

# News From St Patrick's Catholic School



**Faithful, Responsible, Life-Long Learners**  
**Te Kura Katorika o Hato Patariki**

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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
<b>Week 9</b>		<p>Our expectations of others, especially children, need to be realistic and to take the form of gentle encouragement and support rather than demands they struggle to fulfil. Great damage can be done to those we love by imposing expectations on them which push them in certain directions or suppress their natural gifts.</p> <p>The wisest and most saintly people impose no expectations on the people around them, which means they are never disappointed. Instead they inspire and encourage others to fulfil their potential, and respond with spontaneous and genuine delight when people do good things.</p> <p>The expectations we have of ourselves and others need constant examination. They can be powerful drivers of our moods and our relationships.</p> <p><a href="http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&amp;id=2397">http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&amp;id=2397</a></p>
Fri 22	Bike Day 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	

## GO NOAH! NEXT WEEK



**When we sin, it is as if we are drowning, however, God will spare us if we live justly as Noah did.**

Joe Poprocki

Tihei mauri ora!

The opening sentiments of Poprocki (whose article is our Catholic Inquiry today) reflect the powerful images of this great story in Genesis chapter 5 and the use of figurative language to illustrate God's truth, his strength on which we can lean and the compassion of God's love, demonstrated when he sent his only son to live amongst us.

The lessons our students can learn from this story are how forgiving God is if we sin, and when we feel helpless or hopeless, our strong sense of faith and contrition of sins will help us know that God is there for us.

Next week is production week and it has been a year in the making, when you consider that we first began discussing the idea of a production in Term 4 last year. It will be an exciting week and from the rehearsals we have had there is a belief that this show is going to be FANTASTIC. Pictured are Charlotte Houpapa and Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui – our two wonderful leads, Noah and Mrs Noah.

The Parent Teacher and Friends Association will be running the front of house duties at the Little Theatre and during intermission will sell snacks and refreshments. To assist with this all families will be asked to contribute

ingredients for the PTFA baking. Notes will be coming home with your children. We would ask you to send the ingredients from tomorrow – Tuesday at the latest.

It is a pleasure to welcome back Denise Stevens after a brief illness and we hope all keep well as we enter our final and exciting week.

Nga mihi nui koutou  
Steve

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR GO NOAH! – TELL YOUR FRIENDS! THIS IS THE LINK:**

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

## **SPECIAL CHARACTER**

**Do Catholics believe that Noah's Ark is a factual event?**

**BY JOE PAPROCKI**

Every so often, a headline appears online or in newspapers about a research team that believes they have discovered evidence of Noah's ark. Could it be that the ark that is described in the Book of Genesis factually existed? It's possible. However, whether or not the story of Noah's Ark is factual, Catholics embrace the story as true. That's because something can be true without necessarily being fact. Let's back up just a bit.

The story of Noah's Ark, Genesis chapters 5 through 9, recounts a devastating flood that destroyed the world and all living creatures except for a just man named Noah, his family, and the pairs of living creatures that he brought on board with him before the rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights. Interestingly enough, there are a number of epic stories of a great flood that can be found in various cultures around the world. No doubt, the story of Noah is based on a factual event since archaeologists have found evidence of great floods that took place during biblical times. This does not mean, however that every detail of the story of Noah's Ark is factual. We have no reason NOT to believe that a just man named Noah saved his family and many living creatures from a flood that devastated the known world at that time. However, it is hardly conceivable that a simple man like Noah could build an ark of such huge proportions and then gather two of every known living creature – one male and one female – and house them safely within it and feed them and dispose of their waste over a period of 40 days. That's quite a zoological fete! The less-than-factual character of this story, however, in no way diminishes the truth and sacredness of its message. At times, biblical authors, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, used figurative language to communicate God's truth. It is indeed possible for something to be truthful but not necessarily factual. When Scripture says that "God is my rock," (Psalm 18:2) we are not to believe that God is literally a rock. The image, while not intended to be literal, expresses a truth about God using figurative language – like a rock, God is strong, steadfast, solid, and can be leaned on! Likewise, the story of Noah's Ark employs a great deal of figurative language to express an absolute truth about God and our relationship with him: when we sin, it is as if we are drowning, however, God will spare us if we live justly as Noah did.

For a more in-depth understanding of how the Church teaches us to read Scripture, especially those parts that employ figurative language, be sure to read **The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church** issued by the Pontifical Biblical Commission. <http://bustedhalo.com>



## **AWARD WINNERS**

**Caught Being Good** Hayward Vanstone, Mackenzy Clarkson, Jorja Tadman, Louis Mennink, Brayden Mahoney-Trail, Samantha McElroy

**Special Character Award** Sonny Hepi, Tia Cowlshaw

**Principal's Awards** Tylah Hepi x3, Hayward Vanstone x4

**Classroom Awards** Everyone in Room 1, Arnie Wannasut, Elf Antapit, Jayden Austin, Zoe Ng, Quill Thomas, Phillip Spiers



## **DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

The mobile dental unit will be calling St Patrick's students for appointments next term.

To contact the unit, call 0800 TALK TEETH.

## **HEAD LICE**

Please be aware there are nits in school. We ask you to check your child's head and those of all members of your family today and once a week after that. Comb each person's wet, conditioned hair with a fine toothed comb before rinsing. The lice become trapped in the teeth of the comb. Pull the comb through each section of the hair starting at the scalp. There is no need to wash blankets, sheets or pillow cases. For information:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/head-lice>

# BIKE DAY TOMORROW!

All children can bring their bikes to school to ride at morning tea and lunch time. Helmets compulsory – no helmet no ride!



## FINAL SKI TRIP – WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

Thanks again to those wonderful parents who came and supported our ski day. We are so grateful for all that you do for us.



# Our Rooms – What’s Happening?

St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi	We have been doing some numbers in maths. We did take aways. I thought it was easy. We learned the ways of writing numbers. We also coloured some animal art and did paintings of Noah’s Ark for the Little Theatre. By Zina Obi Okeoma.
St Lawrence Y2/3 Whaea Theona	We have been doing our animal heads for the play. I don’t wear one because my character is an angel. We have been making animal art for the Little Theatre. We are excited to go to the theatre next week. By Chasca Ripo.
St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens	We are doing some art for the play. We are going to decorate the theatre. We each chose an animal and we had to pick four different parts of that animal. We drew the animal parts, coloured them in and stuck them onto black paper. We are also doing scary maths –it’s really hard. There are so many random questions and sums. It’s good to have Ms Stevens back. By Zola Thomas and Chloe Porter.

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

## SPORTS NEWS

For fixtures see Facebook and website.

**Minimeez** Games are played in the Athletics Gym opposite Turaki School. Fixtures for this Friday 22 Sept:

TIME	COURT	TEAMS
4.25pm	1	Manunui Titanz v St Pat’s Jumping Jupiters
4.25pm	2	NVS Lakerz v St Pat’s Orbits
4.45pm	2	Manunui Globetrotters v St Pat’s Orbits

## Cross Country Results

See Facebook for all the results from our school cross country races.

## Inter School Cross Country

We are only sending a small team this year due to the commitment to our full dress rehearsal for Go Noah! The inter school cross country takes place at Ongarue next Tuesday 26 September. Students have been notified.



**THE ANIMALS ARE COMING – TWO BY TWO!**  
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>

## ROSARY

Each day during the month of October we pray the Rosary for our families.

Please check your family’s Rosary day on the notice coming home with each child. It would be wonderful if you could come and join us in church at 2.30pm on your family’s day to pray the Rosary with us.

## MISSION DAY FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

A day when the children raise money for the missions by running stalls and activities for one another. Start planning now and clean out your toy box or bookshelves. More about this special day next week.

## ST JOHN YOUTH TAUMARUNUI

For young people aged 6-18. Tuesdays 5pm-6.30pm St John Ambulance Station, 18 Manuate St. Contact Carol Shaw

078954772 or 0272713021 email  
[manunui.service.stn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:manunui.service.stn@xtra.co.nz)



## Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

No Mass during the week until 22 October  
Sunday Masses at 5pm.  
Father Lawrie returns for Sunday Mass 22 October.

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