



# St Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 29th November 2018**

**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:**

# Honesty

When you are **honest**, you are truthful. You tell the truth even when it is hard. Honest people do not cheat, steal, or lie, even if they think that they can get away with it. People can trust an honest person.



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[TERM DIARY](#)

Wk 7	<b>Mon 26 Nov</b>	9am	Prayer Liturgy
	<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>	12.30-3pm	Traffic Warden Reward Day
	<b>Thurs 29 Nov</b>	9-12.30pm	Yr 7/8 Technology, TAI
	<b>Fri 30 Nov</b>	<b>TA CLUSTER ATHLETICS</b> 5-8pm	Twilight Christmas Fair
Wk 8	<b>Mon 3 Dec</b>	<b>TA CLUSTER ATHLETICS</b> 9am	Prayer Liturgy
	<b>Wed 5 Dec</b>	6-8pm	St Patrick's BOT Meeting
	<b>Thurs 6 Dec</b>	9-12.30pm	Last day of Tech Yr 7/8, TAI
		5.30-7pm	Yr 8 Dinner at Farenheit
	<b>Fri 7 Dec</b>	<b>PITA PIT LUNCH</b> 10:30am	Helpers Morning Tea
		11:15am	Final Assembly
Wk 9	<b>Mon 10 Dec</b>	9am	Prayer Liturgy
	<b>Wed 12 Dec</b>	<b>SCHOOL REPORTS SENT HOME</b>	
	<b>Thurs 13 Dec</b>	1:30pm	Prizegiving
		6-7pm	Christmas Liturgy
	<b>Fri 14 Dec</b>	11-12pm	<b>END OF YEAR MASS</b>

**12pm school finishes 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](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,

This week our much anticipated Christmas Fete has finally arrived! A huge thank you to all of those who have made amazing donations of prizes and food and to the tireless PTA who have spent hours and hours getting things organised.

We are praying and hoping for good weather. If there is light rain the Fete will go ahead as planned. High winds, heavy rain or thunder-storms would mean having to cancel the event, so make sure you send a few prayers our way this week!

Another way you can help us with the Fete organisation would be to pick up your children early on Friday. There will be lots of traffic around the school at 3pm as stall-holders arrive to set up for the evening. Children are allowed to be picked up from 12noon on the day of the Fete, just make sure that you let their teacher know that you have them so that we can keep everyone safe.

As you can imagine, the end of the school year is a very busy time for teachers. Each teacher has been completing all of her end-of-year testing, writing reports, collecting all of her appraisal documentation and reflecting on her planning. This year every teacher except one is also moving classrooms which means sorting, culling, packing and cleaning. On top of this, we try our best to make the end of the year special for our students by holding lots of fun events. Between Monday and the end of the year, there is literally something happening at school every single day. These events take lots of time and thought to organise but for us it is worth it when we see the big smiles on the children's faces. Don't forget to keep your eye on our school calendar for these events.

This Sunday sees the beginning of Advent - a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas. As a Catholic school, Christmas is ours to celebrate loudly and proudly! Unlike some state schools where Christmas trees and decorations and songs aren't allowed, as a Catholic school, Christmas is a big part of who we are. Everyone loves the story of Joseph and Mary and the donkey and the baby born in a stable. We hope to make this Christmas a magical time for your child.

God bless,

Shelly Fitness

Have a blessed day,



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)

### **This week's question: *Who was St Nick?***

St Nicholas, known popularly as "Jolly St Nick", the first Santa, was a Bishop who lived in the late 200s in a Greek town called Myra. He was known for his secret generosity. Born to a wealthy family, Nicholas inherited a large sum of money and he would secretly give this money away to the poor by going to their houses at night and throwing bags of gold through the windows. It is said that these bags of gold landed in people's shoes or stockings which were hanging under the windows, which is where the tradition of the Christmas stocking comes from. He had white hair and a white beard... sound familiar? His feast day is 6 December.

# & School notices

Just a reminder there is no school lunches Friday and there will be Pita pit next week.

Please if you are wanting to donate to our school fete for the Raffle or Auctions- please bring items-(\$20 up New items) to the office so we can package them all together- Have just a nice basket your not using? We would appreciate it too!!

If your family can bring their plate back to the office- Friday morning is best for baking as it will be going on our school bake table stall.

We just want to say a huge thanks to everyone who has come on board in the planning for our school fete for Friday evening. Anything you have contributed large or small has been greatly appreciated in making this all come together , so thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Its going to be such a great fun evening!

Your friends,

The PTA

## Wheels Day

Our Student Council have voted to run a Wheels Day for everyone at school.

**Wheels Day will be on Tuesday, 4 December.** The rules for Wheels Day:

- students may bring scooters, skates, bikes or toy cars
- bikes will be kept under the trees on the top field. They will not be locked and so are brought to school at your own risk
- scooters and skates will be kept in cloak-bays
- students must bring covered-in shoes and a helmet to ride bikes, scooters or skates. Helmets will not be allowed to be borrowed because they must be the right size and fit. **NO HELMET, NO WHEELS.**
- police recommendations still apply. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to ride their bikes to or from school but can ride them within the school grounds at the designated times

juniors will get to play on their wheels in the first block, middle school in the middle block and seniors in the senior block.

## Enviroschools



Ashlee, Addy and Jenni with Camilla our Enviroschools coordinator

At St Patrick's we are proud to say we are an Enviroschool. Our Enviro Team are very busy preparing for our reflection to achieve at Bronze level. We have been looking at how our school meets the guiding principles of Enviroschools and preparing to share with facilitators the story of our school. We will keep you posted!

# Just a friendly reminder:

## **Accounts:**

Paper statements will be sent home next week to all those who have an outstanding balance owing. Please check your statements and make final payments. 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**

## **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.

## **Lost Property:**

St Christopher pendant found on the school field. If it is yours please collect from the office.

Also, just a reminder that our lost property boxes are located in the Junior block (Outside Rm 2) the Hub and outside Rm 5.

## **Absentees:**

If your child will not be at school, for any reason please remember to let us know. There are a few ways you can contact us:

Email: [office@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.co.nz)

Phone: 07 871 4669

St Patrick's School Cellphone: 021 276 1228

## **Lucky Book Club Issue 8:**

Closes tomorrow, 30 November 2018. This is the last issue for the year, so get those orders in fast so you don't miss out.

## **Library Books:**

All issues library books need to be returned by the week of the 03/12/2018. Thank-you.

## **Services Available:**

Before and after school care available, as well as one off or regular house cleans. Both are available during university holidays, or longer term. Competitive rates. References available. Phone Christina on 0274447292.





## St Vincent de Paul

### Saint Vincent De Paul/Young Vinnies Joint Initiative.

Once again, the Young Vinnies is teaming up with Saint Vincent De Paul to assist with the Christmas Brown Paper Bag Appeal. Our Vinnies group is really excited and honoured to be part of this appeal. Each classroom will be given a brown bag to fill with items of food (non-perishable), kitchen and household consumables, Christmas treats and children's gifts. Last year 55+ families in our community benefited from the Parish and School's generosity. If you are able to support this, please give the items to your child's classroom teacher. This appeal runs through to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

We look forward to your support with this venture. God bless

Patsy Wisniewski and the Young Vinnies

### St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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**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:

"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**

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**VICTORIA SQUARE, CAMBRIDGE**  
TUESDAY 22 JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 9AM-12PM

**TE AWAMUTU VELODROME**  
THURSDAY 24 JANUARY  
FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 9AM-12PM

Suitable for children 9 years+  
The programme will run over two days  
(children to attend both days)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER EMAIL: TARYN.MAYALL@CYCLINGNEWZEALAND.NZ OR CALL 027 213 5147

The Waipa District Council is sponsoring free cycle skills training for students who are interested in cycling to school in 2019. The training will be run by Cycling NZ and Sport Waikato and will take place over 2 days in the Christmas holiday period. It will be based in both Te Awamutu and Cambridge. The training is suitable for those students aged 9 or older. Please find attached a flyer with further information.

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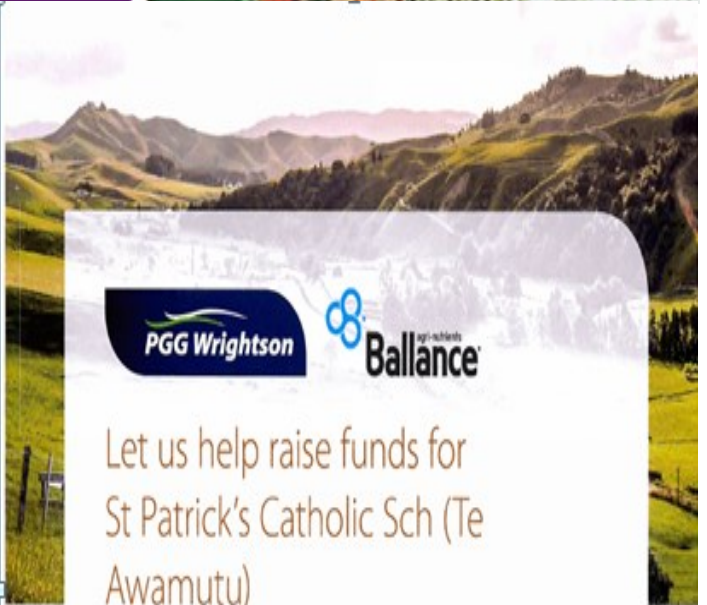
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For more details please contact Barbara on 07 873 6703 or [barbara.kanters@anz.com](mailto:barbara.kanters@anz.com)

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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.

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