

News From St Patrick's Catholic School



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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
Week 4		<p>Hate for the sake of love</p> <p>When Jesus says that we are not his disciples unless we "hate" others and hate even our own lives, he's not talking about being unloving to anyone nor being unkind to ourselves.</p> <p>Following Christ means being so loving that we hate it when someone or something interferes with that love. It means hating sin so much that we're willing to carry the painful crosses of love, making sacrifices to repay evil with goodness and to convert our difficulties into triumphs of holiness.</p> <p>Jesus warns that if we start on a journey of holiness without agreeing to go all the way, we haven't learned enough from the life and death of Jesus. It's necessary to remember that God does not ask us to love others unconditionally and unselfishly without giving us the ability to do it. Even, or especially, in the most difficult of times, he gives us the grace to love, the grace to be kind, the grace to hate our own un-Christian behaviours and to do what Jesus would do. It is a gift of empowerment. http://gnm.org/good-news-reflections/</p>
Fri 10	Inter school athletics	
	Assembly 2.15pm	
Sat 11	Armistice Day 11am	
Week 5		
Tue 14	BOT	
Thu 16	Mufti day	
Fri 17	Inter school touch tournament	
	Scooter Day	
	Assembly 1.30pm	
Week 6		
Thu 23	School Mass 9.30am	
	Bike Wise	
Fri 24	Assembly 1.30pm	

Tihei mauri ora! Nga mihi atu koutou,

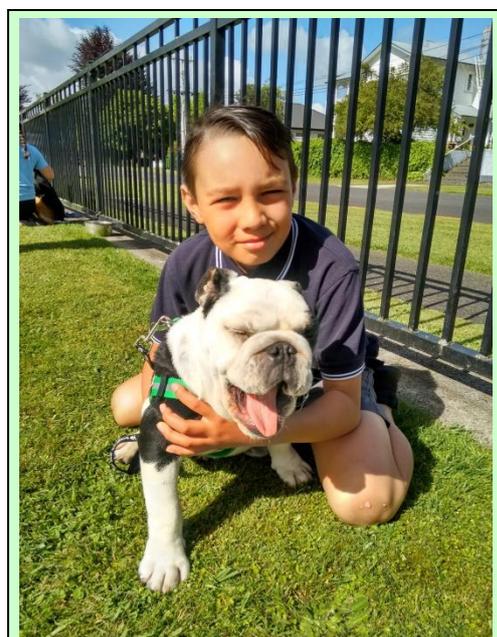
What a great start to our week - chooks, dogs, cats and lambs took centre stage at our pet day and wouldn't St Francis of Assisi be proud to see our students' pets on display. A sincere thank you to Whaea Theona Turner for coordinating the day and to our judges Sister Win, Ann Harrison and Mannix Houppapa for adjudicating over such a wonderful array of pets. Just 262 sleeps until the 2018 edition.

As we begin our second week in All Souls' month, we pray for the local parishioners as they prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. Read what Fr Joe Scott has to say about why we must confess our sins in the Catholic Inquiry section of our newsletter.

Tomorrow Ms Stevens and Whaea Liz take our track and field athletes to the inter school athletics tournament at the Taumarunui Domain from 9am-2pm. I hope you can be there to support and cheer on our children.

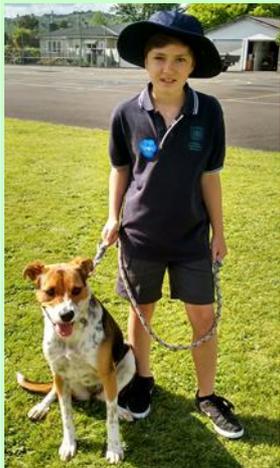
You will receive a very important article from Bishop Steve and his fellow Bishops of Aotearoa about the Road to Emmaus. The With Hearts of Burning Part 2 is a worthy read and reflection.

No reira, Steve



HAYWARD AND HULK AT PET DAY

PET DAY



CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Why should I go to confession? Doesn't God already know that I'm sorry for my sins?

Certainly God knows when we are sorry for our sins. And since God's only relationship with us is one of unconditional love, whenever we turn to God with a sincere sorrow for sin and a desire to make a new beginning, God is there to meet us with forgiveness.

As human beings, however, we may need a more concrete way of experiencing God's love for us. We may already know that our friend cares for us, but the concrete attention is a confirmation. Catholics believe that God has given us the sacraments as a way of showing that we are receiving the gift of his love in very real and down-to-earth ways.

One of these sacraments is the sacrament of Reconciliation, more popularly known as "confession." Reconciliation is a more accurate name, since the purpose of the Sacrament is to provide those of us who celebrate it with a tangible experience of God's forgiveness and our reconciliation with the church.

There are other ways that we celebrate God's forgiving power at work in our lives. Each Mass begins with a "Rite of Penance" where we pray for God's mercy and then are assured that God's mercy and forgiveness are present to us. The Mass itself is a Sacrament which conveys God's forgiveness. Many parishes offer "Communal" celebrations of Reconciliation which may or may not include an opportunity for individual confession. When we have sinned, one of these forms of experiencing God's forgiveness may well serve to heal us and restore us to our union with the church and to an awareness of God's grace at work in our lives. The sacrament of Reconciliation should be first and beyond all else a joyful celebration of God's forgiving and merciful love for us.

By Fr Joe Scott <http://bustedhalo.com/questionbox/why-should-i-go-to-confession-doesnt-god-already-know-that-im-sorry-for-my-sins>

SAUSAGES SIZZLE ON FRIDAY - \$2 – PLEASE PAY YOUR TEACHER

Our Rooms – What's Happening?

St Mary
MacKillop Y1
Mrs Leatuafi

We have been doing our colouring in of pictures of Jesus when he was a baby and Mary his mother and Joseph his father, although God was his actual Father. We did activities from the yellow basket like puzzles, matching games and fishy fishy. By Zina Obi Okeoma.

St Lawrence
Y2/3
Whaea Theona

It was pet day on Monday and it was so much fun. There were a lot of dogs and other animals. Me and my cat won a ribbon sash. We have been making wooden robots with Mr Mills. With Whaea Theona we wrote stories about pet day and we did amazing art pictures of all of our animals. By Elf Antapit and Analicia Phelan.

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

We watched the Shrek movies because we are doing a film study. We had to answer questions on our Chromebook. We are learning about different camera shots but also about the content – the romance, the difficulties faced by the characters and the acceptance of differences. We watched slides about different types of camera shots and we had to name them – long shots, close ups and things like that. By Monica van Buel, Chiemena Obi Okeoma and Milla Coradine.

AWARD WINNERS WEEK 3 TERM 4

Caught Being Good Chloe Porter, Anna Seby, Ceejay Manion, Renaysha Naidoo, Wilson Mennink, TJ Taiaroa-Smith, Tia Cowlshaw, Macey Austin, Chiemena Obi Okeoma, Brayden Mahoney-Trail, Braxton Mahu, Samantha McElroy, Tukiri Taiaroa-Smith

Special Character Award Shaniquae McElroy, Zoe Ng

Principal's Awards Hana and Milla Coradine

Classroom Awards Karina Rihia, Zina Obi Okeoma, Tylah Hepi, Alan Anthony, Danica Manion, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn, Liam Perez, Noah Smith, Charlotte Houppapa

St Patrick's Award Matisse Hosking

NEWS FROM THE YEAR 8s – MILKSHAKE MONDAY

From 13 November to 11 December we will be having Milkshake Monday as a fundraiser for the Year 8 end of year trip. Large \$3 small \$2 – please pay your class teacher.



ARMISTICE DAY – INVITATION TO STUDENTS

This Saturday is 11 November, Armistice Day. As in previous years, St Patrick's students have been invited to lead the singing of the National Anthem at the Memorial Garden in Hakiha Street, starting at 10.30am and observing a two minute silence at 11am. As it falls on a Saturday we cannot incorporate this into a school day, but if any students wish to attend with their families that would be wonderful. Please consider wearing your school uniform so that you are representing St Patrick's at this important event.



SPRING SHOW



Meet Your BOT - Mannix Houpapa

Mannix was first elected to the BOT as a parent rep in 2013. She has a daughter, Charlotte, in Year 7, and two older boys, Stacy and Huti. A former BOT member at Ngakonui School, she is very interested in school governance and making sure that the environment of the school is right for the staff. She believes that without good teachers, children do not grow in their learning. Mannix enjoys working with the board. She wants the school to move forward and says it is important that everyone, parents and teachers, are involved in that. Mannix grew up at her grandparents' home in Motueka near Nelson, the second youngest in her family with five brothers. She went to Nelson Girls' School and St Mary's School in Wellington before studying horticulture at Massey University. Mannix keeps a particular eye on the landscaping and outdoor look of the school. She has a large garden at her beef and sheep farm in Mangakahu Road and is a busy parent, helping with sports, dance and homework. She is a key figure in netball in Taumarunui, s on the PTFA and in the Parish, in supporting families through Vinnies.



SPORTS NEWS

Inter School Athletics

Please can we have some parent helpers to set up the tent and gazebo for the inter school athletics tournament tomorrow, Friday 10 November. You will need to be at the Taumarunui Domain at 7.30am to assist Ms Stevens and Whaea Liz. The events start at 9.30am so please come down and give our St Pat's team your support!

Touch Tournament

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

Netball and Basketball Kit - Urgent Call for Items to be Returned

Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

Mass each weekday:

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

Sunday 12 November 9.30am - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030

Sister Win 078958532

