

News From St Patrick's Catholic School



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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
Week 10		<p>Throughout our lives Jesus presents us with opportunities for spiritual growth and participation in his mission. These opportunities can involve change of some kind. We often instinctively respond to a suggestion of change in our lives by pushing it away, because it disturbs the status quo. The change may look like it will require work and commitment, as the request to go to the vineyard did. It may mean putting aside what we want to do in order to do respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Saying no to change is a very human first reaction, and well understood by the God who calls us to change. God does not give up and his prompting will follow us. If our initial "no" is followed by prayer and reflection, we will eventually find peace in making the change. If our thoughts are all about justifying our "no" and developing layers of reasons to support the "no", then we are in danger of putting what we want ahead of what God wants for us. We all do this at times when the change seems too big or appears to ask too much of us. Our God is persistent, and he will present us again with the opportunity to respond, perhaps in a different way and in different circumstances. Our initial "no" is always an interim rather than a final response in the eyes of the God who loves us and calls us to work in his vineyard.</p> <p>http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections</p>
Thu 28	7pm Go Noah! performance	
Fri 29	7pm Go Noah! performance End of Term 2	
TERM 4		
Week 1	BACK TO SCHOOL	
Mon 16	Rosary starts (every day Oct)	
Tue 17	Disco	
Fri 20	Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 2		
Mon 23	Labour Day – no school	
Wed 25	School speech competition 7pm	
Fri 27	Mission Day Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 3		
Tue 31	School athletics	
Wed 1	All Saints Day Mass 9.30am	



GO NOAH! HITS THE STAGE TO RAVE REVIEWS

Ma mua ka ki te a muri
ma muri ka ora e mua
Those who lead give sight to those who follow
Those who follow give life to those who lead

Tihei mauri ora!

A sincere thank you to all the staff, families and staff members' families who helped us arrive at the end of our journey last night - the first performance of Go Noah! What a terrific opening night. I won't say any more as I know many of you are yet to experience a humorous night of the famed story of God's love for us, told through Noah and his famous ark. The costumes are a sight to behold and the scenery combined with superb performances from our 70 young actors creates a show to remember. With two more performances to go, please make sure you get your tickets. See the link below.

This last ten weeks have certainly flown with the obvious focus on our production. It has been three years since our last production and hopefully it can remain a biennial or triennial event. As we prepare for next term, we begin with the month of the Holy Rosary in October and during that period we have the annual Mission Day on Friday 27 October in Week 2. So begin preparations in earnest. We will remind students in the first week back after the holidays.

Enjoy the time with your children and God bless all of our families for your continual support of the kaupapa of St Patrick's Catholic School

No reira, 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

Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilisation, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilisation, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If people in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." Mary in our Life by Fr. William <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/>

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

CONSERVATION-THEMED HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAY TAUMARUNUI LIBRARY MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 10.30am-12 NOON

GO NOAH!

The event of the year hits the stage at Taumarunui's Little Theatre. Tickets for tonight and tomorrow night available until 4pm at

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

after which any remaining tickets will be sold on the door. \$15 adults \$10 children. Enjoy tea, coffee and cakes during the interval in the art gallery created by the children. Raffles available too. Opening night was AMAZING! You really don't want to miss this...



Our Rooms – What’s Happening?

St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi	We have been learning about God. He is the creator of the world and He created the animals. There are lots of animals in Go Noah! which is our school show. I am one of the townspeople and we sing and laugh at Noah. By Sonny Hepi.
St Lawrence Y2/3 Whaea Theona	We have been doing our Noah play. It’s been great! Amazing! We have been at the theatre all week. The theatre is big and old. Lots of mums and dads came to watch, and grandmas and grandads, and little brothers and sisters, plus the old people from Avonlea and the children from the preschools. By Zoe Ng and Analia Phelan.
St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens	The play is awesome it’s really fun! It was a bit nerve racking going on stage in front of everyone. When we were practising it was scary thinking we had to go on stage but once we got out there and sang it was great. We were really happy to sing our songs. Wilson said it’s like rugby – the training gets tedious but it’s worth it when you play the game. We’ve all been pretty tired at school. By Rilee Austin and Liam Perez.



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.

AWARD WINNERS	
Caught Being Good Danica Manion, Wilson Mennink, Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui, Chloe Porter, Charlotte Houppapa, Jorja Tadman, Charlotte McElroy, Seth Kerridge, Braxton Mahu, Renaysha Naidoo	Classroom Awards Zina Obi Okeoma, Onour Clarkson, Elf Antapit, Chizy Obi Okeoma, Grace Van Orden, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn, Trixie Thomas, Charlotte Houppapa, Shaniquae McElroy
Special Character Award Zoe Ng, Monica van Buel	
Principal’s Awards Paige Bright, Connor Bright, Hana Coradine, Mackenzy Clarkson, Sonny Hepi, Maysen Hepi, Chloe Porter	

SPORTS NEWS

For all fixtures see Facebook and website.

Minimeez Games for finals night tomorrow, Friday 29 Sept. Go St Pat’s!

TIME	COURT	TEAMS
3.45pm	1	Turaki Dragons v St Pat’s Jumping Jupiters
3.45pm	2	TPS Rockets v St Pat’s Orbits

Athletics

The St Patrick’s athletics tournament will take place on Tuesday 31 October. Please consider coming and helping us on this day. We need a large team of parent helpers to make the competition run smoothly. Please contact Denise Stevens if you are able to join us.

Inter School Cross Country

What a terrible, soggy day – our team did an amazing job! To say nothing of the parents and grandparents who came to help and support. Thankyou!

Special congratulations to:

Paige Bright 1st in grade, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn 2nd in grade, Connor Bright 2nd in grade, Danica Manion 5th in grade, Rilee Austin 6th in grade, Macey Austin 6th in grade, Braxton Mahu 7th in grade, Hana Coradine 7 in grade, Rimu Austin 9th in grade, Ceejay Manion 10th in grade.



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. Talk to your friends and family about ideas for a stall, or see Mrs Leatuafi. Let’s all have a great Mission Day 2017.

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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