



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:



Sacramental Programme 2018

A reminder that the last day for handing in application forms for this year's sacramental programme is tomorrow, Friday 13th April.



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 11	Fri 13 Apr	2.00	Whole School Assembly, CLH END OF TERM 1
	SPECIAL NOTICE		
	Tues 17 Apr	7.30-9.00pm	PARENT BAPTISM MEETING, Parish Lounge
	TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Mon 16 Apr - Sun 29 Apr TERM 2 COMMENCES Mon 30 Apr		
Wk 1	Mon 30 Apr	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy
	Tues 1 May	9.00 - 11.00	Yr 7 Boostrix Immunisations
		9.00 - 11.00	Yr 8 HPV Immunisations
Wk 2			New Zealand Sign Language Week Road Safety Week
	Mon 7 May	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy
	Tues 8 May	9.00 - 10.00	ICAS Digital Technologies Test

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.



Toby-Jack White and his family...

Toby has been diagnosed with B cell lymphoma which is a blood cancer that has been found in multiple sites in his body. He is currently in Starship hospital where he is undergoing chemotherapy, sometimes directly into his spine, and will be in there for several weeks. Once some of his chemotherapy can be administered at Waikato hospital he will be able to come home, but will need to make weekly trips to Starship for the next 2 1/2 - 3 years. Toby will not be able to return to school this year.

Currently Toby and his mum are in Ronald Macdonald house, living in apartment type facilities. An evening meal gets cooked for them by volunteers twice a week, otherwise they prepare all their own food.

If families would like to donate a meal (one that is frozen and put in an ice cream container, marked with the contents and date would be easiest) or would like to contribute to petrol vouchers for the family, please drop it off at school this week. We will also collect again after the holidays - perhaps a good family activity during the holidays - preparing a meal!!

We keep Toby and his family in the forefront of our prayers as they go through this extremely challenging time. We pray that Toby is among the 90% of children who survive this terrible disease.

Kia Ora Koutou,

As I write this, the heater is whirring away behind me and the teachers are talking about digging out scarves and hats. It seems that winter is upon us at last. All children will be expected to be in the correct winter school uniform (including shoes) from the first day of Term 2. The holidays are an excellent time to dig out old uniform pieces and ensure they still fit.

Last week I attended a principals' meeting about the school bus service. We are incredibly lucky with the service on offer which is run through Te Awamutu College. Because of funding models, many other districts are not able to provide such a flexible and wide-reaching service so we have much to be grateful for. I understand that from time to time there may be complaints about bus drivers or the service, we were asked to remind all parents that if there are concerns these should be raised with us here at school, rather than directly with Go Bus.

We continue to await news on the future of our hall but should have some more concrete information available by the end of April. In the meantime we thank you for your patience as we sort our procedures around assemblies, after-school care, drumming lessons etc. This week's assembly will be held in the Colgan Learning Hub.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about one of our students, Toby-Jack White. We would ask you to keep Toby-Jack's family in your prayers over the next while.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank all community members for making my first term at St Pat's so welcoming. Staff members, parents, parishioners and students have all gone out of their way to welcome me into this community which has been wonderful. My special thanks to our Board of Trustees who give up countless hours of their own time to support our school and to inspire us all to strive for excellence.

I wish you all a very happy and restful break with your whanau.



Congratulations to the following students who received Honesty Certificates at our Prayer Assembly on Monday...

- Room 1** **Carly Shum** showing respect for God by showing reverence during Prayer time and when we go to Church.
Beau Ngapo-Sage showing respect for his classmates and teachers by sharing, taking turns and always showing a willingness for being an active learner.
- Room 2** **Jaehee Noh** showing respect for her classmates by taking turns and sharing.
Joel Redgate showing respect for his learning by asking questions to help him understand what to do.
- Room 3** **Frances Bowmar** showing respect for others by using good manners and always being polite.
Emily Kraayvanger showing respect for her learning by always giving 100% to all learning activities and asking for help when she needs it.
- Room 4** **Sarah Tobin** showing respect for others by always treating them as she would like to be treated.
Blake Haora - showing respect for his learning by asking questions that help him to understand new things.
- Room 5** **Liam Caddy** showing respect to his teacher and peers by making good choices on the mat to sit quietly and away from others who might distract him.
Olivia Hogan-Finch showing respect by showing good manners in all area of school life.
- Room 6** **Cadell Fairgray** showing respect by always using his manners and modelling excellent behaviour in the classroom.
Toby Blake showing respect by always following instructions and encouraging others to do the same. Thanks for your ongoing help in the classroom Toby!
- Room 7** **Shalom Tauai** showing respect for himself and his culture and is always willing to listen and be a great friend to others.
Vittoriah Morton showing respect by being an enthusiastic learner and giving her best in all area of school life.
- Room 8** **Jamie Frost** showing respect to others and going out of his way to support his peers when needed.
Lily Priscott showing respect for others feelings and is always willing to help make someone's day brighter.
- CLH** **Aroha Abraham** showing respect for her Church by the way she enthusiastically participates in school masses.
Lily Smith showing respect for herself in the way that she is positive towards her learning and always tries again when something doesn't work out.
Sam McQuilkin for showing respect in the Hub.
Krystal Saldivar showing respect for herself in the way that she is positive towards her learning and tries again when something doesn't work out.
Joshveer Singh for showing respect and reverence for our Church.
Sam Salcedo showing respect and empathy for others.

SPORTS NEWS

Term 2 Miniball Yr 5/6 and 7/8 Only

Forms for term 2 went home on Tuesday. Due to the school holidays there is a quick turnaround and your registrations need to be back by this Friday 13th April. Fees are \$23.00 and can be paid by Thursday 26th April via internet banking.

Swimming Sports Certificates

1st place swimming sports certificates will be awarded at our end of term assembly tomorrow. 2/3rd place winners will receive their certificates in class this week.



Bring Your Own Device (must be a Chromebook) continues to run in the school this year for Year 3 and up. This is not compulsory. We have a permission slip that needs signing and an online Google form to fill out. Once this has been done the student's device must have Google Console added (more information regarding this is on the letter that goes home with the permission slip).

If your child has a new device you **MUST** make contact with Mrs McMillan before bringing it to school. She will let you know when her next release day is so that Google Console can be installed.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Once again the school is collecting Yummy Apple stickers, with the chance of winning some free sporting equipment. The official collection is during terms 2 and 3, but I know a few classes are well on the way to filling up their first sheets.

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get, so get going and start collecting Yummy cut-out labels and stickers today! Send the Yummy stickers along to your child's classroom. Keep an eye out for Sweetango, Lemonade and Ambrosia apples...they earn double points! Happy collecting!



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.



Non Regulation Shoes

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





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)



x1 School Jersey named **CARLY SHUM**. If found please return to room 1.

Lost property boxes in the school are located:

Junior school - Clockbay outside rooms 3/4.

Middle school - Outside Room 5.

Senior school - Colgan Learning Hub.



St John's College

Information Evening

Tuesday 15th May at 6pm

Parents and prospective students are invited to attend our Information evening for new enrolments for 2019.

There will be an opportunity to view the school facilities and meet with the Principal and Staff.

This will be held in the College Gymnasium.



Open Day

Wednesday 9th May, 2018

Students are invited to visit the school at 10am-11.30am or 12.30pm-2pm. Registration is optional and can be completed on our website. For more information visit: www.shgcham.school.nz

- Enrolment Packs are available on the school website, can be collected from school reception or will be available on Open Day. For preference students, a current signed Preference Card from their Parish Priest is required with their completed enrolment.
- Year 7 and 8 students will also be invited to experience Sacred Heart for a half day during weeks commencing 21st May and 28th May (more details will follow).
- We request receipt of enrolments by Friday 29th June. Whilst we do accept enrolments throughout the year this is our key close-off date.
- Transition meetings will take place following confirmation of enrolment.



Could all unwanted entertainment books please be returned to the office drop box by this Friday 13 April at the latest.



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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: John 3:31-36

He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony;



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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>

NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK

Bobby calf collection

Advance book by 6pm

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