



St Patrick's Catholic School News

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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:



1. **Encourage** them instead of praising them.
2. Help them distinguish between **reality** and **wishes**.
3. Show them you value **honesty**.
4. Use a **problem-solving** approach with accidents and poor choices.
5. Describe what you **see** and ask the child to make **amends**.
6. Avoid using questions that set your child up to **lie**.

A warm welcome to our new entrance student, Kayahne Simon-Harris, sister of Layton! We hope you have settled in nicely and enjoy your learning journey with St Patrick's



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 6	Mon 19 Nov	9-3pm	Catholic Interschool Athletics
		9am	Prayer Liturgy
	Wed 21 Nov	6pm	BOT Metting
	Thurs 22 Nov	9-10am 9-12.30 pm	HPV immunisations catch up day Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
Wk 7	Mon 26 Nov	9am	Prayer Liturgy
	Wed 27 Nov	12.30-3pm	Traffic Warden Reward Day
	Thurs 29 Nov	9-12.30pm 1.30pm	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI Water Fight
	Fri 30 Nov	TA CLUSTER ATHLETICS	
		5-8pm	Twilight Christmas Fair
Wk 8	Mon 3 Dec	TA CLUSTER ATHLETICS	
		9am	Prayer Liturgy
	Wed 5 Dec	6-8pm	St Patrick's BOT Meeting
	Thurs 6 Dec	9-12.30pm 5.30-7pm	Last day of Tech Yr 7/8, TAI Yr 8 Dinner at Farenheit
	Fri 7 Dec	PITA PIT LUNCH	
		10:30am 11:15am	Helpers Morning Tea Final Assembly
Wk 9	Mon 10 Dec	9am	Prayer Liturgy
	Tues 11 Dec	WINNING HOUSE FUN DAY	
	Wed 12 Dec	SCHOOL REPORTS SENT HOME	
	Thurs 13 Dec	1:30pm 6-7pm	Prizegiving Christmas Liturgy
	Fri 14 Dec	11-12.30	END OF YEAR MASS - School closes END OF TERM 4 - Have a safe and happy holiday!

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 events or changes come.



A Note from the Principal.

Te Tumuaki Kōrero o Hāto Patariki..

Kia ora koutou,

A huge thank you to you all for arranging care for your children on Tuesday while we went on strike. As you can imagine, to lose a day's pay this close to Christmas is not ideal for any of our teachers, but there is a strong feeling in the education community that this is our time to fight for a better system for our teachers and for our students. The government's "new" offer that came out last week was extremely disappointing with the only new thing in it being an offer of a one-off \$500 payment for all teachers. We will not be bought off. This is about more than money for us - it's about class sizes, release time for leaders, the teacher shortage and the lack of support for our increasing numbers of Special Needs children. Thank you for fighting alongside us!

Another huge thank you must go to all of those who worked together to run a very successful Athletics Day last week. With 280 children and 7 events, you can imagine the organisation that goes into running a day like this. Without our wonderful army of parent-helpers and the fantastic students from TA College, we simply could not have run this event, so thanks to all of those who volunteered on the day. And a special thanks to Miss Hansen who orchestrated the event (for the first time) with calm and ease.

The coming two weeks are busy ones with inter-school athletics competitions, junior cricket lessons, class trips, the traffic warden reward day and, of course, our Christmas Fete. The PTA are still looking for helpers on the day. If you would be available to help in any capacity please email the PTA (pta@stpatta.co.nz) or visit our school Facebook page and sign up under one of the pinned posts asking for helpers.

Probably the most common thing we are hearing parents say as they pass through the office at the moment is how fast time is going and how speedily Christmas is approaching. In our Catholic tradition we have a kind of "buffer zone" between the busy-ness of life and the feast of Christmas. This "buffer-zone" is called Advent. This year Advent begins on 2 December. This is a good day to take some time out together as a family. Come to Mass, make an advent wreath together, put up your Christmas tree, write your letters to santa etc. Advent is a wonderful time all about waiting and anticipation, especially for children.

Have a blessed week,

Shelly Fitness



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 have to go to confession? Why can't they just confess their sins straight to God in prayer?

Confession is a sacrament of the Church. A sacrament is a way to show visibly what is happening invisibly. In other words, when something is happening in the spiritual world, it is often invisible to our sight, but a sacrament is a ritual which tries to make this invisible, spiritual action, visible to us.

Confession is the sacrament of forgiveness, it makes God's forgiveness and absolution (invisible) visible. It is also a community event. We see each other going to confession and it reminds us that we are all sinners and that we are all in this together.

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:

"the wise shall shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Daniel 12: 1-3



Accounts:

Only 4 weeks left to pay your school account. If you still have money owing from previous years please set up an AP for this, a regular payment can soon reduce your balance.

Account Numbers - the school and PTA have different account numbers. Please 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

Enrolments and School information for 2019

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.

2018 LEAVERS CHROME BOOKS

If your child is not returning to St Patrick's next year and has their own Chromebook Mrs McMillan will need to remove the Chrome management before the end of the year. This is a lengthy process for her so she will need to begin this on Friday 23rd November (Week 7). Please get your child to bring their Chromebook to the school office on this day. It must be clearly named.

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.

Lost and Found:

Cash found in toilets. If yours please see Dianne in the school office.

CHRISTMAS FETE:

We are on the home straight for our school fete! November 30th 5-8pm.

Have you seen our amazing banner on the school fence and our posters around town? Spread the word- this will be such a fun family filled evening.

You should have seen a notice come home on Monday/ Tuesday - This is a picnic order form for some Expleo treats! Should you require an extra form- Please email pta@stpatta.co.nz and we can email you one out- or print it of our school face book page. We are still looking for a few more helpers on the night: These will be posted on face book today.

Huge thanks to the donations that have come in so far! A few more items would be really great!! These can be dropped off to the office.

Thank you for your continued support

Your Friends the PTA

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 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

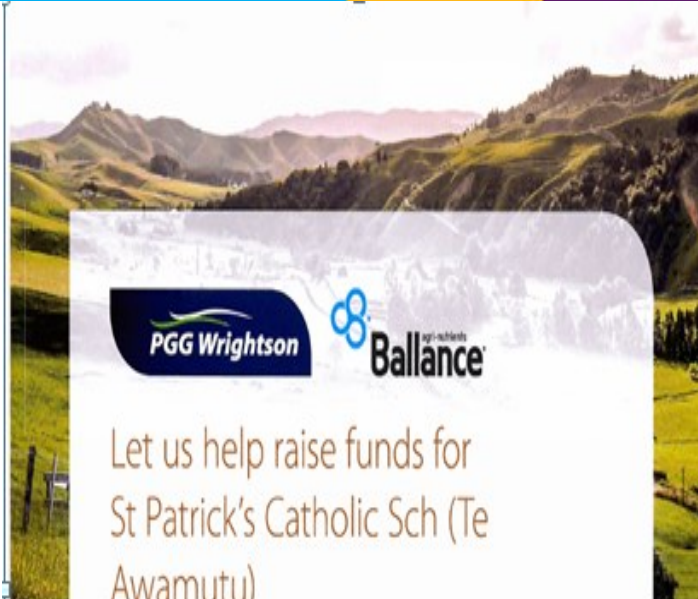
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Awamutu)

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

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