



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:

Empathy

The most useful asset
of a person is not a head
full of knowledge
but a heart full of love,
with ears open to listen,
and hands willing to help

~~ Love ~~



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[TERM DIARY](#)

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| Wk 4 | Fri 25 May | 2.00 | Whole School Assembly |
| Wk 5 | Mon 28 May | 9.00 | Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy |
| | Tues 29 May | 9.00-10.00 | ICAS Science Test |
| | Fri 1 June | 3.00-4.00 | PTA Meeting |
| Wk 6 | Mon 4 June | 9.00 | Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy |
| | Wed 6 June | 5.00-8.00pm | Yr 7/8 EPro8, Te Awamutu Intermediate |
| | Thurs 7 June | All day | Yr 7/8 Junior Tough Guy & Gal |
| Wk 7 | Mon 11 June | 9.00 | Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy |
| | | 9.00-2.30 | Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St, (07) 838 3565 |
| | Wed 13 June | 10.00-11.00 | ICAS Spelling Test |
| | Thurs 14 June | 10.00-11.00 | ICAS Writing 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.



The Holy Spirit and the Precious Gift of Baptism



Our School/Parish Community Mass celebrating Pentecost was made all the more special last Sunday as it included the baptisms of two of our students, Senu and Sahansa Wijamunige. There was a warm and happy atmosphere as the Holy Spirit moved among us! We are proud to welcome Senu and Sahansa into our St Patrick's family. We pray that they experience the peace and love of our Saviour Jesus Christ as they continue on their faith journey. Congratulations from all of us. We are here to support you.

Welcome

to our School...

Mason Kearton - Rm 1
 Shivika Shankara - Rm 2
 Kaiarahi Quinn - Rm 7
 Vincent De La Rama - CLH (Blue)
We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats!



Kia Ora Koutou,

The view out of my office window has changed dramatically over the last couple of weeks and what was a beautiful autumn tree is now completely bare of leaves. We are so lucky at St Patrick's to have such beautiful trees throughout our grounds and it has been wonderful to see our students playing in the leaves at playtimes and lunchtimes, and creating writing and artworks with leaf themes in their classrooms.

You may have noticed a slight change in philosophy here at St Pat's now that we have been freed from the tyranny of National Standards. Academic excellence will always be a driving force for us, but we also see the importance of allowing kids to be kids. The magic and joy of childhood is something that should be nurtured and encouraged at school, not squashed and pushed aside to make way for worksheets and drills.

With this new thinking we have introduced a more responsive curriculum so that teachers can base their learning on what is happening in their students' lives and in the world around us.

We are also introducing resources that encourage imaginative and creative play; things like tyres and hoops in the playground, boxes for model making in the classrooms and afternoons of baking. We are very lucky to have such skilled and knowledgeable teachers who know the NZ Curriculum well enough to be able to run with this new philosophy of learning through play, experiences and hands-on activities.

Wasn't it amazing to see our community come together to support Toby Jack and his family last Friday? There is information about how much money was raised elsewhere in this newsletter, alongside photos from the day. Thank you all for your generosity and compassion.

Thank you also to those families who attended our Parish-School Mass on Saturday night. Congratulations to Senu and Sahansa Wijamunige who joined our parish family through Baptism. It was a beautiful celebration and we were privileged to be part of it.

The turn-out on Saturday night was disappointing with only 19% attendance. Part of attending a Catholic school is supporting our special character by attending these events. I have had several parents, parishioners and staff members talk to me about the sadness it brings that our community fails to support our termly Masses when so much work goes into preparing them and when our Faith is what is central to everything we do here. We only ask that families attend one Mass each term. That's just one hour of your time each term - I don't believe this is too much to ask. Many of our families spend hours on the sports fields and courts every weekend, we are asking to see a similar commitment to our community Masses, albeit only once a term. I would urge you all to consider the commitment you made to our Catholic character when you enrolled here at St Pat's.

Our PTA have been very busy over the past term with chocolate sales (all money and boxes due back on Friday please), Entertainment Book sales, lunch orders, Juicie sales, a cake stall and sausage sizzle. They are now in full swing planning for a school Disco on 22 June and a Twilight Christmas Fete on 30 November. Save the dates! My heartfelt thanks to the PTA for all of their ongoing efforts, all done for the love of our awesome school.

Have a blessed week,

Shelly Fitness

Principal



Don't forget that if you have a question you would like answered in this section, just email it through to Shelly on shelly@stpatta.co.nz

This week's question: I'm a Catholic and had my First Holy Communion as a kid but I haven't been practicing for a long time. Am I still allowed to receive Holy Communion?

Short answer: of course!

Longer answer: Anyone who has missed Mass is encouraged to go to confession before receiving Communion again. Father Joe hears confessions in the confessional at the back of the church several times each week, with times published in the newsletter. Usually it is right before each Mass. If you haven't been to confession for ages, don't sweat it - it's all much more casual now than you might remember. Just tell Father that you haven't been for a long time and you're not sure how it all goes and he will help you through it. This would be true of most priests. Once you have had confession, you can receive Communion at the next Mass.

Having said this, there is no priest that would turn you away from receiving Holy Communion at the altar (unless he suspected you weren't Catholic). Please don't worry that if you go up to receive Communion and you haven't been to confession that the priest would make a big deal of it or point it out in front of everyone. This won't happen.

As one priest once said to me, "I would never turn someone away from Communion because it's it between them and God."

School Fundraiser

On Friday 11th May, we had a fundraiser for Toby-Jack White who has leukaemia and is undergoing treatment at The Ronald McDonald House in Auckland. We have raised over \$1,200 for Toby-Jack and his family from the mufti day and BBQ lunch. This was an outstanding effort and we sincerely thank all those who got behind us and supported the mufti day, brought lunch or just gave a donation. We look forward to presenting this to the family.

Special thanks to:

Magills Meats who donated all the sausages and meat patties for us to sell.



Our School PTA who donated the juices. Thanks also to **Haley Fielder** and **Tania Barras**, who helped put together the lunch orders.

Gibson Construction staff members **Andrew Smith** and **James Cullen** who came along to cook the BBQ.



We appreciate the time you took out of your day to make it all possible!

The Colgan Learning Hub also had a stair climb to fundraise money for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation, New Zealand. Many of us decided to try and run 1,103 stairs each which is the equivalent of running up the Sky Tower in Auckland. We did this with the support of 4 local firefighters who were in training for their annual stair climb. We were delighted to be able to donate \$640.00 from our stair climb. This has been added to the National total that currently sits at \$1,253,114.31.

Vinnies & Pastoral Care Leaders

FINAL TALLY ALERT: As a school community we have managed to raise a total of \$2,293.30 for Toby-Jack White and his family. This is through the kindness of cash and voucher donations. How truly awesome!





TRIALS GWYNNE SHIELD

20/5/2018 & 27/5/2018

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Age and weight conditions apply



★ **SUPERCITY RANGERS** ★

BASKETBALL

★★ **VS NELSON GIANTS** ★★

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**SUNDAY
MAY 27TH
3PM** TIP OFF

**TE AWAMUTU
EVENTS
CENTRE**

**TICKETS ONLINE AT EVENT FINDA
\$12 ADULT / \$5 CHILD-STUDENT**



entertainment

The PTA are still selling the Entertainment Books for the 2018/19 years. The previous year's memberships will expire at the end of June, so if you do need to order a new one there is an Entertainment Book stand with all the relevant information at the office for you to browse, or you can use this link!

www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks

The funds raised from this will be going towards school building upgrades.

Many thanks for your support!



Chocolate Fundraiser - all monies or boxes must be returned to the office by Friday 25 May LATEST, in order for students to be in to win Fitbits and exciting spot prizes!! Thank you all for your support with this fundraiser, it has proven to be a fun challenge for our students!



The PTA are organising a school disco in Week 8, to be held at the Marist Rugby Club, TA. The proposed themes will be Disney for junior students and Hollywood for senior students - this will be an awesome event for everyone to look forward to and help plan for - prizes for best dressed! More details to follow.....



Please parents we need more help on a Friday with our school lunches or they will come to an end as we are stretched for volunteers. All the time that is required on a Friday is from 11.45-1.00 - its super easy to do. Even once or twice a term will help out enormously ! Please email your interest to pta@stpatta.co.nz or see Tamara at school.

Also a reminder that all Friday lunch orders MUST be in by 3pm Thursday 24 May please - many thanks!

Have a fabulous weekend - your friends at the PTA



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...





CONTINUES FOR WINTER STOCK

Long sleeved polos \$25 (limited sizes)

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

Pinafore/skirt \$50 (limited sizes)

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

Winter scarf \$15 (limited stock)

The Warehouse do not stock long sleeved polos, so please contact the office if you wish to know what sizes we have available.



x1 size 8 School Jumper named Lara Lugtu.

Please check your child's bag.

If found please return to room 2.



Te Awamutu Kidzone

We are looking for a casual worker with their full drivers licence. At least one afternoon per week. Must pass police vetting. Anyone interested please send your c.v

to kidszone.simone@hotmail.com

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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: Matthew 28:16-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."



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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:

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