detailed email tomorrow on the steps you should follow to order your child's stationery for 2018. It will be necessary to know your child's class room number for next year and what year they will be in (refer to the back page of their school report).

A reminder that all stationery **MUST** be ordered by **19th January 2018** to ensure delivery before the start of Term 1.

If you are not able to order online, you may visit the Officemax store in Hamilton (corner Victoria & Princes Street). The team at Officemax will be able to provide you with your child's relevant stationery list and assist you with putting it together.

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.

**THINKING ABOUT
SIGNING YOUR KIDS UP
FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE
RUGBY NEXT SEASON?**



**COME AND JOIN
TE AWAMUTU MARIST!**

A family friendly club, awesome coaches, great fitness and fun.

Sign up days and dates will be sent out early next year.

For updates LIKE our TE AWAMUTU MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY FB PAGE.

CONTACT JUNIOR DELEGATES:

Glenn 0274 362 876 or Sophia 021 215 1875

PTA News

PTA Report 2017

What an awesome year 2017 has been! We would like to thank each of our wonderful families and the community within St Pats who have supported and helped out with so many different aspects of the PTA.

This year we have seen various fundraisers, Sileni Wines, Abacus Calendar Art, Food Bag, Raffles and Sausage Sizzles. I have a few special parents to thank who have helped out along the way. Thank you to the team who helped out at The Warehouse Sausage Sizzle on a Saturday morning, Tamara Barnett, Mandy Archer-Page and Rob Chisholm. Renee Irwin was an inspiration with the Food Bag and did a great job of coordinating this. Grandparents Day BBQ was exceptional with the team of Mandy Archer-Page, Deborah Hamilton and Bibi ensuring everything ran ship shape. Our two top chefs Lance Fielder and Colin Old with the Athletics Day BBQ – this was truly an outstanding effort and I believe to have been the most successful BBQ ever run yet. Who said that there wasn't money in cooking sausages?

We have to say a big thanks to Couplands Transport, Osbornes Transport, Dairy NZ, Gibson Construction and especially Magills Butchery who have sponsored and supported our PTA.

The lunch committee helpers of Jane Abel, Tamara Barnett, La Kidd-Smith and Carli Orr. These ladies dedicated there Thursday evenings and Friday lunchtimes to making sure that the children of St Pats had their lunch orders filled. What an amazing team!

A special thanks to our lovely and organised Administration Team of Vicky Wright and Diane Ngapo – these ladies are true stars and put in so much effort to support the PTA.

Thank you to Cass Sutton and the BOT for supporting the PTA this year and for helping to establish a more structured committee moving forward into 2018. We welcome Mandy Archer-Page as the President, Tamara Barnett as the Secretary and Carli Orr as the Treasurer. These ladies will be well supported with a new committee as well.

I would like to thank everyone personally, for your help and support over the last five years whilst I have been on the PTA, and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Blessings

Tania Barras (outgoing PTA committee member)

Christmas Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Christmas raffle winners..

1st Prize - Sue Sander

2nd Prize - Bonnie Gill

3rd Prize - Nic Crofskey



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.

SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS - \$25

JUNIOR – ALL SIZES EXCEPT 6

SENIOR – ALL SIZES, LIMITED STOCK OF 8 AND 10

LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS - \$25

JUNIOR – SIZES 4, 14

SENIOR – 8, 10, 12, 16

NAVY DRESS SHORTS \$15

SIZES 16, ADULTS SMALL AND MEDIUM

PINAFORE \$85

SIZES 4,6,10

SENIOR SKIRTS \$68

ALL SIZES

BUCKET HATS - \$15

LOST PROPERTY

Tom Transom, Rm 2 - has two right feet sandals (not named), one size 12, one size 1. Does anyone have two left sandals that are different sizes?

Phone Jane, 021 2242456

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

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:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord.'"*

John 1:6-8



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