

# 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 6</b> Fri 24	Assembly 1.30pm	<p><b>As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42</b></p> <p>As Jesus approached Jerusalem, he wept on realising so many people there would reject him.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon the serious temptation we all face of being indifferent to Christ. It's easy for us to have a little faith and to turn to God when it is to our advantage.</p> <p>But it is also very easy to remain indifferent to Christ when things in life seem to be going well. We easily fall into the trap of thinking we do not need to daily surrender to Him in the most complete way possible.</p> <p>Root out any indifference to Christ today and tell Him you want to serve Him and His holy will with your whole heart.</p> <p>Lord, I beg of You to weed out every bit of indifference in my heart. As You weep over my sin, may those tears wash me and cleanse me so that I may make a total commitment to You as my Divine Lord and King. Jesus, I trust in You.</p> <p><a href="https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2017/11/22/jesus-wept/">https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2017/11/22/jesus-wept/</a></p>
<b>Week 7</b> Fri 1 Sat 2	Assembly 1.30pm Christmas Parade	
<b>Week 8</b> Mon 4 Tue 5 Thu 7 Fri 8	Swim Safe Swim Safe Famous people dress up day School picnic and hangi	
<b>Week 9</b> Mon 11 Tue 12	Swim Safe Swim Safe Helpers' morning tea BOT 6pm	
Wed 13	Award winners' lunch Prize giving Mass 6pm	
Thu 14	Year 8 day out Rotorua	
Fri 15	Year 8 dinner leavers' dinner 6pm <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017</b>	
Sat 16	Christmas Festival	



**Tihei mauri ora!**

**Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana**

**A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae (meeting house grounds)**

**A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his family will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their lifetime.**

**The whakatauki fits in with our school mass focus of gifts from God. It is not the monetary sense, however, but the inquisitive minds of our younger ones. There is no better illustration of this than our weekly caught being good awards, principal's awards and special character awards for students who share, without hesitation, gifts that are, as our whakatauki reflects, nourished at home.**

As we reflect on saints this month, we pay tribute to St Lawrence and his determination, as locals looted the Vatican, to hastily sell off church valuables to give to the poor and needy instead of the greedy plunderers.

A promotion for our next Parent Teacher and Friends Association fundraiser - a hangi meal on Friday 8 December at \$10 a ticket. We are issuing all families with four tickets each and a request for donations per family of either a dozen drumsticks or a packet of 500 grams of butter. We are sincerely grateful to the PTFA for their ongoing subsidy of school events.

No reira  
Steve

### CATHOLIC INQUIRY



**St Lawrence - Feast Day: August 10, Born: (about) 100 :: Died: 158**

**This famous martyr of Rome lived in the third century. He was one of seven deacons who were in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy. Then big trouble started and the troublemakers who did not like Christians decided to kill Pope St Sixtus II. As they took the Pope away for execution (to chop off his head), Lawrence followed him weeping: "Father, where are you going without your deacon?"**

**"I am not leaving you, my son," answered the Pope. "In three days you will follow me."**

**Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had with him. He even sold expensive church vessels so he would have more money to give away. The prefect of Rome, a greedy man, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. He ordered Lawrence to bring the Church's treasure to him. The saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. He showed them to the prefect and said:**

**"These people are the Church's treasure."**

**Before he died, he prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus. He prayed that the Catholic faith would spread all over the world.**

**Lawrence was killed on August 10, 158. His feast spread throughout Italy and northern Africa. Emperor Constantine built a beautiful basilica in Lawrence's honour. St Lawrence is among the saints mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.**

[http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0810\\_lawrence.asp](http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0810_lawrence.asp)

### YEAR 8 BLESSING

**A blessing for our departing Year 8 students at Mass this morning as they head into their final few weeks at St Patrick's.**



### AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4 TERM 4

**Caught Being Good** Charlotte McElroy, Danica Manion, Zina Obi Okeoma, Mahalia Ripo, Chasca Ripo, Alan Anthony

**Special Character Award** Anna Seby, Braxton Mahu

**Principal's Awards** Trixie Thomas, Shaniquae McElroy x2, Alan Anthony, Charlie Walton x3

**Classroom Awards** Julia Josiah, John Samuel, Analicia Phelan, Braxton Mahu, Chasca Ripo, Daniel Joseph, Tukiri Taiaroa-Smith, Jaydah Tarawa, Monica van Buel, Ceejay Manion

**St Patrick's Award** Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui, Chloe Porter, Danica Manion

### FUNDRAISING NEWS!

**For Year 8 Day Out:**

**Sausage Sizzle** each Friday - \$2 – please pay your class teacher

**Milkshake Monday** each Monday – large \$3, small \$2 – please pay your class teacher

**Mufti Day** each Friday – gold coin donation – please pay your class teacher.

**For PTFA: Hangi** – Friday 8 December – tickets coming home with each family – organised by the PTFA

## BIKE WISE CYCLING SAFETY PROGRAMME

With Mel Leatuafi from Sport Waikato and Constable Peter Marks from Taumarunui Police.



## Our Rooms – What’s Happening?

St Mary  
MacKillop Y1  
Mrs Leatuafi

We have been doing art and we had to draw a portrait of somebody we know. I picked my sister Chiemena because she is always happy and helpful. She always looks after me. We have been doing reading tests. It was ok. By Zina Obi Okeoma.

St Lawrence  
Y2/3  
Whaea Theona

We have been drawing pictures of our parents and grandparents. We have also been writing made up stories about anything we like. Today was bike day and we learned to ride our bikes safely. By Chizy Obi Okeoma and Analicia Phelan.

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

Testing, testing, testing – we have been doing lots and lots of testing. It seemed to be mostly maths but also reading, writing, spelling and comprehension. It is hard work. We are studying a movie called The Blind Side. We will be writing about it. There is lots of work to finish off before we get to the end of the year. By Chloe Porter and Monica van Buel. Today was bike wise day and lots of people rode their bikes to learn about bike safety. We have been using our chromebooks for a maths site called Eako. It has different categories and you can go on different levels. We have been following a geometry pathway. By Nadianna Phelan.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Inter School Touch Tournament

We had a brilliant day at the inter school touch tournament on Friday. Thanks to all the families who came along to support the children. The teams played brilliantly and behaved beautifully, so congratulations to you all – but especially to the Year 1&2 team who played right the way through to the final!

### Fastest Kid on the Block

Taumarunui Youth and Community Trust

WHEN: Saturday 2nd December 2017, after the Christmas Parade

WHERE: Taumarunui Domain track

TIME :1.45pm

Age groups: Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Year 7 & 8

All children must be registered in their year group as of December 2017

Race distance: 100m

Heats will be timed to find top 9 to race off in their age group final.

Separate boys and girls races. Enter on the day

Winners receive certificate and prize

Fastest kids go on to compete at the Cooks Classic in Whanganui Tuesday 23rd 2018 REPRESENTING TAUMARUNUI.

### Swim Safe

Our annual swim safe programme will take place on 4,5,11 and 12 December. Children will travel by bus to the Trust Waikato Pool at Taumarunui High school. Please ensure all children bring a NAMED towel and swimming togs on these days, plus goggles if they have them.



**SPORTS Taumarunui**  
Leaders in spirit

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 2017**  
**TAUMARUNUI DOMAIN TRACK**  
**START TIME 1.45PM**

# Fastest Kid on the Block

**FREE ENTRY**

Ages Year 3/4, Year 5/6 & Yr 7/8  
Boys & Girls 100m dash  
Winners receive a certificate & prize

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@ THE DOMAIN AFTER THE XMAS PARADE  
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## CELEBRATE WITH US St Patrick's Catholic School PRIZE GIVING MASS 2017



Wednesday 13 December  
Church of the Immaculate Conception  
6pm  
Celebrating the successes of our students in faith, academic studies, sports and the arts.  
The culmination of another amazing year at St Patrick's.

### PERFORMING ARTS TAUMARUNUI INC.

proudly presents

## HEAVEN HELP US!

By Tim Hambleton

Directed by Tim Leahy



25 Nov - 2 Dec 2017 - Tickets \$20 from iTicket



### Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

Mass each weekday:

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

Sunday 26 November 9.30am – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030  
Sister Win 078958532

