

News From St Patrick's Catholic School



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Te Kura Katorika o Hato Patariki

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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
Week 6		<p>Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continued to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Jesus confided in the disciples the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejected this prediction, and Jesus rebuked him severely. Peter showed that he was no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus taught all of the disciples to be Christ's disciple was to follow his way of the cross. Jesus would be more like the servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others.</p> <p>https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection</p>
Thu 31	Skiing	
Fri 1	Father's Day Breakfast 7am Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 7		
Wed 6	Sing Star night 6.30pm	
Thu 7	Skiing	
Fri 8	Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 8		
Tue 12	St Pat's cross country	

Tihei mauri ora!

E nga iwi

E nga mana

E nga reo

E nga rau rangatira

Tna koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

It is a significant oho or awakening used in any mihi and as we prepare for Maori language week, 11 - 17 September, I recall these as the seeds of my basic grasp of Te Reo Maori in the early 1980s, when I attended a predominantly Maori populated school as a Pacific Islander. It was to have a profound influence later in my life as I embarked on a teaching vocation which is heading towards thirty years next year.

As the government rolls the announcement that our students will learn another language, why not Maori, WHY NOT? I remember when I first met Chris Long (yes the equilibrium to our dear Mrs Long) and he greeted me in Te Reo and not just kia ora mate, rather it was the appropriate formal greeting. There I thought an Englishman immersed in the richness of Taumarunui and loving the Central North Island hospitality and Te Reo to compliment.



THERE CERTAINLY ARE WORSE WAYS TO GO TO SCHOOL!

He ahakoa he iti he pounamu is a general reference to the preciousness of our young. For Maori it is applicable to Te Reo and Tikanga surviving. It must be constantly nurtured and those matapono/principles of the Treaty of Waitangi are well and truly embedded in the Catholic Church teachings.

A fourth article was added to the Maori text of the Treaty signed at Waitangi, at the request of Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier. In Maori the fourth article said: "E mea ana te Kawana ko nga whakapono katoa o Ingarani, o nga Weteriana, o Roma, me te ritenga Maori hoki e tiakina ngatahitia e ia." This means: "The Governor says that the several faiths (beliefs) of England, of the Wesleyans, of Rome and also of Maori custom shall alike be protected by him." This article guaranteed religious freedom for all in the new nation, including Maori.

<http://www.catholic.org.nz/our-story/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=42>

In 1986 Pope John Paul II on his maiden visit to New Zealand embraced Tikanga and Te Reo as part of the Church fabric. I feel it is important this forthcoming language week is promoted two weeks out, as I believe at St Patrick's we celebrate our bicultural heritage always and can always keep improving it even after 101 years.

I wish all Dads well as always annually and our Catholic Inquiry pays tribute to St Joseph the early dad of Christ.

A big thanks to all Dads and Mums who came last week to the snow and to Heather for the background work since Term 4 last year! I witnessed it, pray for good weather tomorrow and my final tribute to Dads in the light of Go Noah.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Thankyou to everyone who responded to our Fathers' Day breakfast invitation. We will see you in school at 7am this Friday 1 September, when the teachers will cook up a tasty brekky for you all.

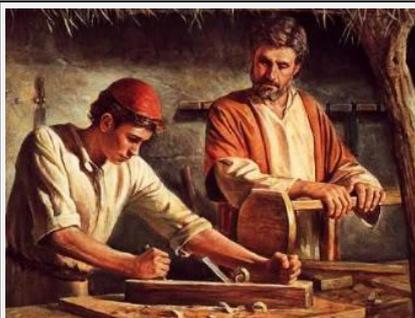


A young lad comes home and says to his Dad: "I have landed a major role in a school production as the father and I'm nervous, Dad." The dad reassures him: "Don't worry son you won't have many speaking parts."

Ra papa kia a koe - Happy Fathers' Day

No reira

Steve



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Fathers Matter: Thoughts on the Feast of St Joseph

By Caitlin Kennell-Kim

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. (from an ancient prayer to St. Joseph)

I want to talk about fathers. I want to talk about fathers because — despite what one might garner from nearly every aspect of popular culture — they matter. I want to talk about fathers because it is the Feast of St Joseph. One day early last week as our alarm clock radio started blaring at 6:30 a.m., the voice of a woman tore me from my sleep. "Top 10 reasons why your husband is just another one of your kids," she chortled. Bless her little heart. Let's get a few things straight. Let's start with what a father is not. A father is not an overgrown child (I'm sorry, almost every dad in almost every sitcom, it's just not true.) A father is not a babysitter (so if you see a man out and about with his kids please refrain from telling him how great it is that he's babysitting, it's called parenting and you'd feel silly saying the same thing to a mother.) A father is not incompetent (he can change babies, brush hair, kiss boo-boos, make snacks, cuddle babies, give baths, and all manner of other things at which fathers are generally presumed to be inherently inferior). A father is not destined by his gender to be a selfish and reluctant parent (again, my apologies to Homer Simpson, Ray Barone, and Al Bundy). A father is not an auxiliary parent. A father is not a mere donor of genetic material. A father is not replaceable, interchangeable, or irrelevant in the lives of his children.

Fathers matter. In a world in which men's capacity as parents is constantly demeaned and belittled in television programs, commercials, and movies. In a world in which reproductive technology has enabled us to create families without the hassle of ever having to meet our "sperm donor." In a world desperately in need of love that gives of itself quietly and constantly - love that makes us feel safe and honoured and nurtured - fathers matter.

<http://bustedhalo.com/blogs/fathers-matter-thoughts-on-the-feast-of-st-joseph>

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 2017 WHOLE SCHOOL MOUNTAIN DAY SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS!



AWARD WINNERS

<p>Caught Being Good Raniera Kelland, TJ Taiaroa-Smith, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn, Charlotte Houpapa, Tia Cowlshaw, Trixie Thomas, Tammy-Lee Taylor</p>	<p>Classroom Awards Zina Obi Okeoma, Alan Anthony, Louis Mennink, Ivy Wannasut, Preston Crown, Tia Cowlshaw, Mackenzy Clarkson, Danica Manion, Trixie Thomas, Isabel Mills</p>
<p>Special Character Award Charlotte McElroy , Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn</p>	
<p>Principal's Awards Trixie Thomas</p>	

Our Rooms – What's Happening?

<p>St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi</p>	<p>We did some practice for Go Noah! I am a piglet and I brought in my costume. I have made a piglet head at school and I will wear it on my head. We wrote in our booklets about winter. By Onour Clarkson.</p>
<p>St Lawrence Y2/3 Whaea Theona</p>	<p>We did sports with Whaea Mel. She gave us tips to help us with our cross country run and how to pace ourselves. In maths we are learning more things and trying to get to level four. In writing we are doing the "sm" blend and had to think of lots of words. It was tricky! By Zoe Ng.</p>
<p>St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens</p>	<p>We have been doing Maori art and fun maths. We are learning about angles and protractors. Ms Stevens is getting us to run more by letting us go around the two blocks in a figure 8 shape to get us ready and fit for cross country. We are doing art and were colouring in blank squares with certain colours it is fun and you've got to try and guess what your picture is going to be. We have also been painting and it is really fun. By Kataraina Hepi, Deana Paul and Mackenzy Clarkson.</p>

GO NOAH!

TICKETS ON SALE!

Tickets for Go Noah! are on sale

\$15 adult, \$10 child

Tickets from iTicket –

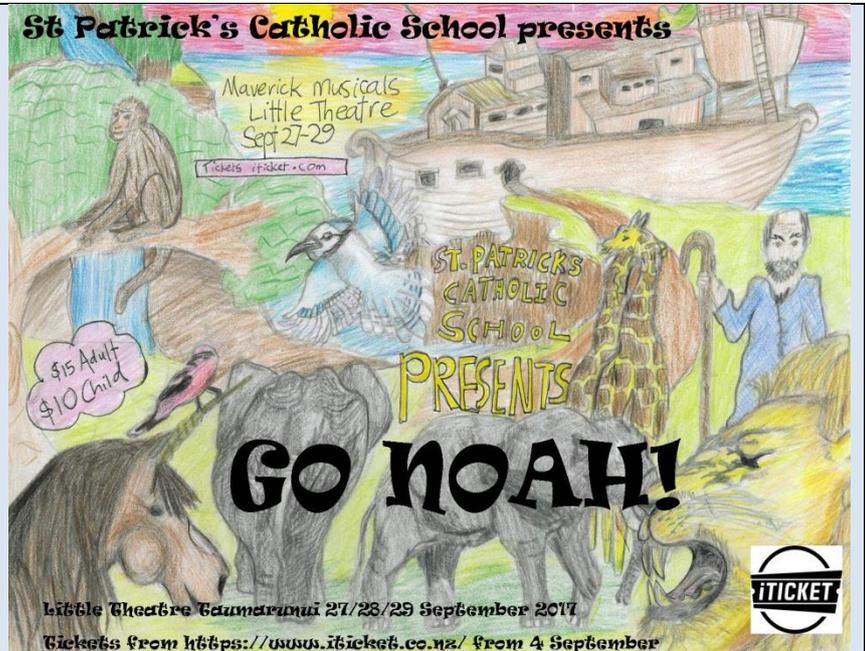
here's the link

<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2017/sep/go-noah>

GO NOAH! 27-29 September

Little Theatre, Taumarunui

St Patrick's Catholic School presents
a Maverick Musicals production.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY - \$2 EACH – PLEASE PAY YOUR TEACHER

SING STAR SOCIAL EVENING NEXT WEEK – WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Calling all budding songsters, we are having a Sing Star Social on Wednesday 6 September from 6.30pm-8pm. Please come along after dinner and join us for a night of song. Children may bring their water bottle and some biscuits for supper (please no lollies/gum/chippies/hot food). All children must be accompanied by an adult. See you there!



SPORTS NEWS

For fixtures see Facebook and website.

Minimeez Games are played in the Athletics Gym opposite Turaki School. Fixtures for this Friday 1 Sept:

TIME	COURT	TEAMS
4.25pm	2	NVS Lakerz v St Pat's Orbits
5.05pm	2	St Pat's Jumping Jupiters v TKKM Te Pihinga

Ski Trip Tomorrow

The forecast for tomorrow is fair with some showers so our second ski trip will go ahead! Please make sure all children and accompanying adults are at school at 7am for a safety briefing before we depart at 7.30am SHARP. The dates for the following trips are: Thursday 7 September, Thursday 14 September for ski and snowboard lessons only. If we have to postpone at the last minute, we will put a message on Facebook and our answerphone. Follow this link to see groups for tomorrow and to find a notice for next week's trip. All notices back by Monday please. <http://www.stpats-tmn.school.nz/recent-notices.html>

Cross Country – Urgent Call for Parent Help!

Please get in touch – we desperately need more parent helpers for this important annual school event. The St Pat's Cross Country will take place on Tuesday 12 September, postponed to the following day if the weather is against us. We will run our event at Taumarunui High School. In a change to previous years, the Central King Country Principals' Association has decided that girls will run the same distance as boys, but still in separate races. This means that except for the midgets, girls will run 500m further than they have run previously. Taumarunui Inter-School Cross Country will be held at Ongarue School on Tuesday 26 September with a postponement date of Thursday 28 September. It will go ahead on the Tuesday unless the weather is really stormy or cold.

Youth Sports Event Taumarunui's youth council has organised a day-long sports tournament taking place on Sunday 24 September from 9am at Taumarunui High School. To register as a team of five in either the U13 or 13+ competitions, return your entry form by 15 September. The cost is \$5 per player. For a registration form, contact the Taumarunui Ruapehu District Council office.

Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

Mass each weekday:

Mon-Tues 9am, Wed-Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12 noon

Sunday 3 September 9.30am – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030

Sister Win 078958532

