



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

Empathy

"First of all," he said, "if you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view."

"Sir?"

"-until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

-by Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, p. 30



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TERM DIARY

Wk 10	Fri 6 Jul		Pita Pit Lunches
			Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
		9.00-3.00	Life Education Caravan
		2.00-3.00	Whole School Assembly
			School Reports Home Today
			END OF TERM 2
	Mon 9 Jul - 22 Jul		
	TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Wk 1	Mon 23 Jul	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue:
	Tues 24 Jul	9.00-2.30	Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St -(07) 838 3565
	Thurs 26 Jul	9.00-12.30	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
		7.00-8.00pm	Sports Committee Meeting, Staffroom
Wk 2	Mon 30 Jul	9.00	Whole School Mass, Church
	Tues 31 Jul	10.00-11.00	ICAS English Test
		6.00-8.00	Whanau Hui (Pot Luck)
	Wed 1 Aug	1.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Thurs 2 Aug	9.00-12.30	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
		3.30-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Fri 3 Aug	3.00	PTA Meeting, Church 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.

catholic



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

Catholic FAQs: I'm Anglican... why can't I receive Holy Communion in a Catholic church?

There are a couple of reasons for this:

1. In the 15th and 16th centuries, groups of people broke with the Catholic Church and Protestantism was established. From that time onwards, those who belonged to Protestant religions were not in "communion" (i.e. community) with the Catholic church and so should receive communion in their own church. The Eucharist is called "communion" because it brings us all into community together. For those who have chosen not to be in the Catholic community, receiving "communion" is not appropriate.
2. There is a big distinction between what Protestant religions believe about communion and what Catholics believe. For Catholics, the bread and wine TRULY become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. For most Protestant religions, communion is a symbol of Christ, not a true presence. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for someone to receive Catholic communion if they do not share or understand this belief.

Kia Ora Koutou,

Parents I am concerned!

I am concerned that our children are becoming (or indeed in many cases have already become) addicts. Addicts to screens, devices and the virtual world.

These are some of the things I have noticed over past weeks:

- a large group of children who, when asked to draw a picture, were unable to conjure an image in their heads without googling it and so sat with blank pieces of paper in front of them not able to draw anything
- a group of boys who were sobbing uncontrollably because they didn't get a Chromebook during Golden Time
- a group of children who didn't get a Chromebook during free time and told me that they just didn't know what else to do with their time
- a group of children who were happier just sitting behind someone watching them play a game on a Chromebook than doing other activities on offer, namely building, creating or drawing
- several children who when I ask them what they did on the weekend launch into complex stories about Minecraft or Fortnite or another game and when I say, "No, but what did you do in the real world?" look at me blankly
- children who tell me that they are "really tired" because after their parents go to bed, they continue to play on their device until 1am or 2am.

I believe that some of our children are absolutely addicted to screens and this is having a major affect on their ability to interact with others, to create, to imagine and to play. A recent study out of the University of Michigan also suggests that a child's social and emotional skills are directly related to how much screen-time they have. The more screen time, the more social and emotional problems a child displays.

According to this same study, these are the nine questions you should ask yourself to determine if your child is an addict:

1. If you didn't tell your child when to stop using a screen, would they just keep using it for hours and days on end?
2. Do you have to use screen-time as a motivator to get your child to do other things?
3. Does your child incessantly talk about their games or videos even when not on a screen?
4. Does your child's screen time interfere with family activities?
5. Does your child fight with other members of the family over screens?
6. If you take away your child's screen, does your child become frustrated or angry? Are there temper tantrums?
7. Is the time your child spends on screens increasing?
8. Does your child ever try to sneak around the rules or go behind your back to use their screen?
9. If you child has a bad day, do they turn to screen-time to make them feel better?

If you have answered yes to three or four or more of these questions, your child may be an addict. Another question to talk over with your child is, "If we went screen-free for a week, would you cope?"

I would encourage all parents to really think about this issue over the school holidays.. Use these holidays as a chance to reframe screen-time, to get out and enjoy our beautiful district and to engage with your beautiful children.

A huge thank you to those parents who have completed our community survey. A link can be found on our school Facebook page and will be emailed out again this week. It is really important to us to get your input into our Strategic planning for the next three years.

On a personal note before I sign off for the term, thank you to all of those who have sent their sympathy to me after the death of my mother. We only found out on 1 March that Mum had cancer and she passed away on the 18 June. It was such a short space of time that it doesn't seem completely real just yet.

Mum's passing was a great lesson in faith for me. In her last month, which she spent in hospital, everything was stripped away - her ability to talk went first as the radiation damaged her voice box, then her ability to walk and eventually she couldn't even sit up on her own. She lost the ability to eat and by the end, could not open her eyes or interact with us at all. In this state of unconsciousness, right near the end, we called the priest to come and perform the last rites. Mum lay there motionless throughout, but at the very end when the priest blessed Mum, she made the sign of the cross. At the very end, when everything else is stripped away, all we are left with is our faith. We enter this world through the spark of God and we leave it with only Him by our side.

I have felt very blessed to be part of such a caring school, parish and community during this difficult time.

I hope you all have a restful, fun and blessed mid-year break.

Shelly Fitness, Principal



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to all of our recipients. It was a truly special and blessed occasion last Sunday. Bishop Steve had all the children (and the congregation!) laughing while giving them inspirational and practical advice to help them appreciate the precious gifts they were receiving.

Please continue to pray for, and support the children and their families as they continue their faith journeys with us.



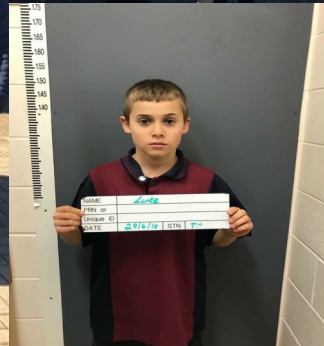
CIS Winter Sports

On Friday the 22nd of June 5 teams went to St John's and Sacred Heart to represent St Patrick's in netball, soccer, hockey and rugby. It was a lovely sunny winters day for us to play our winter sports against other Catholic Schools Year 7 & 8 Teams. Our netball teams played exceptionally well placing 1st and 3rd in the mixed year 7 & 8 grade. Our hockey, soccer and rugby teams all did really well but didn't make the finals. Everyone had a great day, huge thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day by coaching, managing, providing transport and supporting us for the day, without your help we wouldn't be able to have all these extra opportunities.



Year 7 & 8 Visit to the Te Awamutu Police Station

On Friday all the Year 7 & 8's walked to Te Awamutu Police Station for a visit. Here are a few photos. Special thanks to Deb Osborn for organising the visit with Molly & Ashlee. It has linked into our Life Education programme extremely well.



Te Awamutu Gymsports Festival

Yesterday 30 of our students competed at the Te Awamutu GymSports Festival held by the TA Gym Club. The children competed at the Events Centre and also went to the YMI to participate in fun gymnastic activities.

The children all did their best and their manners and school spirit did our school proud.

A big thank-you to Abbie McCall, Aisling Osborne, Nells Nicholas and Liz Frost for training the children each week and the wonderful parents who helped out yesterday.

Fourteen children received top eight placing certificates.

Top three placings were:

Kaelyn Strawbridge 1st Women's Springers

Sean Osborne 2nd Men's Flyers

Elizabeth Rice 3rd Women's Flyers

Max Fielder 1st Men's Twisters (Competitive Gymnasts)

Teyani Fairgray 1st Women's Twisters (Competitive Gymnasts)

Madison Chisholm 2nd Women's Twisters (Competitive Gymnasts)

Well done to everyone!



Noticeboard

SAVE THE DATE

In Term 3 we would like to invite all interested families to attend whanau hui. Topics to be discussed will be:

- your aspirations for our students
- areas of the Maori curriculum that are important to you
- the future of the Kapa Haka group
- what we, as a school, can do to celebrate our bi-culturalism

The meeting will be guided by Lisa Rapana from the University of Waikato and will be at 6pm on Tuesday, 31 July in the Colgan Learning Hub. We will begin with a pot-luck supper. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

NO PARKING ZONES

To keep our students safe at busy pickup and drop off times, please NO PARKING at school and Church carparks on Alexandra Street.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES

If your child/ren brings a mobile phone to school, they are required to sign it in at the office before school starts and sign it out at the end of the day. There is a sign in book and box for mobiles at the office.

STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child/ren requires any form of medicine (antibiotics/pamol/cough medicine etc) they are required to bring it to the office with instructions. The office staff will administer the medicine as and when required. For health and safety reasons, students should never have medicine in their school bags.

ANCHOR BOTTLE CAP CUP

A reminder 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. Bring these into school and place them in the cardboard box located in Room 4 which we will return and go in the draw to win prizes.

LOST PROPERTY

x1 school jersey - named J Collins. If found please return to Jarred in Room 8. These items are expensive and we have had several missing lately so please check your child/ren's bags.

TE AWAMUTU KIDZONE

KIDS ZONE HAS MOVED TO
MARIST CLUBROOMS (next to BMX track)
PARK ROAD
TE AWAMUTU
PH: 027 485 3038

STAFF FAREWELLS

Sadly we say farewell to Mrs Samantha Beck (Rm 7) and Mrs Katharine Eyre (relief Rm 8) as they leave us to head back to their busy farms for the calving season. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our school over the last two terms.

Mrs Laidlaw is on leave for the first three weeks of term 3. Mrs Mel Hoffman will be her relief while she is away.

PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

Phone 871 6109

PO Box 191, Te Awamutu

Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email: parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz

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 25:31-46



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PTA News

- (1) Pita Pit tomorrow Friday 6 July.
- (2) Chocolate fundraiser update, prizes presented at previous assembly
1st Prize-FitBit-Junior School - Lily Shum Rm 4
1st Prize-FitBit-Middle School - Tylah Mackie Rm 7
1st Prize-FitBit Senior School - Kayde Prescott FLE Red
We raised \$4,500 towards the school building upgrades - well done to the winners and a big thank you to the school families who took part in this fundraiser!
- (3) School Disco
We hope everyone had a fun evening at our first school disco on Friday 22 June!
It was a great way for our children to socialise together outside of school, and was a huge success. We raised \$1,000!
We have learned a lot from our first attempt, and hopefully the next disco will be even better!
Huge thank you to the following families for the kind donations of food, drinks, glow sticks, hall hire:
Osborne Family, Osborne Family Grandparents, Barnett Family, Hogben Family, Morton Family, Archer-Page Family, Orr Family, Powell Family.
And a big thank you to all the helpers who put their hands up to help out on the night - we couldn't have done it without you. It was also awesome to see teachers getting into the spirit too!
- (4) Parents are welcome to come along to the last PTA Meeting of the term which is this afternoon Thursday 5 July at 3pm in the Church Lounge. We will be discussing planning for the Xmas Fete - if you are interested in helping, then please come along or contact Tamara and Mandy on pta@stpatta.co.nz.

*Thank you also to the school admin team for their ongoing support to us, we really appreciate your help.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!

APIFO'OU COLLEGE IN TONGA NEEDS OUR HELP...

PLEASE SUPPORT 'MUFTI MANIA' DAY:

THIS FRIDAY: 6TH JULY

GOLD COIN DONATION

COME IN TIDY MUFTI FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Each year since 2007 the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association (NZCPPA) have partnered with Caritas to run a Mufti Mania day, building solidarity through raising money for poor and vulnerable communities.

In February, Cyclone Gita caused widespread damage throughout Tonga. One of the worst affected schools was Apifo'ou College in Nuku'alofa.

Join with all the Catholic primary schools around New Zealand as the NZCPPA and Caritas raise money through Mufti Mania to help the school:

- *Repair school classrooms and labs*
- *Replace lost teaching resources*



MuftiMania²⁰¹⁸



Caritas
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Apifo'ou College in Tonga needs our help...

This year we're supporting the students and staff of **Apifo'ou College** to rebuild classrooms and replace resources damaged by Cyclone Gita.

LOCK IN THE DATE TODAY!

Friday 6th July 2018

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A joint project of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

St John's Anglican Church Holiday Programme

Create and make

Where: St John's Anglican Church Hall (opp. The Warehouse)
When: Wednesday 11th July
Time: 10am to 2pm
What: Free choice of art, craft, construction and building
Cost: \$5 each. Morning tea and lunch supplied

Well supervised

Can pre book via stjohns.awa@xtra.co.nz or 07 8715568 or just drop in on the day



MATARIKI 2018

WEEK 1 JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

MANU TUKUTUKU / KITE MAKING WORKSHOP

For ages 8-13yrs. Spaces limited to 15 children for each workshop.

<p>Tues 10th July 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm</p> <p><i>You choose a morning or afternoon workshop. No experience needed.</i></p>	<p>LEVEL ONE: Contemporary Manu Tukutuku with Oriwa and Te Aroha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction to the workshop, - Understand the meaning of manu tukutuku, how they were used and made, - Learn Māori patterns to use as decoration, - Make your own manu tukutuku from materials provided, - Showcase of finished works and clean up.
<p>Wed 11th July 10am-12pm or Wed 1pm-3pm</p> <p><i>You choose a morning or afternoon workshop. No experience needed.</i></p>	<p>LEVEL TWO: Contemporary Manu Tukutuku with Oriwa and Te Aroha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction to the workshop, - Learn traditional techniques of cross-thatching together materials to make your manu tukutuku, - Showcase of finished works and clean up.
<p>Thurs 12th July 10am-12pm or Thurs 1pm-3pm</p> <p><i>You choose a morning or afternoon workshop. Medium skill required.</i></p>	<p>LEVEL THREE: Traditional Manu Tukutuku with Oriwa and Josie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction to the workshop, - Learn traditional techniques to make your own manu tukutuku with natural materials, - Showcase of finished works and clean up.

Please note: These are parent/ caregiver supervised workshops. It's a simple way to learn more about Māori art and creativity. Kia ora!

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SPACE EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

COST:
\$2
PER CHILD PER WORKSHOP

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135 Roche Street, Te Awamutu
www.tamuseum.org.nz

PLEASE TURN OVER
FOR WEEK 2 WORKSHOPS

MATARIKI 2018

WEEK 2 JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

RARANGA / WEAVING WORKSHOPS

For ages 8-13yrs. Spaces limited to 15 children for each workshop.

<p>Tues 17th July or, Wed 18th July 10am-3.30pm (with a 1/2 hr break)</p> <p><i>Each day is the same workshop so you can choose which day you would like to attend.</i></p> <p><i>There is a break time between the morning and afternoon workshop.</i></p> <p><i>Please provide your own refreshments</i></p> <p><i>No experience needed.</i></p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING: Learning basic preparation of flax and weaving with Oriwa and Rosie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artist introduction to interesting Māori taonga on display in the different galleries and the light installation in the courtyard, relating to what you will be making. - Welcome into the Artist Open Studio - Pā Harakeke. Oriwa will give a short introduction of her working studio located in the Museum gallery. This is sure to inspire and captivate. - Powerpoint presentation on harakeke / flax plants as a valuable resource in nature and for us to use. Safe working practice with tools and materials. - Learn the skills of how to weave with flax making putiputi/ flowers (lily & rose) and fish, - Showcase of finished works and clean up.
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