

# 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
<b>Week 8</b> Thu 7 Fri 8	Famous people dress up day School picnic – (hangi postponed)	<p><b>Listen, Understand, Act</b></p> <p><i>Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.</i>"</p> <p>Matthew 7:24-25</p> <p>Perhaps one of the hardest things to do in life is to listen. Are you a good listener? Do you know how to listen? Most likely this is a struggle for you since it is a struggle for most people. Listening is more than hearing. Listening implies that one hears AND comprehends. Furthermore, in this Scripture passage, Jesus makes it clear that "listening" is not enough. Once we've listened (heard and understood), we must act. Acting on the Word of God involves a total embrace and surrender to His Word and will. It means you allow the Word of God to dictate your actions and to set your feet "solidly on rock." <a href="https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/">https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/</a></p>
<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 Year 8 dinner leavers' dinner 6pm	
Fri 15	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017</b>	
Sat 16	Christmas Festival	

Oh Emanuel God is with us now  
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Tihei mauri ora!  
 Nga mihi atu kia koutou,

As we prepare with great anticipation and excitement for the coming of Christ we take stock and reflect on our children, the centre of our thoughts always as parents and educators. Thank you for the love and commitment to your children. The seeds are sown at home first.

I wish to remind all that next week is a busy week, so please take time to read the newsletter, Facebook or website to keep up with what is happening in the final week of 2017. Reports will be issued next Wednesday evening after prizegiving.

No reira  
 Matua Steve



We decorated the school Christmas tree!

## **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Reflection by Dick Lauer SJ**

**“God chose us in him before the foundation of the world” (Eph 1:4)  
From all eons of the world’s existence and from all the women of the human race, God chose Mary! God chose an obscure woman, from an obscure country and an obscure village to become God’s earthly mother. God chose Mary!**

**And God encountered Mary just as unexpectedly as God encountered Paul! Startled like Paul, Mary heard God’s voice through the angel, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” Mary was frightened so the angel reassured her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”**

**Mary was troubled but Mary trusted, “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”**

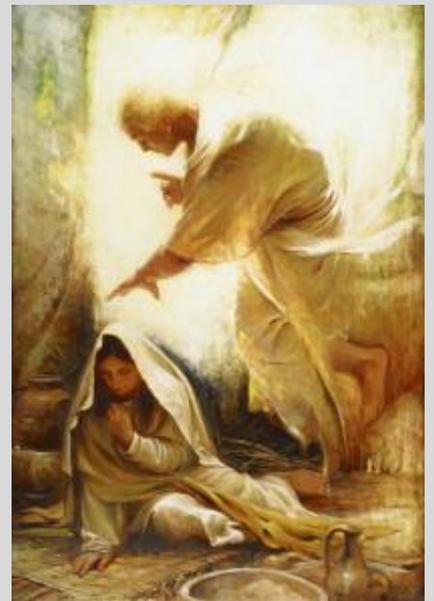
**How unlikely that God chose Mary! Yes, God chose Mary, and Mary responded fully!**

**And God chooses us! How unlikely that God chooses us!**

**The most precious gift God gives human beings is the gift of faith! On this feast of the Immaculate Conception we look to Mary, especially amid our sufferings. Mary is our model, intercessor, mother! So we pray for our world, and we pray also for ourselves that we may actually experience the depth of God’s indwelling in us so like Mary we may be transformed by God’s Presence!**

**“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise” (Ps 98,3-4).**

**Yes, God chooses us! On Mary’s feast day we pray that we may imitate her in responding ever more fully to God’s call! <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/120817.html>**



## **AWARD WINNERS WEEK 6 and 7 TERM 4**

**Caught Being Good** Milla Coradine, Onour Clarkson, Charlotte Houppapa, Raniera Kelland, Chiemena Obi Okeoma, Zola Thomas, Liam Perez, Rimu Austin, Anna Seby, Elf Antapit, Renaysha Naidoo, Tammy-Lee Taylor, Trixie Thomas, Tia Cowlshaw, Macey Austin, Chloe Porter, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn, Quill Thomas, Seth Kerridge, Alan Anthony

**Special Character Award** Elf Antapit, Zina Obi Okeoma, TJ Taiaroa-Smith, Phillip Spiers

**Principal’s Awards** Chiemena Obi Okeoma, Macey Austin x2, Onour x3 Clarkson, Rimu Austin x2, Braxton Mahu x2, Rilee Austin, Mackenzy x2 Clarkson, Phillip Spiers, Alan Anthony, Milla Coradine x2, Chizy Obi Okeoma, Elf Antapit, Quill Thomas, Hana Coradine

**Classroom Awards** Hayden McElroy, Karina Rihia, Onour Clarkson, Zina Obi Okeoma, Charlie Walton, Connor Bright, Ivy Wannasut, Mahalia Ripo, Paige Bright, Tia Cowlshaw, Monet Tiwsuwanbavorn, Chiemena Obi Okeoma, Jorja Tadman, Jaydah Tarawa, Bailee Fife, Matisse Hosking, Anna Seby, Chloe Porter, Charlotte Houppapa, Shaniquae McElroy, Renaysha Naidoo, Wilson Mennink, Ceejay Manion, Kataraina Hepi, Zola Thomas

**St Patrick’s Award** Shaniquae McElroy, Onour Clarkson, Charlie Walton

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE!**

**For Year 8 Day Out:**

- Sausage Sizzle – NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE this Friday due to the Christmas Picnic
- 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 POSTPONED** - The Hangi planned for this Friday 8 December has been postponed until our gala next year on 24 March. Please hang on to all sold tickets. The PTFA will honour these at the gala. Thanks to those of you who supported this event. Unfortunately there were insufficient numbers to go ahead.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE – VICTORY FOR ST PATRICK’S (THANKS TO MR MILLS!)

Best float in the parade, best themed float and most creative – well done the team who helped realise Mr Mills’s vision.



## CHRISTMAS PICNIC TOMORROW

A reminder that tomorrow Friday 8 December is our annual Christmas picnic, which will take place at the Taumarunui Park, Turaki Street

All students will be taking part. They will need:

Backpack with morning tea, lunch and water bottle -

Comfortable walking shoes/sandals – Sunblock - Sunhat (their school hat or a wide brimmed hat – not caps) – Light jacket/school jacket in case of rain.

All students should come to school at the normal time. The teachers will take the roll and we will walk down to the park at the Taumarunui Domain together. We will return in time for the buses. If you wish to collect your child early from the park, please check out with their class teacher before you take them home.

Please note: Friday is mufti day as part of the Year 8 trip fundraiser. Please ensure your child brings a gold coin donation if they wish to wear mufti on this day.



# Our Rooms – What's Happening?

<p>St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi</p>	<p>Today we did some practice of the play. The play is about Mary and Joseph the story of the first Christmas. There is an innkeeper, shepherds, three kings, and I am an angel. We have a new boy coming in our class called Clayton. He is starting school after Christmas. He is really handsome. By Onour Clarkson.</p>
<p>St Lawrence Y2/3 Whaea Theona</p>	<p>Matua Steve is our teacher today. We have been doing heaps of Christmas art and listening to Christmas songs with Whaea Theona. There are decorations that we have made hanging all across the classroom. We did lots of sport this week. By Hana Coradine and Charlotte McElroy.</p>
<p>St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens</p>	<p>This week we have been playing sport. We were playing hit and run, and Ms Stevens taught us a new game called Remember Trail. We had to try to figure out what the path was through the colours. We have been making Christmas cards for the residents of Avonlea. Today we walked up to the high school's enterprise market. On Monday and Tuesday we did swim safe which was fun! By Macey Austin and Trixie Thomas.</p>

## SPORTS NEWS

**Swim Safe** Our annual swim safe programme continues on 11 and 12 December. Children will again travel by bus to the Trust Waikato Pool at Taumarunui High School. Please ensure all children bring a **NAMED** towel, goggles and togs. Non swimmers will still attend and watch from the benches.



## 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.

## Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

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

Sunday 10 December  
9.30am  
Second Sunday of  
Advent



World Human Rights Day

Fr Lawrie Bishop 078968030  
Sister Win 078958532

