

# 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
<b>Week 8</b>		<p>The poor will be blessed with the Kingdom of God, the hungry will be satisfied, the mourning will be happy. "Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!" What day? On the day of death, when the hardships of this world can no longer claim us, and the promises of Christ are fulfilled to believers. Ultimately, that will lead to the resurrection of the dead, when death itself is overcome fully and the fullness of God's plan is made manifest to the world.</p> <p>Today's Psalm proclaims that God's "Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages." In light of that, if we hew close to Christ and his teachings, death is little more than a blip on the larger timeline of eternity. None of us is happy about death. It's not something God had wanted as part of the original plan, and it's not something we'd choose if we were selecting the blueprints of our own realities. But if — by humanity's own mistakes and failings — death is going to be the unsightly nook of our mortal lives, then we must make the most of it. Christ used his own death to save the world, and our deaths will lead to the Kingdom.</p> <p><a href="http://www.acatholic.org">http://www.acatholic.org</a></p>
Thu 14	Ski trip 7am PTFA meeting 6pm	
Fri 15	Assembly 1.30pm	
<b>Week 9</b>		
Fri 22	Assembly 1.30pm	
<b>Week 10</b>		
Mon 25	Rehearsals Little Theatre	
Tues 26	Rehearsals Little Theatre Inter School Cross Country	
Wed 27	Rehearsals Little Theatre	
Wed 27	7pm Go Noah! performance	
Thu 28	7pm Go Noah! performance	
Fri 29	7pm Go Noah! performance	



**CROSS COUNTRY – THE FACES SAY IT ALL!**

**"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity."**

**Nelson Mandela**

**Tihei mauri ora!**

This week I have been working with the senior level students in the absence of Ms Stevens. We have engaged in activities to challenge their comfort zones and to help them understand the pain of poverty, social injustice and denial of people's rights to basic necessities.

We must pray for the rights of other denied TODAY. We especially pray for the displaced muslims in Myanmar who have been forced from their homes by civil war and the most tragic victims young mothers and their children.

With two weeks to go we look forward to the production, and if you want to help with front of house please come along to the Parent Teacher and Friends Association meeting tomorrow at 6pm. Tickets are selling fast online – here's the link:

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

We pray for the safety of our ski group travelling up tomorrow for the final week.

No reira  
Steve

## **SPECIAL CHARACTER**

### **What is social justice?**

**Social justice is the promotion of just societies and treatment of individuals and communities based on the belief that we each possess an innate human dignity.**

***“God has made the earth and all that it contains for all to share. The earth's goods must be divided fairly and this right of everyone to a just share comes first. All other rights must help, not block, this basic right of every human being.” Populorum Progressio, Pope Paul VI, 1967***

**It is the promotion of respect for creation, and principles of stewardship, participation, the common good, solidarity, subsidiarity and the preferential option for the poor and the vulnerable.**

**Social justice activists aim to see this achieved in the world that we live in now and for future generations. Social justice issues revolve around structures or human actions within society that result in people being treated unfairly or unjustly. Addressing social justice issues could mean:**

- **Working against discrimination**
- **Mitigating the effects of climate change on communities**
- **Ensuring workers are treated fairly and are valued**
- **Preventing the marginalisation of people from society**
- **Challenging unjust government policies that contribute to the oppression of some people in a society**
- **Ensuring the powerful don't abuse their power**
- **Promoting peace instead of violence**
- **Ensuring men and women are able to flourish**
- **Preventing corruption**

**Social justice is promoted through our Church doctrine. In addition to the Gospel teachings and person of Jesus Christ, we have Catholic social teaching (CST) that guides us on how to 'see, judge and act' on issues of social justice.**

<http://www.caritas.org.nz/what-social-justice>

## **AWARD WINNERS**

<b>Caught Being Good</b> Zola Thomas, Raniera Kelland, Hana Coradine, Hayward Vanstone, Macey Austin	<b>Classroom Awards</b> Hana Coradine, Rimu Austin, Sonny Hepi, Hayden McElroy, Zoe Ng, Connor Bright, Maysen Hepi, Preston Crown, Hayward Vanstone, Renaysha Naidoo, Zola Thomas, Chloe Porter, Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui, Monica van Buel
<b>Special Character Award</b> Chasca Ripoi, Macey Austin	
<b>Principal's Awards</b> Rilee Austin x2, Connor Bright, Chloe Porter	
<b>St Patrick's Award</b> Rilee Austin	

## **Our Rooms – What's Happening?**

St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi	We drew a picture of a bus and we had to write all of our names on there. We had to draw all the passengers. My bus is yellow. In the school play I am a towns person and I laugh at Noah. I have a costume to wear. By Hayden McElroy.
St Lawrence Y2/3 Whaea Theona	Te wiki o Te Reo Maori. We have been making a korowai which is a special cloak for special occasions such as weddings. We ran in our cross country and it was a great race. We have also been doing art for the theatre for Go Noah! By Analicia Phelan and Connor Bright.
St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens	It is Maori Language Week so we have been learning songs, using poi and speaking Maori. We did cross country. It was fun – and tiring. Lots of people came to watch. In class we have been looking at shapes in maths – it's called geometry. We have been writing stories and we have been learning how to make a brainstorm tree. By Matisse Hosking, Rilee Austin and Natalya McElroy

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



**PHOTOS FROM OUR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Thankyou to our wonderful whanau for supporting this important school event, and well done to all the children who tried so hard in such a range of different weather conditions! We really did have a wonderful day of sport.



**SPORTS NEWS**

For fixtures see Facebook and website.

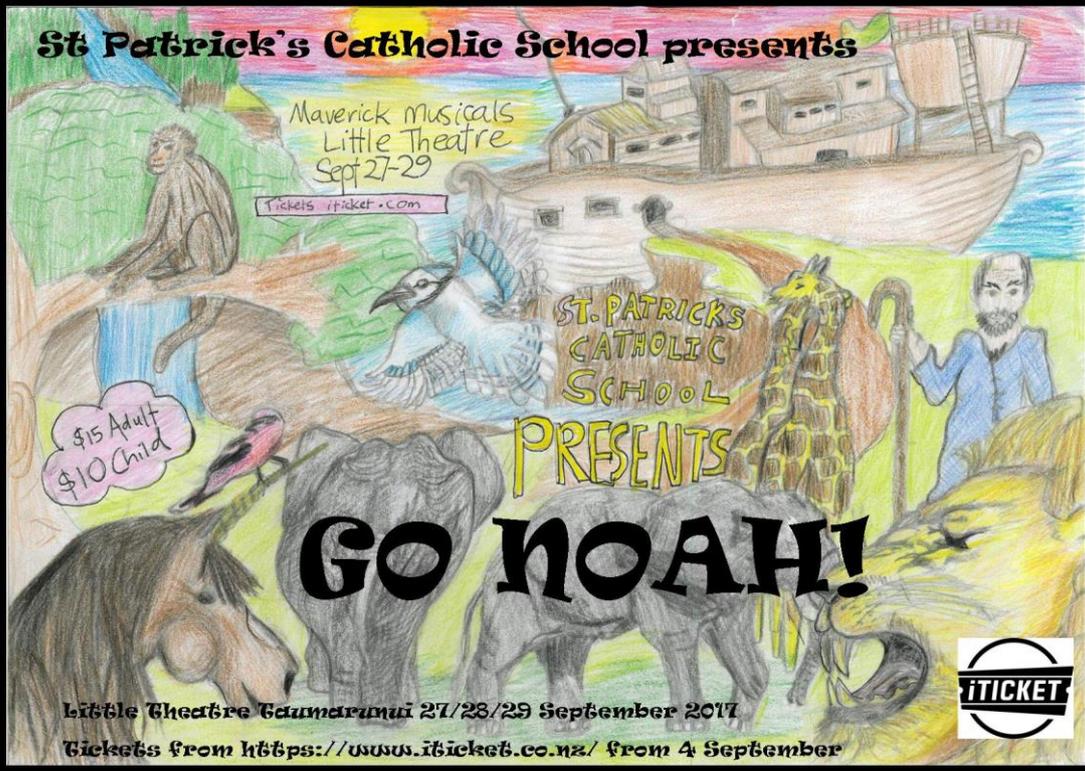
**Minimeez**

Games are played in the Athletics Gym opposite Turaki School. Fixtures for this Friday 15 Sept:

TIME	COURT	TEAMS
4.45pm	2	St Pat's Orbits v Turaki Breakers
5.05pm	2	St Pat's Jumping Jupiters v NVS Shooting Stars
5.25pm	1	Turaki Strikers v St Pat's Jumping Jupiters

**Ski Trip Tomorrow**

Our final one of the year – we're going to go for it! Fingers crossed for the weather – the forecast really could go either way. Please be at school at 7am.



**St Patrick's Catholic School presents**

# GO NOAH!

A **Maverick Musicals** production  
**Little Theatre, Taumarunui**  
**27/28/29 September 2017**

Tickets \$15 adult \$10 child from iSite Taumarunui or  
<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2017/sep/go-noah>

**1st Matapuna Scouts** **JOIN NOW!**

accepting ages 5 to 11 & 14 to 18  
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**BREAK A LEG!**  
 All the best to our friends at Turaki School for their show Alice In Wonderland which opens at the Little Theatre next week. Tickets available now from iticket.com

Breathe Better September is a national campaign to raise awareness of respiratory conditions in New Zealand. The campaign encourages all Kiwis to show their support for better breathing and healthy lungs and start thinking about how they can improve their respiratory health. For most Kiwis breathing is something we don't think twice about. But for one-in-six living with a respiratory condition, being able to breathe properly is far from reality. 700,000 Kiwis have a respiratory condition.

**JUNIOR AND YOUNG ADULT ARTIST AWARDS – RUAPEHU ART AWARDS 2017 – CASH PRIZES FOR YOUNG ARTISTS**  
 The Ruapehu Art Awards 2017 have been launched with two categories for young people. The junior awards are for artists up to and including Year 8, the young adult awards are for artists in Year 9-13. There are also categories for young photographers and 3D artists (eg sculptors, carvers, weavers).  
 For more information go to the Twin Rivers Gallery or contact the Taumarunui Art Group/Ruapehu Art Awards via <https://www.facebook.com/taumarunuiartgroup/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ruapehuartawards/>

**Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui**

<p>No Mass during the week from 3 September to 22 October          Sunday Masses at 5pm only          Father Lawrie returns for Sunday Mass 22 October</p>	<p>Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030          Sister Win 078958532</p>
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