



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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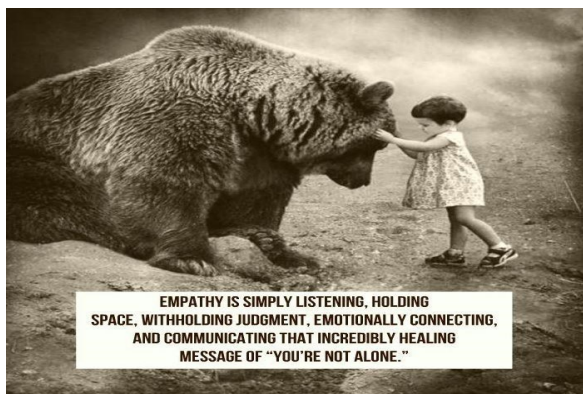
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Thursday 7th June 2018

Principal: Shelly Fitness
Deputy Principal: Cass Sutton
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:



WELCOME to our School...

Zara Dickinson - Rm 1

Finlay Harvey - Rm 2

We hope you enjoy your learning journey here at St Pats!



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 7	Mon 11 Jun	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy
		9.00-2.30	Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St, (07) 838 3565
	Wed 13 Jun	10.00-11.00	ICAS Spelling Test
	Thurs 14 Jun	10.00-11.00	ICAS Writing Test
Wk 8	Mon 18 Jun	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy
	Fri 22 Jun		Yr 7/8 CIS Winter Tournament
		2.00-3.00	Lucky Book Club Close Off Day
		5.00-8.00	Whole School Assembly
Wk 9	Mon 25 Jun	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Empathy
		9.00-3.00	Life Education Caravan
		12.30	Teacher Union Meeting (<i>collect kids from school early is possible</i>)
	Tues 26 Jun	9.00-3.00	Life Education Caravan
		9.00-2.30	Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St (07) 838 3565
	Wed 27 Jun	9.00	Photolife - Class, Family, Team Photos
		11.00-12.30	St John's College meeting with Yr 8 Boys
	Thurs 28 Jun	9.00-3.00	Life Education Caravan
Fri 29 Jun	9.00-3.00	Life Education Caravan	
		11.00-1.00	Yr 7/8 Visit to Police Station

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 Precious Gift of Baptism

"You are no longer just a bog standard human being but a precious daughter of God!" These are the words Fr Richard used during the Baptism ceremony of Narah deFarias at the

10.30am Mass on Holy Trinity Sunday. Congratulations Narah! We are so happy to welcome you. We pray that you will always feel the love of Jesus Christ surrounding you as you continue on your faith journey. God bless you and your family.



Kia Ora Koutou,

For teachers, we are entering into the busiest time of the year... report writing! You will receive your child's report on the last day of this term and it might seem like a simple document that all fits on an A4 piece of paper, but that piece of paper represents hours of work from the teachers.

To write a report, the teachers first need to make an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ) about which Curriculum Level your child is working at. They also need to decide where your child sits within that Level. A Curriculum Level represents two years of content, skills and competencies so a student can be right at the beginning of a level, or right at the end.

To make this OTJ, teachers use a variety of formal tests, their notes from working with students in small groups, their day-to-day observations, discussions with other teachers and moderation. Once this OTJ is made, it needs to be entered onto an electronic database, one student at a time.

Once this step is completed, teachers then begin their General Comments. In this term's report I have asked teachers to include in this, comments about your child's social skills, work ethic, reverence towards our Faith and general progress. These are carefully crafted comments that take some skill to put together.

Then of course, the three rounds of proof-reading begin. The reports are proofed by the teachers, by their team leader and finally by me. And then, at last, they are ready to come home to you.

It is important to remember that there is no time given outside of class for teachers to do any of this. They do it on top of their normal teaching and planning load so most often reports are being written in weekends and at night time. I sincerely thank our teachers for the extra work they put in at this time of the year. If you see any of our teachers looking tired, you'll know why!

On that note, you will no doubt have seen in the media the government's offer to teachers of a 2.2% - 2.6% pay-rise per year for the next three years. It is up to our teachers to vote on this offer but my informed guess is that it will be rejected.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PAY. The media will try and make it about the pay, and that's all I've seen reported so far but it's not about that. This round of contract negotiations is about two things: the teacher shortage AND workload. The teachers didn't just ask for a pay-rise, they asked for better funding for Special Needs students, more release time to help with the extraordinary paper workload, and a plan to deal with the teacher shortage. None of these things have been addressed by the current offer.

We need your help!

On **Monday, 25 June** all of our teachers who are NZEI members will leave school at lunchtime to attend their Union Meeting to vote on this offer. You can help us by **picking up your child at 12.30pm** that day. As principal, my union meeting is on a different day, so I will remain at school to supervise any children who are unable to be picked up. I thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

It has been a highlight of my term to attend the class Masses on Fridays this term. The children's heartfelt singing and prayers certainly brings joy to everyone's day. Parents are always most welcome to attend these Masses, the next one being Room 1 and 2 tomorrow at 9.15am.

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: Why can't younger children receive communion?

For Catholics, Communion is quite different than for people of other faiths. In most other Christian faiths, bread is shared in one form or another, but it is as a symbol of Christ and in memory of His last supper.

For Catholics, Communion is much more than just a symbol. We believe that the communion host, really IS Jesus. That Jesus is truly, wholly and really present in the bread. This is why we genuflect to the tabernacle when we enter the church, because we believe that Jesus is truly present there. This comes from Jesus' words at the last supper, "This is my body" and "This is my blood".

Because we believe that Communion is such a special thing, we wait until children are of the age of reasoning (7 or 8) so that they can begin to understand the true meaning of it. Then they complete their First Communion course, teaching them how special this sacrament is and are able to appreciate the reverence that should be shown and the reasons behind it.

PhotoLife

Photolife will be attending our school to take class, sibling, individual and team photos (netball) on **Wednesday 27th June**. Online order forms have been sent home with students this week.

IMPORTANT: If you are wanting sibling photos, these forms are available at the office. NOTE they are not being sent home with students. All students will receive their own individual "shoot key" a couple of weeks after photo day. This will enable parents/caregivers to place their orders online through PhotoLife.



We are registered to participate in the Anchor Bottle Cap Cup. We would like parents and families to save Anchor milk bottle tops from 2L and 1L Anchor fresh white milk, this includes 2L and 1L Blue, Lite, Trim, Calci+, Protein+, Silver Top, Zero Lacto Blue, Zero Lacto Trim, Organic Blue, and Organic Trim. Bring these into school and place them in the cardboard box which we will return and go in the draw to win prizes.



Lucky Book Club Issue 4 is coming home this week. The close off for this issue is Friday 22nd June.



Please check our child/ren's school bags for the following:
x2 School Jumpers named Barnett. One is a size 4 and other is a size 8.
x1 school jumper named Evan Anderson with phone number.
If any of these jumpers are found, please return to the office.

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CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The winners of the chocolate fundraiser will be announced and prizes given out at our next school assembly on 22nd June. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved. There are still a few boxes/money to be returned. Please make this a priority as the money raised is going towards our school for our children to benefit from.

SCHOOL DISCO

SAVE THE DATE!

The school disco is coming - **Friday 22 June 2018** at TA Marist Rugby Club. Parental help for the disco is needed. If you are available to help out on the night, there will be a "HELP" sheet to put your name down at the office. We require assistance for junior and senior times. The duties will include food table management, supervision, clean up etc.

MEET YOUR PTA

Everybody is welcome to come along to PTA meetings, member or not. Any contribution big or small throughout the year would be amazing, even if it is an idea we would love to hear it! It is also a great way to getting to know each other. Or just come along to see what we are discussing.

Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month.
Watch the newsletter for information.

Have a fabulous weekend - your friends at the PTA

PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

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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: Mark 3:20-35

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"



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