



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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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:

perseverance.

the greatest
oak was once a
little nut
who held
his ground.

Luke 18:1

*Jesus told his disciples a
story about how they
should keep on praying
and never give up.*

WELCOME to our School...

Rm 1 - Harper Kerr-Bell

Rm 2 - Alia Cullen

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



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 3	Fri 10 Aug		Pita Pit Lunches 9.15-10.15 CLH Class Mass, Church
Wk 4	Mon 13 Aug	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance
	Tues 14 Aug	10.00-11.00	ICAS Maths Test
	Wed 15 Aug	ALL DAY	TEACHERS STRIKE—SCHOOL CLOSED
	Thurs 16 Aug	9.00-12.30	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
		4.30-6.00	Yr 7/8 Wai Maths Quiz
	Fri 17 Aug	9.15-10.15	Rms 3/4 Class Mass, Church
		2.00-3.00	Whole School Assembly, CLH
Wk 5	Mon 20 Aug		Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Springs
		9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance
	Tues 21 Aug		Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Springs
	Wed 22 Aug		Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Springs
		6.00-8.00pm	BOT Meeting, Staffroom
	Thurs 23 Aug		Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Springs
		TBC	Rm 8 Museum Trip
	Fri 24 Aug		Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Spring(return)
		9.15-10.15	Rms 5/6 Class Mass, Church
Wk 6	Mon 27 Aug	9.00	Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance
		9.30-10.30	Yr 8 - Visit to TA College
		11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	Wed 29 Aug	All Day	School Cross Country, Kihikihi Domain
		9.00-2.30	Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St, (07) 838 3565
	Thurs 30 Aug	9.00-12.30	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	Fri 31 Aug		Pita Pit Lunches
			Daffodil Day
			Cross Country Back Up Day
		11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
		2.00-3.00	Anointing of the Sick, Church

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.

Kia Ora Koutou,

Thank you to all parents who attended our parent-teacher interviews last week. We had lots of good feedback about our new report format with most people saying that they loved the clarity of the graphs and that they enjoyed reading the comments about social skills, work ethic and faith.

I was lucky enough to read every single report and I think what shone through for me was just how well our teachers know their students. There is much research to suggest that the number one influence on student achievement is the relationship they have with their teacher and, here at St Pat's, I believe this is a key strength of ours.

It was also great for me to listen to our teachers, as they came over to the staffroom for dinner on both of the interview nights, talk about how positive the interviews were. We all appreciate how involved and engaged you, as a parent community, are. It makes a real difference!

I would also like to thank all of you who sent in messages for our teachers in support of our upcoming strike. Some of your messages were absolutely beautiful and many a tear was shed as the teachers read your lovely words. THANK YOU.

A reminder that school will be closed on 15 August as all teachers will be on strike. The main issues we are striking for are:

- that every classroom of children deserves to have a teacher (immediate action to address the teacher shortage)
- more support and resourcing for children with additional learning and behavioural needs
- smaller class sizes
- a decent pay bump that at least keeps pace with the rises in cost of living over the last nine years

Another thank you this week needs to go to Amanda Coupland who has just completed her first season in charge of Netball for our school. Amanda, you did an outstanding job and our girls have excelled, not only in their game-play but in the way they conduct themselves on the court. Without parent volunteers like Amanda, school-sports would not be able to happen so thank you for all of your hours of organisation and support.

I also need to thank Judy Graham this week as she steps down from her role as Board of Trustees Staff Rep. Judy has done this role for a number of years and has always freely given of her wisdom and knowledge. We thank her for her service. Our newly elected staff rep is Paula Carr. Congratulations Paula!

This week we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary MacKillop opened her first school inside an abandoned barn in outback Australia and from there her Josephite Sisters spread out to open schools all over the world, including our school here in Te Awamutu. We are privileged to be a part of the Josephite family and we look forward to celebrating that this week.

We have much to celebrate and be proud of in our school. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

God bless,

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

What is a Holy Day of Obligation?

The Church recognises several days throughout the year as special feast days. Many of these days don't fall on a Sunday so the Church made these days "Holy Days of Obligation" where Catholics were obliged to attend Mass to recognise the importance of the day. Some of these days were Christmas Day, All Saints' Day and New Years Day. Slowly many of these days have just returned to being feast days rather than Holy Days of Obligation. In fact we only have ONE Holy Day of Obligation left and it falls next week on 15 August. This special day is the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven which is the feast day of NZ (every country has their own). So all Catholics should make a special effort to attend Mass on this day.

Yr 7/8 Sports Camp 2018

We are really grateful to the following businesses who have sponsored our 2018 Sports Camp sweatshirts. **Please ensure you support these local businesses!!** Also huge thanks to Racheal Bell who has organised the sweatshirts, we are looking forward to getting these before we head off to sports camp in week 5.

STEENSON PLUMBING

POP'n'GOOD



Meet THE BOARD

Hi, my name is Lorraine Kendrick and I am currently serving as your Board Chair. The Board is conscious that new families to the school may not know the current board members, so we thought we would take the opportunity to introduce ourselves in the newsletter over the next coming weeks.

I have two children attending St Patrick's, Rory in Year 6 and Emer in Year 3. Many of you are likely to know my husband Jeremy, who is very involved in the school sporting activities and is there for drop off and pick off times at school.

My role as Board Chair is very diverse; firstly I am there to support Miss Fitness in the management of the school and I meet with her weekly to keep up-to-date on all the day to day matters. I organise, prepare and chair the monthly board meetings, ensuring that they are effective, and that we are doing the 'job' that you appointed us to do. Alongside this we have to ensure that we are adhering to all the relevant policies and regulations of the Ministry of Education, of which there are many!

The current board are past 'half-way' of their three year term on the board, and I think it's fair to say that the first 12-18 months were very busy. The school is currently in a fantastic space with a very bright future, and with Miss Fitness steering the ship I am sure we will be aiming for the stars!

Towards the end of the year we will be getting ready for next year's board elections. So what is it like being on a school board? Personally, I would recommend it, it's a fantastic experience. I have found it amazing how diverse the functions are to run a school, from property management, financial management, health and safety, policy and regulatory management, human resource management and the list goes on! Being on the board really gives you an appreciation of the work that goes on behind the scenes and the dedication that is required from the board, staff and parents to make the place hum. If you think that becoming a parent elect member of board sounds like you, just drop me an email lorraine.kendrick@stpatta.co.nz or pop along to a board meeting!

Outside of the school my other jobs are firstly being a Mum to Rory, Emer and wife to Jeremy. For my day job, I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and Manager of Project Delivery at Waipa District Council. My pastimes include reading and spending time with family and friends. As a family we love to travel and take the opportunity when travelling back and forth to Ireland to stop off half way and explore some fantastic parts of the world.



Noticeboard

TE AWAMUTU BASKETBALL TRIALS

A reminder to those interested in rep basketball for Waikato Country zone, trials are at the Events Centre tonight at 4-5pm, \$2 entry fee.

ENVIRO GROUP RAFFLE TICKETS

The student Enviro Group have put together a raffle to raise funds for Enviro Projects here at school. Tickets will come home this week to each family. Please return the ticket stubs and money in an envelope to the office as you sell them. Prizes include: Manuka Health products donated by the McCall family and a garden voucher. Thanks for supporting the Enviro Group!

FINANCIALS

We received a deposit via internet banking on 08/08/18 without any reference or name. If this was you, please call Dianne.

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

All photos have now been checked by teachers and sent back to PhotoLife for finalisation. We are now waiting on the shoot keys to be sent.

They will be distributed to all students once they have arrived to enable parents to place their orders online.

LOST AND FOUND

The silver pendant found on the top field has still not been claimed. Please see the office staff if you believe it may be yours.

x1 school jersey - named J Collins. If found please return to Jarred in Room 8.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book Club Issue 5 close off for this issue is tomorrow Friday 10th August.

Baptism course



Another course will be run this term for those who wish for their children to be baptised. Please give your child's name and room number to the office.

When: Tuesday 14 August, Week 4
Tuesday 21 August, Week 5
Tuesday 28 August, Week 6
12.50pm (children to come as soon as the lunch bell goes and bring lunch with them.)

Where: Room 1 with Mrs Balemi

Parents please note that if you haven't already attended a parent meeting for Baptism you are required to do so before your child is baptised. The next parent meeting will be held in the Parish Lounge at **7.30pm on Tuesday the 21st August.**

PTA News

There will be three Pita Pit lunches available this term. The dates are:

Week 3 - Friday 10 August

Week 6 - Friday 31 August

Week 10 - Friday 28 September

Parents are welcome to come along to our next PTA Meeting which is on Friday 7th September at 3pm in the Church Lounge.

If you are interested in joining the PTA or helping in any way, then please come along or contact Tamara and Mandy on pta@stpatta.co.nz.

Thanks, *Your friends at the PTA*

IDC WORLD SUPREMACY BATTLEGROUND FUNDRAISER 2018



PRE-REGISTER AT IMPERIOUS DANCE STUDIO
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th 4pm-7pm
Pre-register - \$5 entry
Register on the day - \$8 entry (cash only)
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RACHANDWADE@GMAIL.COM OR PHONE 0275408855

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 16:13-23

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



Parenting
Place

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and have **fun** on the way!



Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

***Whatever stage you are at a Toolbox group will
give you the confidence to be the best parent
you can be and have fun on the way***

BUILDING AWESOME WHANAU (0-12YRS) DAYTIME COURSE

**Starting Tuesday 14th August to 18th September 2018
10am to 12pm**

Venue:

**Lighthouse Room, St Andrews Church Complex,
80 Mutu St, Te Awamutu**

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FROM THE GATE TO THE SCHOOL



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