



# St Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 15th February 2018**

**Principal:** Shelly Fitness  
**Deputy Principal:** Cass Sutton  
**Acting Assistant Principal:** Aimee McMillan  
**Director of Religious Studies:** Gabrielle Balemi  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Stack  
**BOT Chairperson:** Lorraine Kendrick

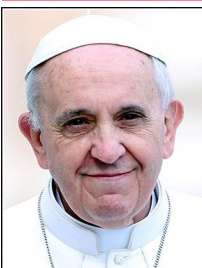
**Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,**

**The Virtue for this term is:**

**RESPECT**



Respect is like a mirror, the more you show it to others, the more they will reflect it back.



Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death

— Pope Francis —

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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 3	Fri 16 Feb	1.00 - 2.30	Bio Blitz - Lake Rotopiko - Rm 4
Wk 4	Mon 19 Feb	9.00	<b>PAT Testing week</b> Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
		8.30 - 2.30	Ear Clinic Van
		1.30 - 2.30	Yr 7/8 Immunisation talk
	Fri 23 Feb	2.00	Whole School Assembly - Hall
Wk 5	Mon 26 Feb	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
		7.00 - 8.00pm	Sports Committee Meeting
	Tues 27 Feb	8.30 - 2.30	Yr 7/8 CIS Swimming - Hamilton Boys
	Thurs 1 Mar		Yr 7/8 Leadership Camp
	Fri 2 Mar		Yr 7/8 Leadership Camp

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.

**Kia Ora Koutou,**

Thank you to those parents who braved the rain to come and "meet the teacher" last Friday evening. It was a shame that the community picnic had to be cancelled due to bad weather but it was lovely for the teachers to be able to spend unrushed time with those who did come along between 5pm and 6pm. If you would still like the opportunity to meet your child's teacher you are very welcome to pop into class before or after school any day or to email them for a more formal opportunity. Teachers regularly respond to emails between 8am and 5pm.

I was very proud to take four of our Year 8 students to attend the opening Mass for St John's College this week. They represented our school well and St John's were honoured by our attendance. A highlight was hearing the St John's boys' singing voices and seeing their obvious pride in their school.

Next week we mark the anniversary of the attack on Rangiaowhia. I have to admit that before moving here I knew little of this historic event and I have been moved by the stories I have heard and read this week. I look forward to attending the commemorations with some of our students on Wednesday.

Next week some teachers will begin testing students to gather beginning-of-year information. It is really important to us that this is not a stressful or anxious time for our students. The purpose of the tests is to help the teachers identify gaps in knowledge or skills, not to inform a child if they are "passing" or "failing". If you are talking about the tests at home, please support us by letting your child know that these tests are to help the teacher and are just one of many tools the teacher will use to build a picture of them.

Have a blessed week,

*Shelly Fitness*, Principal



The junior school didn't miss out on the wet weather fun had at lunchtime yesterday! Lovely to see so many gleeful faces embracing the rainy summer day!



### School Newsletter

#### LUCKY BOOK CLUB:

Issue 1 for Term 1 is being sent home this week. The final cut off date for orders is 31st March 2018.

#### NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT:

From now on our school newsletter will only be published fortnightly on odd weeks. We may from time to time send a group email out during even weeks to remind parents of upcoming events. All event details are available on our school Facebook page and on our school calendar (find the link on our Website).

#### SPORTS TEAM PHOTO:

We have received a team netball photo from Photolife with no information as to the owner. If you ordered a team photo please come and see the office staff.

#### PERMISSION AND AGREEMENT FORM:

These forms have been sent home this week with every student in the school. Please return these to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding the form please contact Ms Fitness as soon as possible.

#### LOST PROPERTY:

x1 size 10, short sleeved polo shirt named "Shrimpton". Please check your child's clothing and return to Room 6 if found.

#### SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS:

Bus children—return your Code of Conduct agreement forms by Monday 19th February. These forms are a legal requirement.

#### SITUATION VACANT:

I am looking for a reliable, mature person to pick up my two boys from St Patrick's 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) and look after them for about 2hrs each day on Tuesday/Thursday and 1.5hrs on Wednesday.

Bus tags have been added to your child's school bag.

The successful applicant will need to have a clean drivers licence, have kind and nurturing qualities and good references.

If you are interested, please call Dee on 027 780 6627.





### BYOD

**(Bring Your Own 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). Mrs McMillan can only apply Google Console on Wednesdays.

Please contact Mrs McMillan at [aimee@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:aimee@stpatta.co.nz)

## SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE RUGBY NOW



### SIGN UP DATES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> | 5 - 6pm

THURSDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> | 5 - 6pm

THURSDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> | 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](http://www.sporty.co.nz)**

Contact Junior Delegates: [tamaristjunior@gmail.com](mailto:tamaristjunior@gmail.com)

Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 or Glenn Morris 027 436 2878



**NETBALL** for years 4-8 notices will be coming home this week.

**MINIBALL** teams have been registered. A notice will be coming home this week.

**TOUCH** registrations close today.



**SWIMMING** fees for years 4-8 \$25.

Please pay **ASAP**.

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's Weet-Bix Tryathlon.



## 2018 JUNIOR RUGBY

### WEIGH-IN DATES

**@ Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms**

All registrations to be done online prior to Weigh-ins. See facebook post for further information.

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

**All Grades  
6th - 13th**

Tuesday 6th March  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8th March  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 11th March  
10am - 12pm

**Subs \$45**

To be paid in cash (only)  
at weigh-in's or online  
when registering.  
Includes Shorts & Socks



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

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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:**

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." *Mark 1:12-15*



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