



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Principal: Shelly Fitness
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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

What is respect?

- It's how you treat others
- It's being considerate of people's feelings
- It's recognizing the value of people, property, the environment and yourself.



Sacramental Programme 2018

All children from year 4 and above who have been baptised but have not yet made their first communion and confirmation received an enrolment form yesterday. Please fill the form out and return to school no later than Friday 13th April.



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TERM DIARY

Wk 9	Thurs 29 Mar	1.30-2.30	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
	Sun 8 Apr	ALL DAY	Top School Games, Te Kowhai
Wk 11	Mon 9 Apr	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Respect
		11.30-12.30	Senior Soccer Festival
	Tues 10 Apr	1.00 -3.15	Yr 6/8 Science Road Show, TA Primary
	Wed 11 Apr	11.00-3.00	Yr 7/8 Careers Open Day, CLH
	Thur 12 Apr	9.00-10.00	Junior Soccer Festival
		9.30-2.30	Yr 7/8 Touch Tournament
	Fri 13 Apr	2.00	Whole School Assembly
			END OF TERM 1
	SPECIAL NOTICE		
	Tues 17 Apr	7.30-9.00pm	PARENT BAPTISM MEETING, Parish Lounge

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 changes come.

REFLECTING ON THE TRUE MEANING OF EASTER

The history and meaning of our traditional Easter foods such as eggs and hot cross buns has almost disappeared beneath the weight of their commercialisation. Eggs, hot cross buns and the Easter bunny all originated in the Christian celebration of Easter, and it is worth reclaiming their meaning. In some places Easter eggs are also called Paschal eggs. Eggs are a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth in Christianity, but for the celebration of Eastertide, Easter eggs actually symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus. One ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with the colour red in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at the time of his crucifixion. The Easter egg custom dates back to early Christians of Mesopotamia, so it is a very ancient practice. Hot cross buns were traditionally eaten on Good Friday in many English-speaking countries (although now they seem to appear from the end of January!). The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices signify the spices used to embalm him during his burial. The Easter rabbit originated in Germany among Lutheran Christians as the "Easter Hare". He came bearing Easter eggs and other gifts and his task was to "judge" whether the children had been good or bad. Our food and customs at Easter reflect the true meaning of Easter so let's keep the meaning alive!



Kia Ora Koutou,

Life is so busy! School has been jam packed this term full of sporting, academic and social activities but **this week we pause**. This week we commemorate Jesus' last days on earth: Holy Week.

Each day we remember a part of Jesus' journey to the cross and at school we are offering the following services and events in recognition of this special time in the Church's calendar:

Holy Monday: Prayer Liturgy at 9.15am

Holy Tuesday: Chrism Mass attended by student leaders

Holy Wednesday: Visit from Adam Kirkeby, Seminarian

Holy Thursday: Liturgy at 1.30pm in the church, Mass at 7pm

Holy Friday: School Closed. Church service and Veneration of the Cross at 3pm

Holy Saturday: Mass of Light at 7.45pm

Easter Sunday: Resurrection Mass at 10.30am

We invite you, in the busy-ness of your life, to find time to pause this week and to join us, if possible, for one or more of these services.

A reminder that school will be closed next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

My thanks to those parents who were able to pick up their children early last Wednesday to allow us to attend our Union Meeting. This meeting was particularly important because this year is a contract negotiation year for teachers and we needed to meet together as a group to decide on the points we wish to negotiate with the government. NZEI will now enter into negotiations with the government and will meet with all of us again on 25 June so that we can vote on the new contract.

I would ask you to get behind our teachers as they fight for better conditions for our kids. Some of the things we are asking for are:

- a 16% pay rise over two years to try to attract people into the profession
- lower class-sizes (funding for 1:25 rather than the current 1:29)
- better pay for principals of small rural schools who also teach full-time
- more time for teachers to plan, assess and lead

Did you know:

- 40% of teachers leave the profession for good within the first five years
- 60% of our current teaching workforce will retire within the next 10 years
- by 2027 we will be short of 3000 secondary school teachers
- There are 40% less people choosing teacher-training than there were six years ago
- school principals suffer burn-out at almost twice the rate of the rest of the population

We need everyone on board for this campaign so please spread the word and support our teachers as they fight for fair conditions.

We hope that you all have a very restful, peaceful and holy Easter and we look forward to seeing you back at school next Thursday.

Have a blessed day,

Shelly Fitness, Principal



Congratulations to Mrs. Aimee McMillan who has been appointed as our Assistant Principal. Aimee has done an incredible job of taking on this role temporarily this term and we are pleased to appoint her permanently to the position. Aimee has also won the position of our Within-School CoL Leader which means she will be assisting our Community of Learning to achieve its strategic aims. Congratulations Aimee!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Safety Reminder

Parents, please do not park in the bus bay outside the junior block on Rewi St. We have a number of buses that come and go from this bus bay and you are putting our children in danger when they cannot exit the bus safely.

YR 4-6 TE AWAMUTU INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

On Tuesday of this week we took a team of 21 students to this event. They represented our school fantastically both in and out of the pool and should be very proud of their efforts. Students who made the finals were: James Tickelpenny, Aidan Caddy, Georgia Kendrick, Addison Spiers, Sam Overdevest, Finn Blackwell, Connor Sweeney, Teyani Fairgray, Olivia Wrathall, Kenzee Mark, Tylah Mackie, Max Fielder, Carter Spiers, Ali Sanders and Sophie Burgoyne-Thomas. A huge thank you to those parents who helped time keep, Kaz Spiers, Lorna Kendrick, Hayley Fielder and Nicola Krayvenger!

THE RESULTS

EVENT/AGE GROUP	NAME	PLACE	EVENT/AGE GROUP	NAME	PLACE
One Length Freestyle			Two Lengths Backstroke		
8 year old boys	Carter Spiers	3rd	8 year old boys	Max Fielder	1st
9 year old girls	Olivia Wrathall	3rd	9 year old girls	Teyani Fairgray	2nd
One Length Backstroke			9 year old boys	Sam Overdevest	3rd
8 year old boys	Max Fielder	2nd	Individual Medley		
9 year old boys	Sam Overdevest	3rd	8 year old boys	Max Fielder	3rd
10 year old girls	Georgia Kendrick	2nd	9 year old boys	Sam Overdevest	2nd
One Length Breaststroke			10 year old girls	Georgia Kendrick	1st
8 year old boys	Max Fielder	2nd	Team Relay		
	Carter Spiers	3rd		TAPS	1st
10 year old girls	Georgia Kendrick	1st		Pokuru	2nd
Two Lengths Freestyle				Puahue	3rd
9 year old girls	Kenzee Mark	3rd		St Patrick's	4th
9 year old boys	Connor Sweeney	3rd		Pekerau	5th



WAIKATO FULL PRIMARY INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

Miller, Seth, Josh, Matt, Jack, Olivia, Torlesse, Molly and Ashlee represented St Patrick's School on Friday 23rd March at the Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports.

There were 251 competitors from 51 different schools. The competition was fierce!!!! Miller placed 4th in the 50m butterfly.

All our other swimmers swam extremely well however weren't lucky enough to place in the finals.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball

As we are now sending out the newsletter fortnightly, we have decided we won't be publishing the weekly netball draw in the newsletter. You will find the weekly draw on www.teawamutunetball.co.nz or in the weekly courier.

Miniball

It was the last week of miniball this week. Students and parents/caregivers please remember to thank the coaches, managers and time keepers for giving up their time each week. Without these people our teams wouldn't be able to participate.

Touch

The finals of touch rugby are next week. Good luck to all of our teams who have entered this term and again remember to thank the coaches/managers for giving up their time to help our students.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!





Winter Uniform...

In Term 2 we change into our winter uniform which we wear for term 3 also. This usually is 'no hats' but while the sun is still quite high in the sky we will continue with these. Please ensure **'proper'** school shoes are worn, these are to be leather, non-high or low heel for safety. Fashion and sports shoes are not acceptable. The girls are to wear navy blue (below the knee) socks and the boys are to wear navy socks. **Remember our correct footwear...**

Regulation Shoes

Plain black with no extra colour, decoration or labelling.

Shoes must be able to be polished.

Standard Black Leather Lace up School Shoes



Plain Black Leather Ballet Shoes, girls only



Black Roman Sandals



Black Leather Shoes with One Band Over the Top



Standard Black Leather Slip on Shoes



Non Regulation Shoes

The following assortment of shoes are NOT compliant with our school uniform regulations.

Slave Sandals



Ballet Shoes with Buckles



Jandals



Black canvas or Suede



Black Slippers



Black Sports/Skate Shoes



CONTINUES FOR WINTER STOCK

Long sleeved polos \$25 (all sizes except 6, 10)

Jersey \$65 (adults 38, 40, 42)

Pinafore/skirt \$50 (limited sizes)

Dress shorts \$15 (12, 16, small, med)

Winter beanie \$15 (limited stock)

Winter scarf \$15 (limited stock)



The PTA would like to convey our hugest thanks to all the families and parishioners who generously contributed to the cake stall and supported the sausage sizzle held after Evening Mass on St Patrick's Day. A whopping \$836.80 was raised!! The monies from the fundraising this year will be going towards building improvements, details as yet to be confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

A big thank you also to the organisers and helpers who gave their time to make this such a successful event. St Vincent de Paul also benefitted from the donations that were left after the fundraiser, so well done everyone!



There will be pita pit lunches offered next Friday (order forms were sent out yesterday). **ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN 1pm, THURSDAY 5th April** after the Easter break. **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE TIMEFRAME FOR ORDERS GIVEN IT IS THE EASTER BREAK AND ALSO NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY.**



Talking of delicious food, there also will be a Cadbury chocolate fundraiser next term too! More information to follow.....

Next PTA Meeting:

Just a reminder our next PTA meeting will be held next Friday 6th April at 3pm in the parish lounge in the Church.

Everyone is welcome, we'd love to meet you!



The Entertainment Book 2018/2019 Waikato and Bay of Plenty will be coming to school soon! Distribution will be on the Thursday/Friday of the first week of the new term, and information posters will be put around school.

There is a new and improved tracking system in place this year, so we are hopeful that families will support our fundraiser by buying a copy and enjoying the great early bird offers and discounts!

If you know a business that would be happy to display a small promotional stand/poster/flyers in their reception area, tea room, etc, then please let us at the PTA know asap - many thanks for your help!



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:

Matthew 26:14-25

"Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

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FROM THE GATE TO THE SCHOOL



Farmers Meat Export Ltd is a subsidiary of NZ Farmers Livestock Ltd and has been procuring bobby calves for over 10 years, and processing these calves through Te Kuiti Meat Processors, largely into export product. We source calves from the Waikato & King Country areas, and last season 65 schools from these areas benefited from our “Cash for Schools” scheme, helping our schools provide resources to their students. FMEL is focussed on animal welfare. Our unique texting system enables the efficient and smooth pickup of the calves and delivery to the processing plant. Bill Sweeney, General Manager of NZ Farmers Livestock, comments further that we have worked hard to ensure that latest regulatory requirements and welfare expectations are met, and notes that this calf business remains an important part of our service to farmers. NZ Farmers Livestock Ltd is a 100% NZ owned & operated Livestock Company with a livestock trading history of over 100 years. We operate throughout NZ. The call centre for the bobby calves is based in the Waikato ensuring a prompt response to calls and queries during the 7 day a week bobby calf season. The registration forms for the 2018 season can be downloaded from our website:

<http://mylivestock.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NZFL-BobbyCalfBrochure-tear-offs.pdf>

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