



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Principal: Shelly Fitness
Deputy Principal: Cass Sutton
Acting Assistant Principal: Aimee McMillan
Director of Religious Studies: Gabrielle Balemi
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:

RESPECT



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

TERM DIARY

Wk 1	Fri 2 Feb	9.15 - 10.15	Whole School Mass
Wk 2	Mon 5 Feb	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
	Tues 6 Feb		Waitangi Day - School is Closed
	Fri 9 Feb	2.15	Whole School Assembly - Hall
		5.30 - 7.00	Meet the Teachers evening - Top field
	Sat 11 Feb		Weet-Bix Tryathlon - Hamilton
Wk 3	Mon 12 Feb	8.55	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
	Wed 14 Feb	9.15 - 10.15	ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - 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

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome back for 2018 and a special welcome to our new families and staff who have joined us this year.

I have been in and around the school for a few weeks now and I am feeling very at home here. It has been wonderful this week to see the school come alive as our students arrive to start the school year.

The teachers have, of course, been back at school for a number of weeks now, battling the heat to prep for the coming term. I have been very impressed with their commitment and professionalism. Last week we had three Teacher Only Days, including a day with facilitator Kate Friedwald on Digital Fluency in the classroom. It was inspiring to watch the teachers working with Kate to develop plans for target learners and discussing how digital tools can support this learning.

This Friday at 9.15am we will gather together in the church to celebrate our beginning-of-year school Mass. By coincidence, this is also the feast of Candlemas where traditionally, all household candles were blessed for the coming year. You are all most welcome to join us for this special Mass and you are also welcome to bring along a candle to have it blessed by Fr Joe.

It has been a pleasure to meet many students over the past couple of days. My first impressions are that our students are confident and respectful. It is evident to me that leadership skills are a focus here at St Pat's and this shines through especially in our Year 7 and 8 students.

It has also been great to meet lots of parents. Forgive me if I stumble on names for the first few weeks, there is lots to learn! If you would like to meet with me one-on-one, please phone the office to make an appointment or catch up with me before or after school when I plan to be out in the grounds.

A reminder that hats and water bottles are a must in this hot weather. Any child without a hat will be expected to stay in the shade during break times.

Have a joyful first week back!

God bless,
Shelly Fitness, Principal

WELCOME to our School..

Lucas Oliver, Henna Phat, Grace Van der Hulst, Brax Bayley, Maverick Ward, Senuda Wijamunige, Nethuli Wijamunige, Henko Patterson, Ruben Patterson, Graham Cawood, Sarah-Kate Nicholas, Narah Jade de Farias and Jan Rivera.

We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats!



We also welcome to our teaching staff Mrs Samantha Beck who is teaching some of our Year 4/5 students in Room 7.



Mix, Mingle and meet the Teachers

On Friday 9th February from 5.30pm..

Here is our first opportunity to gather together, meet new people including our new Principal, new teachers and new families.

Pack a picnic tea, bring your fish and chips or cook your dinner on our school BBQ.

Classrooms will be open if you would like to have a look around.

The school pool will also be open and cricket etc will be available.



Delivering/picking up children from School

REMINDER: Morning Drop Off

Please remember that children are to be dropped at the roadside, not in the church or school carparks. Also, don't forget to use the pedestrian crossings in the morning and afternoons. This is a health and safety issue and it is our priority to keep our students safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cycling to School

Children should be 10 years or older to ride to school unless accompanied by a parent or caregiver. (This is in line with Police recommendations). Standards approved helmets must be worn.

Scooters to School

Although there are no specific laws around the operation of scooters, the Police have advised us that they should be walked across roads.

NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden on school grounds.

Students Catching Buses

Bus organisation for this year is underway. If there are any set days your child is not travelling on the bus please email the office at office@stpatta.co.nz, otherwise the teacher on duty will expect your child to be in the bus line. New bus tags will be issued shortly. A Code of Conduct for 2018 will be sent home next week. This is a legal requirement so please sign and return the form to school. All students can travel on buses as normal while we are finalising these arrangements.

Uniforms

If your child is not in correct uniform (including footwear), please ensure that they have a note explaining the reason why.

Hats...The uniform hat is the monogrammed bucket hat. These give good protection against the sun. The school policy is...





BYOSD

(Bring Your Own Specified Device)

continues to run in the school this year for year 3 and up. This is not compulsory. If your child had a Chromebook at school last year they may continue to bring it to school this year. If your child has a new device they **must not** bring it to school until you have made contact with Mrs McMillan.

We have a permission slip that needs signing and an online Google Form to fill out. Once this is done their device must have Google Console added (more information on this is on the letter that goes home with the permission slip). She can only apply Google Console on Wednesdays.

Please contact Mrs McMillan at
aimee@stpatta.co.nz.



We will have a more detailed sports section in next week's newsletter.

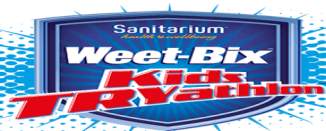
Future Ferns Netball year 1-4, information has been sent home today. If your child is interested please complete the registration form and return to the office no later than **WEDNESDAY 7TH February**.

Miniball for term 1 is starting on 19th February.

Touch Rugby for term 1 is starting on 1st March.

Registration forms will be sent out next week for Miniball and Touch.

This year ALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS must be in by the due date. No late entries will be accepted.



The Weet-Bix Tryathlon is taking place on 11th February 2018 at the Waikato University. Online registrations close this Sunday 4th February. Our school has been registered. If you wish to register under our school name, you have the option of choosing to link to your school when registering from home.

SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE RUGBY NOW



SIGN UP DATES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15TH | 5 - 6pm
THURSDAY MARCH 1ST | 5 - 6pm
THURSDAY MARCH 15TH | 5 - 6pm

Ages 3 - 13 years old
SUBS \$40 (FOR ONE)
\$70 (FOR TWO)
\$90 (FOR THREE)
(includes shorts & socks)

Current Juniors can register online:

www.sporty.co.nz

Contact Junior Delegates: tamaristjunior@gmail.com
 Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 or Glenn Morris 027 436 2878



2018 WAIKATO COUNTRY BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE TRIAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 & FEBRUARY 17
 AT CAMBRIDGE HIGH

U11 BOYS/GIRLS	9.00 - 10.30AM
U13 BOYS/GIRLS	10.30 - 12.00PM
U15 BOYS	12.00 - 2.00PM
U15/U17/U19 GIRLS	12.00 - 2.00PM
U17/U19 MEN	2.00 - 4.00PM

AGE GROUP GUIDE

(AGES ARE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018)

UNDER 19	MUST BE AGED 18 OR YOUNGER UP TO 31/12/2018 (BIRTH DATES 2000/2001)
UNDER 17	MUST BE AGED 16 OR YOUNGER UP TO 31/12/2018 (BIRTH DATES 2002/2003)
UNDER 15	MUST BE AGED 14 OR YOUNGER UP TO 31/12/2018 (BIRTH DATES 2004/2005)
UNDER 13	MUST BE AGED 12 OR YOUNGER UP TO 31/12/2018 (BIRTH DATES 2006/2007)
UNDER 11	MUST BE AGED 10 OR YOUNGER UP TO 31/12/2018 (BIRTH DATES 2008/2009)

EACH PLAYER TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM AND \$5 PER PLAYER

Eligibility to play - you must live or attend school in the Waikato Country area. This includes CAMBRIDGE, TE AWAMUTU, OTOROHANGA, TE KUITI, TAUMARUNUI, MORRINSVILLE, MATAMATA, PUTATURU, TOKOROA.

WAIKATOCOUNTRYBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

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God Bless

Shelly Fitness, Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email: parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz

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:

"Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out."

Mark 1:29-39



Helpful Hints in caring for your children's skin

In warm, humid temperatures don't over dress child.

Bath, shower daily-ensure water temperature is not too hot.

Pat skin, dry do not rub. (rubbing can cause skin irritations).Ensure creases/folds are skin are dried well.

Don't use too much soap, bubble baths or synthetic oils-ie Johnson and Johnson baby oil.in water as these dry out the skin and cause the skin to become more prone to infections.

After bath or shower moisturise skin using sorbelene-can be brought from supermarkets and chemists.-Apply like you are stroking a cat in the direction of the hair growth.

Keep children's nails clipped short and clean-this helps stops the skin from getting broken if children are scratching.

Good hand hygiene-wash hands after toilet, before food after playing outside or with animals.

For the child prone to skin infections-(ie boils, infected insect bites, school sores, infected eczema **Use ½ cup off unscented bleach in child's bath at least 1x a week. -not Janola (2% hypochlorite budget bleach) This helps to decolonise the skin of excessive bacteria.**

Use insect repellent on children in times when mosquitos are rampant.

Keep general household rubbish away from areas where children play and windows and entrances to house-to avoid fly infestations.

To avoid dust mites and bed bugs vacuum, damp dust house regularly.

Use sunblock on children's skin and replace yearly (sunblock that is over a year old may not be effective.)

Weeping, red, reoccurring sores that are spreading seek medical treatment.

Useful websites

www.kidshealth.org.nz