



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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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

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.



WELCOME



to our School...

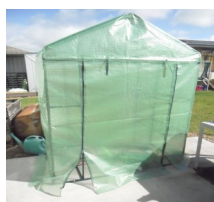
Rm 1 - Madeline Macdonald

Rm 1 - Chloe McMillan

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

Thank You!

A big thanks to Carli Orr for donating two greenhouses for us to use to grow seedlings for the PTA and for our garden. These were assembled by students in Room 4 and will be a great addition to our Enviro area.



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TERM DIARY

Wk 5	Thurs 23 Aug	Yr 7/8 Sports Camp, Totara Springs 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, Crazy Hat Day Cross Country Back Up Day 11.30-12.30 Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch 2.00-3.00 Anointing of the Sick, Church
Wk 7	Mon 3 Sep	9.00 Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance 11.30-12.30 Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	Wed 5 Sep	All Day CIS Cross Country
	Thurs 6 Sep	9.00-12.30 Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	Fri 7 Sep	All Day Backup day CIS Cross Country 9.15-10.15 CLH Class Mass, Church 11.30-12.30 Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch 2.00-3.00 Yr 4/8 Sports Assembly 3.00-4.00 PTA Meeting, Church Lounge
	Sun 9 Sep	10.30-11.30 Community Mass, Church
Wk 8	Mon 10 Sep	9.00 Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance 11.30-12.30 Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	Tues 11 Sep	All Day Yr 3/4 Rural Hockey Tournament 2.15-3.15 Parent Meeting, Catholic Review Team, (All Welcome)
	Wed 12 Sep	All Day Yr 3/4 Rural Hockey Tournament
	Thurs 13 Sep	9.00-12.30 Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	Fri 14 Sep	11.30-12.30 Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch

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,

I have been telling the children at our Monday morning liturgies that Term 3 is the "journey into the light" and it has been lovely to be enjoying lighter mornings and sunnier days. I hope that our Senior children who are in Matamata at Sports Camp this week enjoy beautiful weather and create many fun memories.

I'm afraid this week's principal's blurb isn't going to be very entertaining or inspirational... it is a housekeeping blurb with a few reminders for you.

Breakfast

Our recent student well-being survey revealed that 32% of our students do not have breakfast each day before coming to school. We can not emphasize enough the importance of students coming to school in the mornings with full bellies. School is demanding, not only academically but also socially and physically, especially with our current training for Cross Country. Please work with us to ensure that our students can be at the top of their game every day.

Tutoring During School Hours

A reminder that the school does not encourage outside tutoring during school hours. If you are intending on signing your child up to attend tutoring during school hours, permission must be sought from both myself and your child's classroom teacher. If your child is missing school during their tutoring, your child's teacher is under no obligation to catch your child up on work they have missed or set extra homework to make up for time they have missed.

Overseas Travel During Term Time

At St Pat's we recognise that we live in a global community now and we also understand the huge life-lessons that can come for our students who have the opportunity to travel overseas. If you are wanting to take your child travelling overseas (or even within NZ) during term time, permission must be sought from me. This can be done via email. If no permission is sought, then your child will be marked as "E" (Explained but unjustified absence) on the roll for the duration of their absence.

Retreat Opportunity

Do you sometimes feel like you are floundering around in life, racing from one thing to the next, wondering what the point of it all is and where it is all leading? Bishop Steve has arranged for an Australian Jesuit priest to come to Te Awamutu and run a "Retreat in Every Day Life". The retreat starts with a full day together on 11 November during which Fr Richard will meet with retreatants and give each one a piece of scripture. Over the course of the next three weeks, each person meets individually with Fr Richard five times and agrees to pray for 20 - 30 minutes a day during their everyday life. The retreat is strictly limited to 24 people. If you would like to register, please fill out a registration form, available in the parish foyer.

Vacancies

Please see our advertisements elsewhere in this newsletter for two vacancies we are currently looking to fill. Both of these positions are ideal for parents as they are school-hours only with no work in the holidays. Please feel free to share these advertisements with people you know who may be interested.

On that note, it is with sadness that I received Cathy White and Vicky Wright's resignations last week. Cathy will begin her well-earned retirement and Vicky will be spending more time at their family business. Both will remain with us until the end of the term and we will officially farewell them then.

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

This week's question: What Bible should Catholics use?

A Catholic Bible IS actually different to a Protestant one in that it has a few extra books that the Protestants don't include and some additions to some other books (like the Book of Esther). These books are known as the Apocrypha.

If you want to buy a specifically Catholic Bible, look on the front cover for words such as, "Includes the Apocrypha" or "Edition with Apocrypha".

If you're a Catholic there is no hard and fast rule about which Bible to use (unlike in some other faiths where the King James Bible is the only Bible allowed). At school we tend to use the Good News Bible as it was originally written for new speakers of English and so it is a simple Bible for children to use. Many priests love using the Jerusalem Bible as it is quite poetic in its phrasing. Other Bibles that are popular with Catholics are the Revised Standard Edition or the New American Bible.

Yr 7/8 Sports Camp 2018

Sports Camp is underway and the students are all having a wonderful time (despite the rain!). Once again we would like to thank the following businesses who have sponsored our 2018 Sports Camp sweatshirts.

Please ensure you support these local businesses!!

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Meet THE BOARD

Hi, my name is Ruth Dolan. I was appointed to the Board as a Proprietor's representative in December 2014.

My husband, Shane and I have lived in Te Awamutu for 20 years now (!), but we both hail from the depths of the South. We have three sons, Jake, Rohan and Michael, who are in Year 11 at St John's College, having spent their primary school days here at St Patrick's.

My background is in health administration and whilst I maintain my interest in the health sector, for the last six years I have worked for the local council, supporting the Group Manager of Service Delivery.

Together with my fellow Proprietor's reps, we want to continue our focus on improving connections between the school, parish and the wider Te Awamutu community, and hope that you will assist us with this. In particular we are very keen for as many families as possible to attend the community masses.

Regards, Ruth



Friday 31st August

Time to get creative and make those **crazy yellow hats** to raise money for Daffodil day!
Prizes for the 3 best hats on the day!

Please bring a **gold coin** donation to receive your daffodil badge and stickers.

NOTE: This is not a mufti day, Crazy hats ONLY!



Noticeboard

AG DAY REGISTRATIONS and CUP RETURNS

A reminder that registrations are now open for this year's AG day which is taking place on **Thursday 18th October**. The close off date to register your lamb or goat is **Wednesday 29th August**.

The registration link is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zuJQchzvK1Q745l8FqINW23yftVWB0SX3dyI5Yz-XTE/edit>.

Simply copy and paste the link into your web browser and it should take you to the form.

If you are having trouble with the online registration process, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher who can load the form for you and assist with the registration process.

Could all cup holders from the 2017 AG day, please return your cups to school by 31 August.

ENVIRO GROUP RAFFLE TICKETS

If you have not already done so, 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

You should have received the shoot keys by now to enable you to order your child's photos online. If not please check your child's bag.

The cut off date for free delivery to our school is **Sunday 9th September**. Thereafter you will be charged a delivery fee.

PASTORAL MEALS

We need your help! The freezer is looking empty. If anyone is able to make meals for the deep freeze for families in need, we have the mince! Please contact the office or see Cass.

LOST AND FOUND

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

ABSENTEES

If your child is ill or going to be absent, YOU are required to telephone/email the office or text the school mobile no later than 9.30am.

Telephone: 871 4669

Email: office@stpatta.co.nz

School Mobile: 021 276 1228

Please remember to state your child's name, their classroom and the reason they are absent.

PTA News

A reminder that the cross country lunch order forms need to be returned to the office by 3pm this Friday 24th August. There will be extra sausages and a coffee cart available for parents to purchase on the day.

St Patrick's Catholic School Christmas Fete

Friday 30 November 2018, 5pm-7pm

WE NEED YOU!



In order for our school Fete to get off the ground, we desperately need parent/student/grandparent helpers prior to the fete to create games, to help set up on the day, help on stalls, food prep, entertainment, rubbish, safety etc, otherwise the event of the year cannot happen!

If you would like to help prior to the event or even if you can help for just for half an hour on the day itself, please email Mandy and Tamara on pta@stpatta.co.nz with your contact details and how you can help.

We will be organising a Fete Team meeting in due course so we can start confirming teams, duties, shifts, etc.

Our next PTA meeting is on 7 September in the Church lounge, and we would love to see you there with your ideas and skills to help make this event spectacular!

Thanks, *Your friends at the PTA*

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: John 6:60-69

"This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."





TOUCH Term 4 registrations for Years 1-8 will be out next week. With every team we need a referee and there are two training sessions available to anyone who is interested. This is a great opportunity to be involved in a fun, family sport and learn with your children.

FOUNDATION COACHING COURSE (PRACTICAL)

DATE: Sunday 16th September 2018

VENUE: Albert Park Indoor Centre, Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu

TIME: 1.00pm-4.00pm

Anyone interested in this must register on the following link:

Sporty.co.nz/viewform/75203

TOUCH MODULE REFEREE COURSE

DATE: Tuesday 16th October

VENUE: TA Sports clubrooms

TIME: 6-8pm.

This is open to anyone who is interested in refereeing touch. Coaches and parents are welcome to attend. Anyone who will be refereeing should attend this evening. Please contact Marie Dale (0274 519 158) if you would like more information about this. **RSVP to Marie at programs@tasports.co.nz with details on who is attending this evening.**



NETBALL Prizegiving - Friday 7th September, 6-7.30pm. A netball newsletter with details will be sent home in the next few days.



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Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force Silver Jubilee

Aug 26th

9 - 1pm Open Community Day

Fire Engines and more!

1pm onwards BBQ for past and current
members & partners

Contact Bruce Budd

020 4065 7430



Teacher Aide Position, 25 hours per week, term time only

We are looking for a motivated and confident person to join our team. This 9am - 3pm job would be great for a parent wanting to work but also wanting to be home with their children before and after school. To be successful in this role you will need to be:

- confident to supervise children with specific health needs
- able to keep sensitive information confidential within the school
- a good communicator
- reliable
- able to work with a range of people: children, teachers, parents, specialists
- flexible to work in different areas of the school as needed
- a First Aid Certificate would be an advantage
- pass a NZ Police check

All training will be given on the job. This job is funded by the Ministry of Education and so will be fixed term for Term 4. If the funding is renewed next year (which is highly likely), there would be the option of renewing the contract.

Please email Shelly Fitness on shelly@stpatta.co.nz for a copy of the job description and application process. Applications will close on Friday, 7 September.

Administrator/Receptionist Position, 20 hours per week, term time only

St Patrick's Catholic School is looking for an experienced, confident and organised Administrator/Receptionist who enjoys variety in their day to keep our office running smoothly. This is a permanent role with some flexibility around the hours. We are offering 4 days a week (20 hours), 9am-3pm.

The role is varied, but the key functions are:

- Keeping the office running smoothly - answering the phone, dealing with inquiries via email or phone, greeting visitors and parents in reception, ordering office/school supplies
- Student Records management – keeping the enrolment database updated, manage incoming applications, attendance register, medical and contact information
- School communications via newsletter, emails, Facebook, google docs
- Sick bay care of unwell or injured students

To be considered for the role you will need to:

Have excellent office administration experience
Be competent in Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel skills with touch typing ability
Have excellent verbal and written communication skills, be friendly and approachable
Be able to manage multiple tasks, juggle changing priorities and effectively manage your time
Be positive and proactive
Maintain confidentiality

Google documents experience and a first aid certificate would be an advantage but is not essential.

Please email your application and CV to our principal at shelly@stpatta.co.nz.

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