



# St Patrick's Catholic School News

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

**The Virtue for this term is:**



The season of Lent offers us a chance to stand back and examine our relationship with God and with others. When we were children we were often encouraged to "give something up" for Lent. So often that could mean storing up lollies for the whole of Lent and overindulging on them on Easter Sunday. So often we only associate fasting with giving up food. Pope Francis gives some great guidelines for us on what fasting might mean: Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



**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



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[TERM DIARY](#)

<b>Wk</b>	<b>Thurs 1 Mar</b>		Yr 7/8 Leadership Camp, Raglan
<b>5</b>	<b>Fri 2 Mar</b>		Yr 7/8 Leadership Camp, Raglan
<b>Wk</b>	<b>Mon 5 Mar</b>	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
<b>6</b>	<b>Tues 6 Mar</b>	TBC	Junior Swimming Showcase, School Pool
	<b>Fri 9 Mar</b>		24 Hours of Prayer, Church
		2.00	Whole School Assembly, Hall
		3.00	PTA Meeting, Church Lounge
<b>Wk</b>	<b>Mon 12 Mar</b>	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
<b>7</b>			Junior Swimming Postponement Day
		1.30-2.30	Road Patrol Training Afternoon
	<b>Tues 13 Mar</b>	9.00-2.00	Yr 4-8 Swimming Sports, Events Centre
	<b>Wed 14 Mar</b>	6.00-8.00	BOT Meeting - Staffroom
	<b>Thurs 15 Mar</b>	1.30-3.00	Yr 5/8 Reconciliation, Church
	<b>Sat 17 Mar</b>	5.00-6.00	Community Mass, Church
<b>Wk</b>	<b>Mon 19 Mar</b>	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
<b>8</b>		8.30-2.30	Ear Clinic Van, Rewi Street
	<b>Wed 21 Mar</b>		Paid Union Meeting
	<b>Fri 23 Mar</b>	2.00	Whole School Assembly, Hall

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



## Baptism Course

Thank you to those who responded to our offer of the gift of Baptism for your child.

The dates for the course are as follows:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 13 March

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

The sessions will start at around 3pm after school in Room 1 (I just need some time to get my room sorted!). They will go for about 40 to 45 minutes. Each child will take home a booklet with a bit of homework which they will need your support with. The children must attend each session.

God Bless

Gabrielle Balemi (DRS)

Kia Ora Koutou,

It's Week 5 which means we are already half way through Term 1. It has been a very busy start to the year and this fast pace is set to continue for the next six weeks with lots of exciting opportunities coming up.

I have been absolutely blown away by the time and effort our teaching staff put in to make sure our students have access to outstanding opportunities. This term alone the opportunities on offer are:

- Swimming lessons
- Swimming Sports
- Swim Demo Day
- Enviro Club
- Vinnies
- Netball
- Touch
- Miniball
- Leadership Camp
- Trip to Rangiaowhia
- Project Energise Leadership Development Days
- Catholic Interschool Swimming Sports
- Te Awamutu Swimming Sports
- Waikato Intermediate Swimming Sports
- World Day of Prayer
- Altrusa Black Water Rafting Day
- Guest Speaker, Andrew Stroud
- Solidarity Day
- Road Patrol Training
- Reconciliation
- St Patrick's Day Tabloids
- Student First Aid Training
- Football Festival
- Science Roadshow



We should count ourselves very lucky to have such dedicated teachers.

When you receive this newsletter I will be on Leadership Camp with our Year 7 and 8 students in Raglan. The theme is the good-old-kiwi-summer and we will be swimming, walking across the bridge for ice-cream, playing beach cricket, paddle-boarding, cooking on the BBQ and sleeping in tents. We look forward to sharing this time with the senior students of our school and hope that it is a time through which they can strengthen relationships with each other and grow in leadership and confidence.

Pope Francis has asked every Catholic parish in the world to put aside "24 hours for the Lord" during Lent this year. Next Friday we will be joining our parish with their 24 hours of prayer which begins at 9.15am on Friday with Mass and finishes 24 hours later on Saturday at 9.15am. Each class will be rostered on to take a shift in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open all afternoon and all night if you would also like to visit with your family.

Have a blessed week.

*Shelly Fitness*, Principal

Our Wednesday sausage sizzle and mufti day was a HUGE success. A special thank you to Michelle Oliver and Allan McManus for giving up their valuable time to help cook the sausages. Also to the St Vincent de Paul Society for the generous donation of the bread and tomato sauce, and to all of our Vinnie's student volunteers for helping to make sure everybody got their correct orders. We raised a total of \$720.00 which will go towards assisting the people of Tonga who were sadly affected by Cyclone Gita.

We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



# Notice Board



## CHURCH CARPARK:

Parents are NOT to park in the church carpark after school for pick-up. This is an area that our middle-school students use to leave the school and cars reversing during this busy time causes significant and unnecessary risk to our students. We have seen a number of scary near-misses over the past weeks despite this reminder being in the newsletter twice already. It is discouraging to staff who have reminded parents of this rule, only to see those parents continuing to park behind the church the next day. Please show respect to our staff who have our students' safety as their first priority.

## TEAM 1 AND 2 SWIMMING SHOWCASE:

Tuesday March 6th 2018, St Patrick's School Pool 1.00 - 2.45pm  
(Postponement Date: Monday 12 March)  
Keep a look out for the letter emailed to you today.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES:

### WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH

Please note classroom teachers will be attending a paid Union Meeting, starting at 1.30pm. We would appreciate as many children as possible being picked up from school from 12.40pm as teachers will be leaving school at 1.00pm. There will be two or three staff members on site to take care of children who are not able to be picked up.

### WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL

**TEACHER ONLY DAY.** Staff will be attending a professional development course in Hamilton and school will be closed. A reminder that this year the Easter break will commence on Good Friday 30th March and school will resume on Thursday 5th April.

## READING EGGS and EGGS PRESS:

We are excited and pleased to use Reading Eggs & Reading Eggspress in our school this year. Students in Rooms 4-8 and the Colgan Learning Hub are enjoying using this learning tool in their classrooms. These students also have access to their accounts outside of school.

We are confident that this digital tool will support our students to develop their reading skills.

The fee \$20.00 for this learning tool has now been added to your student account. This amount is due for payment by Friday 30 March.

## STUDENT DAIRIES:

Unfortunately we have been unable to source enough student dairies this year. They are available for year 7 and 8 only and are available at the school office for \$6.00.

## LOST PROPERTY:

x1 size 4, short sleeved polo shirt named "Driver". Please check your child's clothing and return to Rocco in Room 1 if found.

X1 size 3 black Roman sandal named "Harry Smith". Please check your child's sandals and return to Harry in Room 7 if found.

## PE TOPS:

x2 Size 12, PE tops urgently needed for students from another school playing in our senior touch team. Please hand in to the office.



## TERM 1 STATEMENTS

Term 1 statements have been emailed out. If you did not receive yours please contact the office to confirm we have your correct email address.

## YR 4-8 SWIMMING FEE OVERDUE!!!!!!!!!!

If you have an outstanding swimming fee of \$25.00, please pay ASAP.



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)



Our new PTA committee 2018 contacts are:

President - Mandy Archer-Page

Secretary - Tamara Barnett

Treasurer - Carli Orr

They can be reached at [pta@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:pta@stpatta.co.nz).

**Year 4-8 swimming sports lunches are available on pre-order only.** There will be no sales on the day. The order forms will issued by the PTA shortly so check your child's bag regularly.





**TOUCH RUGBY** starts tonight Thursday 1st March. Team lists were sent out on Tuesday and the draw is on our Facebook page.

**NETBALL** teams have been collated and more information is coming shortly.



**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/>

**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:**  
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Contact Junior Delegates: [tamaristjunior@gmail.com](mailto:tamaristjunior@gmail.com)  
 Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 or Glenn Morris 027 436 2878



**Lighthouse Kidz Club**  
Holiday Program

@ St Andrew's Hall Complex  
80 Mutu St, Te Awamutu

**Monday 16th Friday 20th April**

10am—2pm  
5 to 13 years  
\$10 per child

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*Bookings limited*

Contact Ruth 0226785700 or Sharon 871 6609

## 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:

"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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