

News From St Patrick's Catholic School



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Te Kura Katorika o Hato Patariki

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MESSAGE BOARD		WEEKLY REFLECTION
Week 7		<p>Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9</p> <p>ADVENT</p> <p>The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne – to save and shepherd His people.</p> <p>Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today – as the people of Israel recognise their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.</p> <p>In this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has harkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours – to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.</p> <p>https://stpaulcenter.com/</p>
Fri 1	Taumarunui Primary show Assembly 1.30pm	
Sat 2	Christmas Parade	
Week 8		
Mon 4	Swim Safe	
Tue 5	Swim Safe	
Thu 7	Famous people dress up day	
Fri 8	School picnic and hangi	
Week 9		
Mon 11	Swim Safe	
Tue 12	Swim Safe Helpers' morning tea BOT 6pm	
Wed 13	Award winners' lunch Prize giving Mass 6pm	
Thu 14	Year 8 day out Rotorua Year 8 dinner leavers' dinner 6pm	
Fri 15	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017	
Sat 16	Christmas Festival	

He ahakoa he iti he taonga
 Although it is small it is still precious

Tihei mauri ora!
 Nga mihi atu whanau,

The whakatauki I opened with is undoubtedly one of my favourite expressions as it is very much a validation of who I represent in my vocational call to teach and that is children first and foremost at the centre of whatever we plan. As we close our month of the All Souls today we give thanks to all the wonderful saints the Church honours and to conclude our reflections this month we remember our school



patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Her life-long service has influenced the very fabric of our society today. As a speech by Chloe Porter recently reminded us, if Mary MacKillop was alive today she would be thankful for the charitable work organisations such as KidsCan.org.nz do and would be pleased to know that our school has benefited from KidsCan's support with a lot of students outfitted in free footwear thanks to the generosity of the industries who support KidsCan. Do your bit and visit their website to find out more.

We have our school picnic next Friday where we will be heading out to the local skatepark for the day to celebrate the first week of Advent. Testing will have concluded this week and teachers will be completing end of year reports next week. They will be given out after prizegiving on Wednesday 13 December.

Thank you for your support of our last PTFA fundraiser for 2017 - the Hangi meal to be distributed at 5pm next Friday 8 December. A list of ingredients will be sent home requesting a donated food item for the hangi. Could they please all be delivered by Thursday 7 December.

TERM DATES 2018		
TERM 1	Thursday 1 February	Friday 13 April
TERM 2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
TERM 3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
TERM 4	Monday 15 October	Thursday 13 December

No reira, Steve

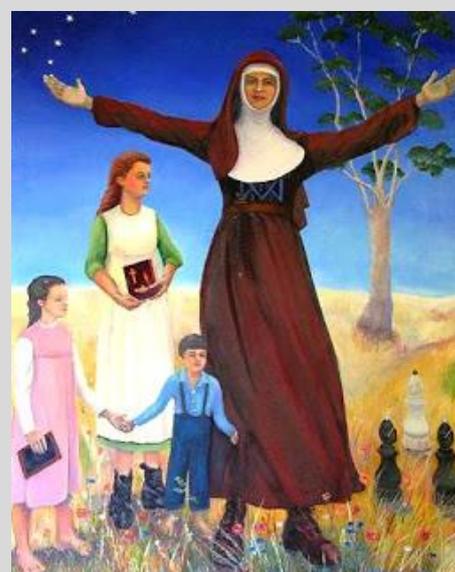
CATHOLIC INQUIRY

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pope Benedict presided over a ceremony on Sunday 17 October 2010 making six new saints of the Roman Catholic Church, including Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint.

Key facts about Mary MacKillop's life and work:

- **Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The order now has more than 850 members, who run schools, care homes and community work in Australia, New Zealand, East Timor, Ireland, Scotland, Peru and Brazil.**
- **Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. She started work as a governess in the South Australian town of Penola in 1861.**
- **Mary MacKillop and English Priest Julian Tenison Woods opened their first school at Penola in 1866. A year later, she opened her first convent and school in Adelaide, and she took her religious vows in August 1867. Within five years, 40 schools, convents and four charitable institutions were founded.**
- **Mary MacKillop regularly clashed with the male-dominated Church hierarchy over her wish to retain central control of her order. The ongoing tensions led to her being excommunicated from the Catholic Church in 1871. The excommunication order was removed five months later.**
- **She was instrumental in exposing sexual abuse of minors by an Irish priest and newly uncovered documents show that her whistleblowing was in part what led to her excommunication and the attempt to shut down her order.**
- **Mary MacKillop died in Sydney on August 8, 1909. She was buried at a local cemetery, but her remains were moved to a new memorial chapel in North Sydney in 1914.**
- **The first moves to have Mary MacKillop canonised began in 1926. In 1973, the Vatican allowed Mary MacKillop to have the title Servant of God, which gave formal approval to develop a case for sainthood. She was beatified in 1995 at a ceremony in Sydney during a visit to Australia by Pope John Paul II.**
- **In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI approved a second miracle attributed to Mary MacKillop, which was the final step needed before she could be declared a saint.**



<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pope-saint-facts/factbox-mary-mackillop-australias-first-saint-idUSTRE69G0KZ20101017>

FUNDRAISING REMINDER!

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.
- **HANGI** - Friday 8 December – tickets have gone home with the eldest child in each family – organised by the PTFA. Please return ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money to the office.

MEN WANTED! The PTFA needs the men of our school community to help with putting down the hangi next Friday. Help is needed with digging, putting the hangi down and providing firewood. Please contact Candice McNaught on 0279555744.



MEET THE DIVISIONAL ST JOHN CADET OF THE YEAR 2017

Congratulations to St Pat's student and St John Ambulance volunteer, Chloe Porter, who has been made the Taumarunui Division cadet of the year.

Chloe received the award because she always puts her hand up to help, and is a kind and supportive cadet.

Chloe was also awarded the blue level cadet of the year certificate, along with her St Pat's classmate Shaniquae McElroy.

The girls were commended for always striving to get new badges and for staying on task.

The ceremony also saw Chloe receive badges for arts, first aid and child care. Well done Chloe!



Our Rooms – What's Happening?

St Mary
MacKillop Y1
Mrs Leatuafi

We have been talking about the first Christmas. It was when Jesus got born. He was born in Bethlehem in the stable where the horses were. The shepherds and the wise men came to visit him. Herod was trying to kill him. Mary and Joseph kept him safe. Mary was his mum and Joseph was his stepdad because God was his dad. By Karina Rihia.

St Lawrence
Y2/3
Whaea Theona

We have been making decorations for the Christmas float. Some of us are going on the float in the Christmas Parade. We are making snowflakes and other decorations. We have been writing about the storm – it was very hard. We used words like kapow and bang. We played learning games and with the shapes. By Analicia Phelan and Rimu Austin.

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

We have been doing five minute frenzies in maths. We made Christmas things for our float. We have been creating Christmas shops with Whaea Lynne. By Seth Kerridge. We made Christmas calendars but we also had to do Gloss testing which was not fun. The class played soccer with Mr Mills. By Aylah Paul. We have been doing art for the float and we have been doing an assignment on the movie The Blindside whilst Ms Stevens has been testing the last few people. By Macey Austin



SUPPORTING THE TURAKI GALA

The Turaki School gala takes place tomorrow,
Friday 1 December
5.15pm
with our picnic benches!
Please go along and
support our
Turaki friends!



SPORTS NEWS

Fastest Kid on the Block

Taumarunui Youth and Community Trust

WHEN: Saturday 2nd December 2017 1.45pm

WHERE: Taumarunui Domain track. Race distance: 100m

Age groups: Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Year 7 & 8. All children must be registered in their year group as of December 2017. 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 a certificate and prize. The fastest go on to compete at the Cooks Classic in Whanganui Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

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, goggles and togs.



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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
 Fastest kids go on to compete @ the Cooks Classic in Whanganui Tuesday 23rd 2018
REPRESENTING TAUMARUNUI
 @ THE DOMAIN AFTER THE HMAS PARADE
 CONTACT: AMY PEREZ 027 6353991
 admin@taumarunui-yct.com

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



RUAPEHU DISTRICT LIBRARIES FREE SUMMER READING PROGRAMME IS OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS: 4 DECEMBER

WILD ABOUT READING

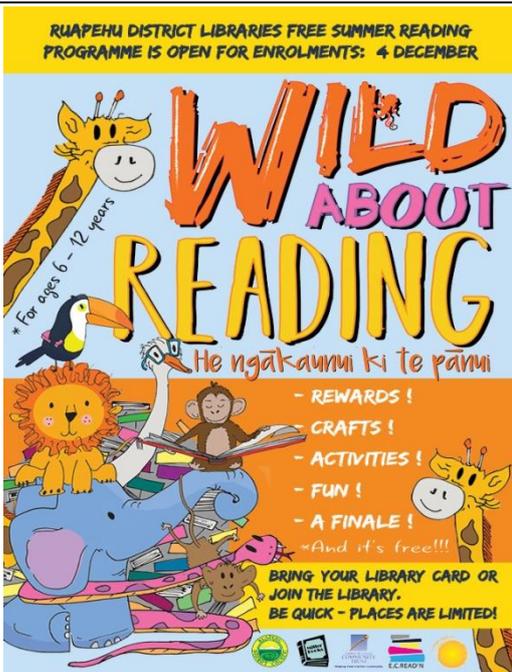
* For ages 6 - 12 years

He ngakauuni ki te pānui

- REWARDS!
- CRAFTS!
- ACTIVITIES!
- FUN!
- A FINALE!

*And it's free!!!

BRING YOUR LIBRARY CARD OR JOIN THE LIBRARY. BE QUICK - PLACES ARE LIMITED!



Taumarunui High School Year 9 and 10 Enterprise Market Day 2017



Cut and bagged kindling
 Garden Fertiliser
 Up-cycled outdoor furniture
 Christmas decorations
 Food Stalls
 Baked goods
 Carnival activities and games
 Handmade arts and crafts

All product ideas sourced and made by the students. And much more...
 Pick up some unique gifts for the festive season!

DATE: Thursday 7th December 2017
TIME: 10am - 2pm
WHERE: Taumarunui High School Hall

FREE shuttle available every half hour from 10.30am departing from the train station carpark to the High School.

Come along and support the students of Taumarunui High School and their business enterprises for 2017.

Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

Mass each weekday:
 Mon-Tues 9am, Wed-Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12 noon

Sunday 3 December 9.30am
First Sunday of Advent

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030
Sister Win 078958532

