

News From St Patrick's Catholic School



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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
Week 2		<p>PEACE ON EARTH</p> <p>Sometimes the Gospel brings about a certain disunity. Throughout history, for example, Christians have been severely persecuted for their faith. The example of many martyrs reveals that those who live the faith and preach it may become the target of another.</p> <p>Do not be afraid of holding fast to the truths of our faith regardless of the reactions of others.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon whether or not you struggle with compromising your faith when it is challenged by others. Know that God wants you to choose Him and His holy will above every other relationship in life.</p> <p><i>Lord, give me grace to keep my eyes on You and Your will and to choose You above everything else in life. When my faith is challenged give me courage and strength to stay strong in Your love. Jesus, I trust in You.</i></p> <p>https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2017/10/25/peace-on-earth/</p>
Thu 26	PTFA mtg 6pm	
Fri 27	Mission Day Assembly 1.30pm Disco Parish Hall 6pm	
Week 3		
Tue 31	School athletics Inter school speeches	
Wed 1	All Saints' Day Mass 9.30am	
Thu 2	Cemetery visit	
Fri 3	Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 4		
Mon 6	Pet Day and Spring Show	
Fri 10	Inter school athletics Assembly 1.30pm	

PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES READY FOR OUR 2017 PRIZE GIVING

Ko nga pae tawhiti whaia kia tata, whakamua kia tina
 The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today

Tihei mauri ora!

Listening to last night's speech competitors reminds me of the opening whakatauki. The talent within our school shows that the seed laid today will reap rewards tomorrow. The What If topic of senior speech winner Zola Thomas left us pontificating, however imagine if we were witnessing the next future member of parliament for Rangitikei; What If? The message of te reo being spoken properly and the grief one feels as a Maori when the indigenous language is poorly pronounced, well done, mihi atu ki a koe Rilee Austin ki te kaupapa o te karere. Thank you Rilee for the message in your speech. To conclude, who would have thought young Mackenzy Clarkson could come from nowhere and win the impromptu section, ko au rekore! I'm speechless! Thank you to all the family members who came last night. It is to your credit that your children share a skill



Speech Winners 2017 Trixie and Zola Thomas

of oratory that not many people call their cup of tea. From what we have seen at the speech finals and during the heats in the classes. tomorrow looks a brighter future for our Taumarunui children. A sincere thanks to staff Denise Stevens and Liz Bright for being a rock of ideas and motivation.



Laying on hands to bless the korowai for Sue Moore – the hands of every student and staff member of St Patrick's printed onto a cloak to embrace Sue at her time of loss.

Thank you to the school for a meaningful gift given to Sue Moore last week at the memorial gathering following the funeral of her husband, Roger. The korowai of love reciprocated/te korowai o aroha atu was sincerely appreciated. Sue wore it for the whole afternoon.

We encourage all families to come out this Friday for Mission Day at 11.30am and celebrate our first two weeks back, where Aotearoa embraces a new government under MMP and we pray for our leaders and a nation in unity where democracy is a right and unnecessary blood is not shed as we witness in other nations.

Next week is our November 1 Solemnity of All Saints' day mass at 9.30am and we welcome all of you to join us and for a cup of tea afterwards at school to catch up with Fr Laurie Bishop who we welcome back refreshed after his break in Europe.

No reira
No reira
Steve

SPECIAL CHARACTER

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints, is those recognised in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/>

SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENTS FOR ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS'

Please join us for All Saints' Day Mass on Wednesday 1 November at 9.30am. On All Souls' Day, Thursday 2 November, we will make our annual walk to the cemetery at the far end of Golf Road to lay flowers on the graves of the departed.



SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENT

MISSION DAY – TOMORROW 11.30am – COME AND JOIN US!

Prepare for a day of craziness as our young St Pat's entrepreneurs get creative to raise money for the missions. They have planned stalls, games, refreshments and activities to keep us all amused and raise money for charity.

Students please remember:

- WEAR MUFTI – 50c donation
- BRING MONEY – Fill your purse with coins to spend
- ITEMS FOR STALL – Bring all your items for your planned stall/activity to set up mid morning
- \$5 CAR WASH – parents can drop off their cars to be washed in the car park behind the school



NO SAUSAGES THIS WEEK - SPEND YOUR MONEY AT MISSION DAY



SCHOOL DISCO – TOMORROW NIGHT

6pm – 7.30pm - PARISH HALL

Gold coin donation – snacks to buy – glow sticks

Organised by the PTFA

SUPER SPEECHES

Thankyou to Taumarunui Toastmasters Carla Benefield, Jennifer Benefield and Ann Mayer for judging our school speech competiton last night, and well done to our winners, Trixie and Zola Thomas, who will go on to represent St Pat's at the inter school contest held at Taumarunui High School on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm – good luck girls!

SPEECH COMPETITION RESULTS:

Year 8	1st Zola Thomas, 2nd Rilee Austin
Year 7	1st Trixie Thomas, 2nd Monica van Buel
Year 6	1st Macey Austin
Year 5	1st Tia Cowlshaw, 2nd Paige Bright, 3rd Maysen Hepi
Year 4	1st Milla Coradine, 2nd Mackenzy Clarkson
Impromptu	1st Mackenzy Clarkson, 2nd Zola Thomas

Our Rooms – What's Happening?

St Mary
MacKillop Y1
Mrs Leatuafi

It was fun doing super hero colouring. Mr Mills taught us all for the day with Whaea Theona's class. He taught us how to do fishing and how to play hockey. We are looking forward to Mission Day. By Sonny Hepi and Karina Rihia.

St Lawrence
Y2/3
Whaea Theona

We have been making kete and we have been putting treats in them. We are selling them for Mission Day. We have also been painting rocks to sell, and we made our own designs. Mr Mills taught us how to use a fishing rod. By Tylah Hepi and Sunny Hepi.

St Margaret
Mary
Yr4/5/6/7/8
Whaea Liz
Ms Stevens

Today we have been doing a pepeha for kapa haka which is introducing yourself to others. Last night was the speech competition. We were quite scared at the start but once we were up we got into it. It was good fun. We have making spring bug pictures in class and we have been preparing for Mission Day. By Trixie Thomas, Macey Austin, Tia Cowlshaw and Chiemena Obi Okeoma.

FISHING FUN!

Mr Mills teaching survival skills to our two junior classes.



PET DAY AND SPRING SHOW - MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Please bring your pets to school on this day. The whole school will be participating by viewing and learning about the animals on show. There will also be a show of the children's spring art. The children are encouraged to make a flower arrangement, mini garden and aqua jar at home. These will be displayed in the parish hall.

The pet show and parade will run from 9.30am – 11.30am on the school field.

The following animals are permitted at Pet Day:

- Small farm animals (lambs, calves, piglets, goat kids) - caged or tethered
- Dogs – caged or on leads
- Cats – caged
- Birds (budgies, parrots, chickens) – caged
- Rodents (rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, mice) – caged

Registration – All animals must be registered before the day. The deadline is Wednesday 1 November. No late entries will be accepted and any unregistered animals will NOT be allowed onto school grounds. Please complete and return the registration form in the notices sent home earlier this week, available on our website. Guidelines of care of your animal while on school grounds will then be supplied.

We look forward to meeting all your animals! Theona Turner, Pet Day co-ordinator



MEET THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REBECCA VAN ORDEN

I am married to Aaron, and our daughter Grace is a year 4 student at St Patrick's Catholic School.

I grew up in Taumarunui, attending the High School before studying at Waikato University, worked in Auckland, and two years in the United States where I met Aaron. We moved back to Taumarunui in 2006 to be close to my family and because it's a wonderful community.

I work at the Ruapehu District Council as Team Leader for Community Property and oversee the community property and recreation and community assets of our district. I stay active by playing squash and netball, and running around like a busy working mum does. I'm involved in a number of committees, and you'll see me around as part of St Pat's Parent Teacher and Friends Association too. I decided to become a board member as I believe parents need to be involved in the future of our schools to ensure the right decisions are being made for the school and the students.



AWARD WINNERS WEEK 1 TERM 4

Caught Being Good Samantha McElroy, Liam Perez, Sonny Hepi, Jayden Austin

Special Character Award Charlotte Houppapa, Charlotte McElroy

Principal's Awards Samantha McElroy, Jorja Tadman, Grace Van Orden

Classroom Awards Zina Obi Okeoma, Hayden McElroy, Hana Coradine, Rimu Austin, Tukiri Taiaroa-Smith, Grace Van Orden, Brayden Mahoney-Trail, TJ Taiaroa-Smith, Chloe Porter, Monica van Buel

St Patrick's Award Samantha McElroy

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics – PLEASE COME AND HELP US!

The St Patrick's athletics tournament will take place on Tuesday 31 October and we desperately need more helpers. We need a large team of parent helpers to make the competition run smoothly, both during the day and from 7.30am when we will be setting up at the Taumarunui Domain. Please contact Denise Stevens if you are able to join us. denise@stpats-tmn.school.nz The events will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and our best athletes will then represent St Pat's at the inter school athletics tournament on Friday 10 November at 9.30am.

Touch Tournament

Training is underway for the inter school touch tournament, which takes place at the Taumarunui Domain on Friday 17 November. If you are able to help with this or any our sporting endeavours, please contact the school.

Netball and Basketball Kit

There are still a number of netball and basketball uniforms missing – please return them to school NOW!

Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

Mass each weekday:

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

Sunday 29 October 9.30am – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030
Sister Win 078958532

