



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is:

Perseverance
 The greater the obstacle,
 the greater the glory in overcoming it



**REMINDER DAFFODIL DAY
 FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**

Time to get creative and make those **crazy 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.



**Welcome to our
 School...**

Rm 1—Lukah Forsyth—Tunui



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TERM DIARY

Wk 7	Fri 7 Sep	Pita Pit Lunch/Daffodil-Crazy Hat Day
	9.15-10.15	CLH Class Mass, Church
	11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	1.00	Junior Cross Country, School
	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
Wk 9	Mon 17 Sep	9.00 Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance
	All Day	TA Cluster Cross Country
	11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	Tues 18 Sep	All Day Yr 7/8 Squash Tournament
	5.30-6.30	Speech Finals
	Wed 19 Sep	Various Lake Rotopiko Trip
	Thurs 20 Sep	TA Cluster Cross Country—Back Up Day
	9.00-12.30	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	Fri 21 Sep	9.15-10.15 Rm 1/2 Class Mass, Church
	11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
Wk 10	Mon 24 Sep	9.00 Prayer Assembly - Virtue: Perseverance
	9.00-2.30	Mobile Ear Clinic, Rewi St, (07) 838 3565
	11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	6.00-7.00	Yr 6, Parent Information Evening
	Tues 25 Sep	9.30-10.30 Yr 8 Testing for TA College
	Thurs 27 Sep	9.00-12.30 Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	Fri 28 Sep	9.15-10.15 Rm 7/8 Class Mass, Church
	11.30-12.30	Yr 7/8 Turbo Touch
	2.00	Anointing of the Sick, Church
	2.00	Whole School Assembly, CLH

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 keep telling the children at our prayer assemblies that Term 3 is the term of "the journey into the light" as the days get longer and the weather gets better and better. It hasn't felt like that over the past few weeks with the amount of rain we have had, but with daylight savings on the horizon and September underway, we hope that we will finish the term with some warmer days.

As you all know, the weather played havoc with our Cross Country plans last week. Despite the postponement and the unpredictable weather on the day, it was wonderful to see our students trying their very best and persevering to complete the course. I spoke with one 8 year old boy after school who very proudly told me that although he hadn't come in the top five, he had achieved his personal goal. Really, that's what Cross Country is all about - setting a goal, training hard and then the personal satisfaction that follows when that goal is met.

My thanks to Ange Mark, Linda Hansen and our dedicated team of parents in the Sports Committee for bringing this event together. Cross Country is one of those added extras that is not in the Curriculum but that we do because we believe it teaches our kids important life lessons and skills. Without teachers and parents who are willing to get up at 5am and head to the Kihikihi Domain, haul hay bales and traffic cones around the course and stand in the rain for hours on end, it simply would not be possible to have the Cross Country.

There are some important events coming up that I would like to draw your attention to:

This FRIDAY we have two special events coming up. Daffodil Day, (information elsewhere in this newsletter) and the Junior School Cross Country which will be run on our school grounds starting at 1pm. This is for all children aged 5 to 7.

This SUNDAY at 10.30am is our Term 3 Parish-School Community Mass to kick off Social Justice Week. We were very disappointed with the turn-out to our last community Mass and some of the feedback we received suggested that families would prefer a Sunday morning Mass during the winter terms. We hope that having the Mass on Sunday this term will enable many more of you to join us. All of our new families will also be formally welcomed and blessed at this Mass.

Next week on TUESDAY (11 Sept) at 2.15pm is your chance to meet with our Catholic Review Team as they visit the school for their three-yearly review. This is a great chance for you to let the reviewers know the great things you see happening around the school and also any areas that you think could be improved. The meeting will be in the staffroom and will be finished by 2.50pm to allow you to pick up your children. All welcome.

Looking further ahead, we will be holding a parent information evening for our current Year 6 parents, and any interested Year 7 parents, about our plans for our intermediate students for 2019. This will be at 6pm on 24 September. That same week we would also like to hold a parent information evening for our Junior Parents (current Year 0/1) to talk about our changing philosophies in junior learning and what this will mean in 2019. A date for this will be available shortly.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our great school.

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

Why do Catholics make such a big deal of Mary?

Some people mistakenly believe that Catholics worship Mary and this is often brought up by other Protestant faiths who don't place such an important emphasis on Jesus' mother. Catholic theology about Mary is incredibly deep and based on what we read in the Bible. Some of these beliefs are:

- that when Mary said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus, she role modeled for us the "yes" that we all need to say to God when he shows us how to live our lives
- that at the Wedding at Cana, when Mary said, "Do what he tells you to" she was giving all of us invaluable advice
- that at the Wedding at Cana, Jesus did what his mother asked even though he believed it wasn't yet his time and that this shows us that Mary is a powerful person to take our prayers to Jesus
- that when Jesus, on the cross, said to Mary and John, "John, this is your mother. Mother, this is your son." that he was gifting Mary to all of us as our spiritual mother.

Catholics don't worship Mary but we do speak to Mary and ask her to pray for us to her son. We can all relate to mother's love for her son and vice versa.

SCHOOL/PARISH COMMUNITY MASS – SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Our 'once a term' School/Parish Mass is this Sunday at 10.30am.

You are strongly encouraged to attend with your children, to not only show your support for our St Patrick's community and our special Catholic character, but also to mark your support for Social Justice Week.

What is Social Justice Week? He aha tēnei mea te Wiki o te Whai Tika?

Social Justice Week was established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference in 1997 as an ongoing commitment in the Catholic calendar for the week beginning the second Sunday of September.

This is a time to consider, reflect and take action on a particular current social justice issue in the light of Catholic social teaching.

Social Justice Week falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

This is a period in which the liturgical readings teach us about discipleship.

This year the Social Justice Week theme is: *Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play.*

Cardinal Thomas Williams said these words in 1997 at a "Love in Action Day" during an address to a gathering of Catholic charity and social justice groups.

Our liturgical gathering on the Sunday reminds us of Church as community and as a family united in prayer. The mercy and compassion we receive from God flows out into the rest of our week and into our relationships in our wider community.

"Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer, for building up the Body of Christ in love." POPE FRANCIS, 2013

We hope to see as many families as possible! Please remember to bring a can of food to help those in need.



Meet THE BOARD

My name is Haley Fielder and I am one of the Proprietor's Representatives on the Board of Trustees.

The Proprietor's Reps assist the Board in ensuring the school remains a Catholic School, fulfilling its primary purpose, which is to give a Catholic Education to Catholic children and young people, and we report back to the Bishop annually.

I was born and bred in Te Awamutu and attended St Patrick's Catholic School for my primary and intermediate years. I am now proud to be a St Pat's mum with all of my three children spread throughout the school.



Yr 7/8 Sports Camp 2018

At sports camp we enjoyed many sports e.g. table tennis, tennis, cross country, wall ball, swimming, triathlon, spike ball But the thing that challenged some of us was sleeping and the weather. We all supported each other when we weren't playing a sport ourselves. We came home with the most important trophy (we thought), the sportsmanship cup!!! Quinn was the overall winner of the draughts. It is the first time that St Patricks has won the sportsmanship. We would like to thank the following parents Ivan, Maria, Nick and Tania that came to Sports Camp and stayed for the week. We would also like to thank all the parents that helped us get to and from sports camp. Lastly we would sincerely like to thank businesses that sponsored our sweatshirts. We certainly looked like one of the smartest teams there! Sports Camp was a very valuable learning opportunity and for many of us a highlight from our time at St Patrick's.

Penelope & Laura

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POP'n'GOOD



Yr 7/8 Passion Week 2018

While the rest of the year 7 and 8 students were at Sports Camp here are some highlights from Passion Week for those that remained at school:

Monday

Cooking - Stuffed Baked Potatoes
Restorative / Yin Yoga with Di

Tuesday

Pottery at Studio 2 with Lee and Alex

Wednesday

Work Experience Day

Thursday

Cross Fit

Friday

Masterchef Competition





TOUCH Term 4 registrations for Years 1-8 will be out today. Registrations and fees are due on Wednesday 12th September. 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.

CROSS COUNTRY Last Friday we had our 8 year old to Year 8 cross country held at the Kihikihi Domain. It was great to see everybody out there doing their best!!!

We look forward to seeing our juniors running on Friday at 1pm.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Gibson Construction for donating ribbons and B& C Property Management for a water bottle each, this was a fantastic way to end a race. Also thanks to The Honda Shop for allowing us the use of their gazebo for the day.





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2018



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COME AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT OUT, WITH DINNER, DRINKS AND OUR RUGBY THEMED AUCTION. THIS WILL ALSO BE YOUR CHANCE TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO, FROM THE CURRENT WAIKATO MITRE 10 CUP COACHES, JONO GIBBES AND NATHAN WHITE AND HOSTED BY MC JAMES MCONIE (CROWD GOES WILD)...

**DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
DINNER STARTS: 6:30PM
DATE: FRIDAY SEPT 14TH**

\$75.00 TE AWAMUTU SPORTS (UPSTAIRS)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TAC STUDENT CENTRE

OUR SPEAKERS



JAMES MC CONIE
MC/AUCTIONEER



JONO GIBBES
HEAD COACH
WAIKATO MITRE 10 CUP



NATHAN WHITE
FORWARD COACH
WAIKATO MITRE 10 CUP

Noticeboard

OUR SCHOOL AG DAY CANCELLATION

Our School Ag Day has sadly been cancelled due to the low number of registrations. Students are however invited to Group Day at Korakonui on October 24th 10am. Please contact the office if you wish to attend, and we will pass on your registration details.

For those who have paid the \$5 registration fee, this will be refunded.

We hope you are able to make Group Day.

Group Day information provided below...

Te Awamutu Boys & Girls Agricultural Club Group Day 2018 - Joined with Eastern Zone

Korakonui School will be hosting Group Day this year at our school [734 Wharepuhunga Road](#), on Wednesday 24th October starting a 10am sharp, for students who have reared a lamb or goat this year at these schools: Korakonui, Pokuru, St Pats, Waipa Christian, TAI, TAPS, Pekerau, Kihikihi, plus Pukeatua, Arohena, Wharepapa South and Puahue. Saving dates for Group Day (and Waikato Show) for Lambs and Goats are:

Early 1st July-19th August

Lates: 20th August-20th September

Bio Security measures will be in place. On the day we require clean vehicles, clean footwear and clean animals please.

Entry is free ~ BBQ and drinks available on the day.

Please email Faye Ashmore at office@korakonui.school.nz to register.

(Judges Fieldday - Tuesday 11th September, 10.30am morning tea - 11am start, at Kihikihi Equestrian Park Grounds, Dick Street, Kihikihi).

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.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The close off date for Issue 6 is Friday 14th September.

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

REMINDER the cut off date for free delivery to our school is this **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 (new) named Llayton Simon-Harris on the inside tag. Please check your child's bags and return to Rm 5 if found.

X1 colourful fish brooch missing from Rm 8. Please check your child's bag.

PTA News



Pita Pit lunches are on this Friday.

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



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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: Luke 5:1-11

"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."



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