



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

Respect

Without respect,
relationships are lost.
We're all different and if
someone can't value your
differences and respect
your values and beliefs,
then they don't deserve
a front row seat in
your life.



Principal: Shelly Fitness
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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 7	Thurs 15 Mar	1.30-3.00	Yr 5/8 Reconciliation, Church
	Sat 17 Mar	5.00-6.00	Community Mass, Church
Wk 8	Mon 19 Mar	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
		8.30-2.30	Ear Clinic Van, Rewi Street (07 838 3565)
	Tues 20 Mar	3.00 -3.45	Baptism Course, Rm 1
	Wed 21 Mar		Paid Union Meeting
	Fri 23 Mar	All Day	Waikato Full Primary Swimming
		2.00	Whole School Assembly
Wk 9	Mon 26 Mar	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
	Tue 27 Mar	3.00-3.45	Baptism Course, Rm 1
	Thurs 29 Mar	TBC	Easter Liturgy
	Fri 30 Mar		Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
Wk 10	Mon 2 Apr		Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
	Tues 3 Apr		Easter Tuesday - NO SCHOOL
	Wed 4 Apr		Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL
	Fri 6 Apr	2.00	Whole School Assembly
Wk 11	Mon 9 Apr	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
		11.30-12.30	Senior Soccer Festival
	Thur 12 Apr	9.00-10.00	Junior Soccer Festival
		9.30-2.30	Yr 7/8 Touch Tournament
	Fri 13 Apr		END OF TERM 1

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

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer!
As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!



Kia Ora Koutou,

What a great week this has been to see our students shine!

On Friday our Student Leaders for 2018 were announced and it has been wonderful to see each of them take up their leadership roles this week and begin working alongside the teachers and their peers to create exciting events and to support learning programmes. My congratulations to each of them.

To those senior students who applied but were not successful in winning a leadership position, I offer my admiration. Putting yourself out there to be considered for a role is a brave thing to do and unfortunately there are times in life when not everyone can be given the job in question. The measure of your success will be how you bounce back from disappointment and how you go on to be leaders within your own class. We are proud of all of our senior students and we are excited to be sharing in this year of learning, challenge and growth with you all.

On a similar theme, you will have seen the notices that have come home regarding our Teacher Only Day on the Wednesday after Easter. On this day all Catholic Schools in our Community of Learning (11 schools in all) will be closed for the day while teachers undertake Professional Learning together. The theme of the day is "Not Everyone Gets the Badge", referencing all of those students in our community who are intelligent, skilled, creative and talented but who do not always win the trophy or get awarded the leadership badge. We look forward to the discussion and learning that will come from this day.

Another event that highlighted our students' talents this week was our Senior Swimming Sports. It was great to see our talented swimmers battling it out for places and also inspiring to see those children who just wanted to swim a length without stopping or complete an event achieve their goals. My thanks to Aimee McMillan for her seamless organisation of the event - with 16 timekeepers, marshalls, recorders, mathematicians etc. to organise it is a big ask of any teacher on top of their already busy days but Aimee did an incredible job! My thanks also to the PTA who provided a much appreciated morning tea for all the helpers.

The coming week is a busy one and I would like to draw your attention to the following events:

This Saturday at 5pm is our family Mass for the term which coincides with St Patrick's Day. Children (and parents) are encouraged to attend in their best green attire and there will be a prize for the best funny hat. Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle, cake stall, bottle auction and a cup of tea. I understand that attendance at family Masses has been a concern and I would urge you to consider the commitment you made to our Catholic faith when you enrolled your child/ren at St Patrick's. We only ask for attendance at one family Mass per term and the expectation is that all families attend.

This Monday is St Joseph's Day which we celebrate in memory of the Josephite sisters who founded the school. We will celebrate with a school Mass at 9.15am, all parents are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, school will remain open for the day but we ask, that if you are able, you pick up your child at lunchtime to allow our teachers to attend their Paid Union Meeting. I am sure you have been following this in the media and understand that it is important for our teachers to have their say before negotiations begin.

THANK YOU TO PHASE ELECTRICAL

A huge thank you to Phase Electrical who sponsored the ribbons that each child received at swimming sports. Remember to support Phase Electrical as they support us!

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all at our Mass on Saturday evening.

God bless,

Shelly Fitness

Swimming

Teams 1 and 2 Swimming Showcase

Last Tuesday, Teams 1 and 2 held their Swimming Showcase to display the skills that the children had learnt during their swimming sessions. The children were very excited to show off their skills to their parents and friends. We had an amazing turnout of spectators to support the children, even though some of them got slightly wet from over-zealous kicking at the side of the pool! The Showcase is always a great way to finish off the swimming season.

Thank you to parents for making sure that the children had their togs packed in the school bags each day, even when the weather was looking unfavourable.



The Junior School would like to extend a huge thank you to Nicola Kraayvanger who gave up her time to come and support our junior swimmers who were not so confident in the pool. The impact that you had on those students was immeasurable. It was exciting to see the delight on the children's faces when they achieved their goals in the pool.

Nicola, you were our angel! Junior Team



Year 4-8 Swimming Sports

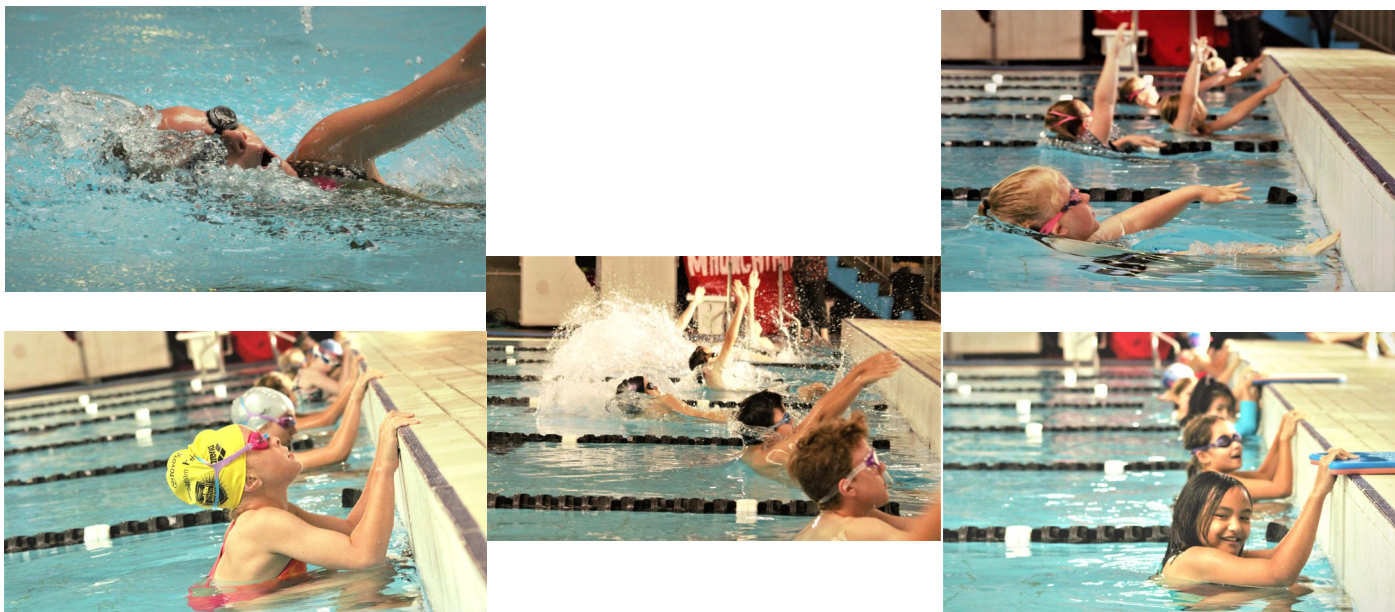
What a great day Swimming Sports was! It was wonderful to see our kids cheering each other on and pushing themselves in the pool.

A huge thank you to all the parents that gave up their time to help us with timekeeping and the PTA for providing the yummy food for morning tea.

The highlight of the day has to go to the parent vs kids race! The kids loved it and can't stop talking about it!

Please find the results attached to this newsletter.

We aim to hand out 1st place certificates next Friday at assembly. 2nd and 3rd place will be handed out in classes next week.



SPORTS

NEWS

Netball - A reminder that your Code of Conduct and fees need to be returned to the office by Thursday 15th March. These need to be returned before you can begin playing. The grading games start on Saturday, good luck to everyone.

Draw for Saturday 17th March (Grading Games)

Team St Pats v's.	Time/ Court	We thank our Sponsors
St Pats B&C Property v Pekerau Stars	10.15am C2	
St Pats B&C Property v Korakonui Hot Shots	11.30am C3	
St Pats Pastoral Realty v Korakonui Ferns	9.00 am C2	
St Pats Pastoral Realty v Paterangi Panthers	9.50am C5	
St Pats Gibson Construction v Ray White Pirongia High Steaks Homekills	9.50am C6	
St Pats Gibson Construction v TAI Soldier Shred SS Squad	12.20pm C6	
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames v Rukuhia Tigers	10.40am C6	
St Pats Fahrenheit Flames v TAPS Silver Ferns	11.55am C6	

Hockey Muster

If there are any Year 3-6 students interested in playing hockey, there is a hockey muster on 20 March at 3.30 at the Indoor Centre at Albert Park. You can contact Belinda Wilson on 021 441 350 for more information.



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Middle school - Outside room 5

Senior school - Colgan Learning Hub



PTA committee 2018 contacts are:

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PARISH NEWS

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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:

"Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'" John 12:20-33



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