



# St Patrick's Catholic School News

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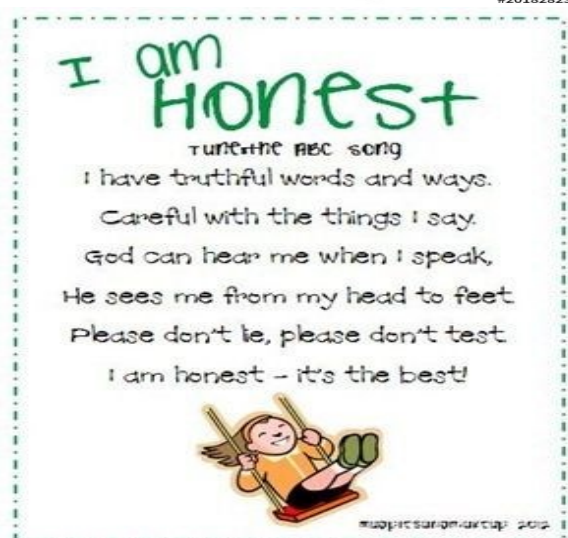
**Principal:** Shelly Fitness  
**Deputy Principal:** Cass Sutton  
**Acting Assistant Principal:** Aimee McMillan  
**Director of Religious Studies:** Gabrielle Balemi  
**Receptionist:** Anastacia Cuthers  
**Executive Officer:** Dianne Ngapo  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Joe Stack  
**BOT Chairperson:** Lorraine Kendrick

*Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,*

**The Virtue for this term is:**



#201828237



Congratulations to (L-R) Kaelyn Strawbridge, Kees Van der Poel and Ashlee Strawbridge For placing third at the recent Group day in Korakonui, Ka mau te wehi, tamariki mā!!!



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<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsteawamutu>

[TERM DIARY](#)

<b>Wk3</b>	<b>Thurs 01 Nov</b> 9am-10am Health and Safety meeting 9am-12pm Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI 9am-9.15am All Saints Mass <b>Fri 02 Nov</b> Lucky book Issue 7 - <b>Order closes</b> Pita Pit Lunches 9.15-10.15am Mass for All Souls
<b>Wk 4</b>	<b>GUY FAWKES NIGHT</b> <b>Mon 05 Nov</b> 9am-9.15 Prayer Liturgy <b>Tues 06 Nov</b> 9am-10am HPV Immunisations Dose 2 Yr8 girls & Boys <b>Weds 07 Nov</b> <b>ATHLETICS DAY</b> <b>Thurs 07 Nov</b> 9am-12pm Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI <b>Sun 11 Nov</b> 11-11.30am School/Parish Mass
<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>Mon 12 Nov</b> 9am-9.15am Prayer Liturgy <b>Tues 13 Nov</b> <b>STRIKE—SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Thurs 15 Nov</b> 9am-12pm Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI <b>Fri 16 Nov</b> Pita Pit Lunches 11am-12pm Road Patrol Training Day
<b>Wk 6</b>	<b>Mon 19 Nov</b> 9-3pm Catholic Interschool Athletics 9am Prayer Liturgy <b>Wed 21 Nov</b> 6pm BOT Metting <b>Thurs 22 Nov</b> 9-10am HPV immunisations catch up day 9-12pm Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: [http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded\\_items/1-school-calendar](http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar) as this is updated as events or changes



## A Note from the Principal.

Te Tumuaki Kōrero o Hāto Patariki..

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It certainly makes you realise how quickly this term is going when this week I will represent the school at the end-of-year Masses and Prizegivings at Sacred Heart and St John's Colleges. I talk with our students each Monday morning about Term 4 being the term of "Work Hard, Play Hard" - an exciting, fast-paced term with lots of learning opportunities and also lots of opportunities for fun for those who have earned it.

As most of you will have seen in my email, NZ teachers have again voted to strike due to lack of a reasonable offer (or any offer) from the government in our current contract negotiations. The Waikato strike date is: **Tuesday, 13 November**. Because all of our teachers are union members, we are unable to provide supervision on this day and so the **school will be closed**. We thank you for your ongoing support of us at this time. As you can imagine, the last thing any teacher wants this close to Christmas is to lose a day's pay but it shows how strongly we feel about the future of education.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to talk to our ERO reviewers while they were on-site. Their verbal feedback has been very positive and we now await their written report.

This week we received the official Review document from the Catholic Review Office who visited the school at the end of last term. Our current website is being re-constructed but we will endeavour to add the Review to the website as soon as we can. There are also copies available in our school foyer. It was an incredibly positive review summed up on the last page with these words:

*"It is very clear to us that St Patrick's Catholic School demonstrates strong Catholic Character and commitment to promoting the Gospel of Jesus. The living testament of this is in the care of the well-being of staff and students. Classrooms reflected current learning in Religious Education and reflection of the Liturgical seasons. We assure all of those involved in the responsibility of the Special Character of the school, that the commitment is strong and a range of experiences is provided for all to encounter Christ."*

My official congratulations to our new appointees for 2019: Mrs Paula Carr who will step up into the Junior School Team Leader position, Mrs Haidee Pennington who will continue to teach in Room 6 for 2019 while Mrs Russ continues her recovery, and Mrs Aoife Deeley who will take up the position of Middle School Team Leader and teach in Room 7. We have a truly amazing team of teachers here at St Pat's and we look forward to yet another year of learning and success in 2019.

Today is the first day of November and in the Catholic Church, this month is reserved for remembering our beloved dead. On Friday at 9.15am, we will celebrate a whole-school Mass for All Souls' Day during which our Book of Remembrance will be placed on the altar and we will pray for all of those linked to our community who have passed away. You are all most welcome to join us.

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](mailto:shelly@stpatta.co.nz)

### Why do Catholics go down on one knee when entering and leaving the church?

This practice is called genuflecting and is a sign of the reverence we show because we believe that Jesus is TRULY present in the communion hosts which reside in the tabernacle behind the altar. In ancient times, people would genuflect before their king or the leader of the army. It was a sign of subservience and dedication. (This is also where the practice of getting down on one knee to propose came from!) We genuflect in the church with the same intention - to show our subservience and dedication to the Lord.

### 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](mailto: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:**

Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Mark 12,28b-34

# NOTICES

## Accounts:

Your accounts were emailed 30th October. A huge thank you to everyone whose account is up to date.. A reminder there is actually only six weeks left for your current accounts to be settled. If you still have money owing from previous years we would ask that you set up an AP for this, a regular payment can soon reduce your balance.

Account Numbers - please be aware that the school and PTA have different account numbers and label your bank systems so you deposit to the correct account.

**School (St Pats) 12-3134-0048177-00**  
**PTA (St Pats) 12-3134-0048791-00**

## Lost and Found:

An earring was found in the carpark. If it is yours please collect with a brief description from the school office.

Wallet was found outside the hub.

Missing school jersey named Pippa Gray. If found can it be returned to Room 2 please.

Cash found in toilets.

## Strike!!!

The school will be closed on **TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER**. We are unable to offer supervision on at the school on this day so please remember to organise alternative care on this day.

## Enrolments and School information for 2019

If you have information you would like us to consider when we are creating classes for next year or your child will be moving to another school at the end of this year, please let Shelly or the office know by **9th November 2018**.

If you have a young child who will start at St Pat's next year, or you know families who have children who will be turning 5 next year and want to attend St Pat's, we are taking enrolments now. We have a large number of enrolments for 2019 on our books already so it is important that if you want your child to attend St Pat's, you need to enrol them now.

## Athletics Day

As you are all aware, Athletics day is coming up on **Wednesday 7th November 2018**.

8 year olds and over will walk to the Te Awamutu Stadium on Armstrong Avenue in the morning and spend the day there and walk back to school at the end of the day.

5,6 and 7 year olds will take part in their event at the school and at lunchtime they will walk to the stadium and will return to school on the bus by 2.20pm. There is no charge for the bus.

As per the email sent out to everyone, please ensure that your child/ren have a packed lunch, a drink bottle filled with water and their sunhats!

This event is weather dependant, so you will be informed on the morning of the event via the school Facebook page or the school phone line from 8am.

If you are able to help on the day, please contact Linda on 07 871 4669 or email [linda@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:linda@stpatta.co.nz)

## School Lunches:

The PTA has requested that all school lunch order forms be dropped off to the school office, no later than 9am every Thursday.

# What's on

## Santa's (parent) helpers

This year's Christmas Fete will raise funds for a new playground and parent helpers are needed for a successful event.

### can you help with:

- promoting the fete, displaying posters around town
- set up before and pack up after the event
- supervising bouncy castle and other activities
- selling raffle tickets and tokens at the event
- encouraging local businesses to donate raffle prizes
- donating food and dinnerware items

help a little, help a lot it's all greatly received  
contact [stpatsfetepta@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsfetepta@gmail.com) to get involved  
and see Facebook for more details

Pack a picnic blanket, bring your friends  
and family and start the festive  
season with us



St Patrick's Catholic School

## Christmas Fete

Friday 30 November

5pm - 8pm

625 Alexandra St, Te Awamutu

**MICHAEL VAN DE ELZEN'S  
GOOD FROM SCRATCH  
KIDS COOKBOOK TOUR**

Proudly supported by **ecostore**

**Group:** Paterangi School

**Date:** Thursday 22nd November - 7pm

**Venue:** North End Church

**Tickets**  
\$15 per person  
\$5 primary school child

Tickets available from Paterangi School - 8715203

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Michael is super excited to be visiting us! He will talk about the importance of eating well, and how to make sure healthy dishes are also tasty and easy to make!

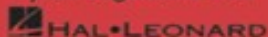
Join us for a cooking demonstration, Q+A session and book signing with New Zealand's much loved healthy chef.

## JUNIOR TALOS

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## SHOW DATES:

November 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th  
at The Woolshed Theatre

**Tickets \$15**

**Cash only**

available at:

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Churchill St

Te Awamutu



Enquiries: Tania Barras

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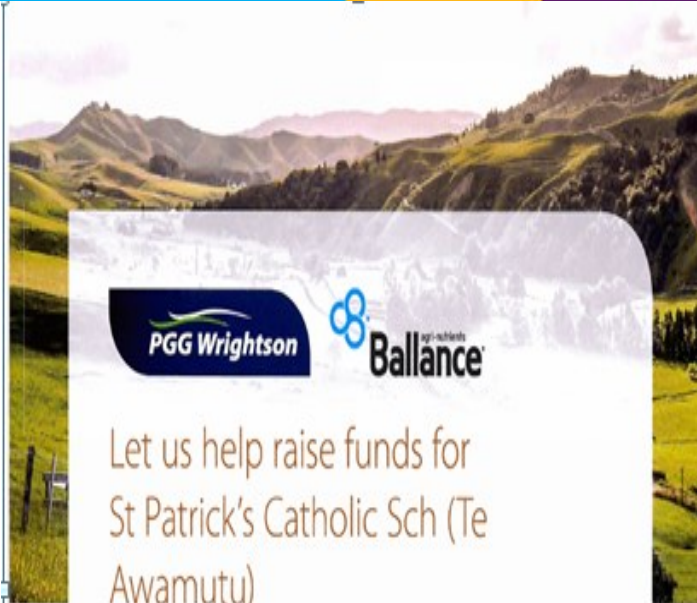
See [supportyourschool.co.nz](http://supportyourschool.co.nz) for details.

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Let us help raise funds for  
St Patrick's Catholic Sch (Te  
Awamutu)

This spring, PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash for Communities. For farmers who nominate your school, we will donate \$1 per tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser purchased.

## Our school, the ANZ Olympic School Program and earning rewards.

We have registered with the ANZ to join their ANZ Olympic School Program and received a kit of resources and merchandise that will help inspire and motivate our students. If your family members or friends are looking to take a home loan, or increase their current home loan by over \$50k, speak with your local ANZ branch. If you drawdown your home loan with ANZ and identify our school we will receive 800 credits, equal to \$400 in spending power at the ANZ Awards Centre, to spend on items like sporting equipment or computers.

For more details please contact Barbara on 07 873 6703 or [barbara.kanters@anz.com](mailto:barbara.kanters@anz.com)

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