

# 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>TERM 1</b>		<p>To stay on track and keep moving forward until we win the race, we must fix our eyes on Jesus.                      Sin happens when we find ourselves in a situation that we don't like and we choose to take the easy way out. For example, by focusing on our problems instead of God's promises, it seems necessary to choose unheavenly and unChrist-like methods of coping.                      If we fixate on the evildoings of those who cause us misery, we miss the fact that Jesus is trying to teach us a better way or more spiritually mature way to resolve the conflict.                      To achieve a real victory, we must implement Christ's way of love, even if this means sacrificing the easy way out. Victory is never found on the safe side of the cross; it's found on the far side, the resurrection side that comes only after laying down our lives for the sake of others.                      Good News Ministries – Catholic Centre for Daily Growth in Christ  <a href="http://gnm.org/good-news-reflections/">http://gnm.org/good-news-reflections/</a></p>
<b>Week 1</b>		
Fri 3	Assembly 2.30pm	
<b>Week 2</b>		
Mon 6	WAITANGI DAY – NO SCHOOL	
Tue 7	Swimming	
Wed 8	Swimming	
Thu 9	Commissioning Mass 9.30am	
Fri 10	Picnic Evening 5.30-7.30pm	
<b>Week 3</b>		
Mon 13	Swimming	
Tue 14	Swimming BOT 6.30pm	
Wed 15	Swimming Parent/Whanau information evening	

Kia Ora everyone

Welcome back to another year of learning and growing. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break with your children.

Matua Steve is on sick leave for about six weeks after having surgery on his spine. While he is recovering, I will be trying to be the acting principal!

There are some exciting things happening this term – so read the newsletters. That will keep you up to speed with what is happening. There will be so many opportunities for you to be involved and be part of the learning and growing journey with your children. We are always looking for helpers for all sorts of activities so please be generous and help out when you can. We, the staff at St Pat's, cannot do everything to support and help your children grow in all areas without the generosity of our parents, grandparents, whanau and caregivers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call in and talk to us. Have a great term everyone.

Margaret Leatuafi, Acting Principal

**WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!**  
**Onour, Anthony, Daniel and Anna**



## Catholic Inquiry

### SPECIAL CHARACTER INFORMATION - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The teaching of knowledge and understanding about matters of faith and religion.



This is mainly what teachers are doing in the classroom when they are teaching the religious education programme (RE).

The programme teaches what the Catholic Church believes and teaches understanding about how the Catholic Church celebrates, lives and prays, and how people can respond freely to God according to their gift of faith.

Teachers are responsible for helping children to understand religious knowledge and to develop appropriate skills and attitudes. It is sometimes assumed that if a child is receiving religious education, that faith will be deepening also. However, their faith cannot be assessed as it remains each person's individual response to God. The responsibility for this belongs to each individual alone. Other people, such as parents and teachers, can help children increase their religious knowledge and they can provide environments which nurture and affirm faith, but they cannot make the child believe or respond to God – that is done freely in each person's own unique way. Parents and teachers can help children explore ways to express their faith. Parents and teachers are a most powerful model of faith for children through the ways they express their own faith in their own lives. Children are more influenced by the messages people give them when they see those people living by the messages.

The faith of primary age children is affected intensely by the significant people in their lives. Catholic school communities include children, parents, whanau and teachers of other Christian traditions and other faiths. It is hoped that parents and whanau of other Christian traditions and other faiths will find opportunities to talk about what they do and relate it to what the children are learning at school.

Margaret Leatuafi, Director of Religious Studies (from the RE Whanau Booklet)

## **SPECIAL CHARACTER EVENT – PLEASE JOIN US**

**Commissioning Mass for the St Patrick's Catholic School New School Year 2017**

**Thursday 9 February 9.30am**

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**To welcome our new staff and students and to bless our student leaders for 2017, who are:**

**HOUSE LEADERS:**

**HOLY CROSS – Chloe Porter, Tammy-Lee Taylor**

**SACRED HEART – Kataraina Hepi, Anna Seby**

**TRINITY – Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui, Zola Thomas**

**SPORTS LEADERS – Rilee Austin, Renaysha Naidoo, Liam Perez**

### **SCHOOL FEES – STATIONERY AND TECHNOLOGY**

You will soon be sent a statement of fees showing the money owed on your school account. This statement will include \$50 per child, to cover all their stationery needs for the year. We buy all the stationery and equipment your children use at school, so you do not need to provide anything extra.

Families of children in Years 7-8 will also be charged \$70 to cover technology fees for the year. This pays for the cost of their weekly technology lessons at Taumarunui High School, which take place on a Monday afternoon with our students travelling to THS by bus.

Other items on your statement will include outstanding fees for uniform, sports teams or trips. Please ensure you pay your account promptly, or set up a regular automatic payment to pay by instalments.

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLES WILL RESUME THIS FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY**

**\$2 for a sausage and bread – pay your class teacher**

## POWHIRI 2017

Thank you to everyone who came to our powhiri to welcome new staff, students and families to St Pat's. It was a wonderful morning. We are especially grateful to Jackie and Hokio Cash, our karanga and kaumatua, and to Mannix Houppapa, Heidi Porter and Terri Taylor, who organised a splendid morning tea.



For more photos, see our Facebook page and the St Pat's website.

## ST PAT'S SCHOOL PICNIC – ALL WELCOME

We are going to have a school picnic for all whanau, staff and students on Friday 10 February, here at school. We'll have a slippery slide and children can bring their scooters.

This is an informal occasion which we hope will be a chance to mingle and get to know each other. Bring a picnic for your family, rugs and chairs, and we will all eat together. The picnic will run from 5.30pm until 7.30pm.



## WANTED – DUVET AND PILLOW INNARDS!

Room 3 is asking families to donate duvet and pillow inners for our classroom. We will cover them and make them into comfortable reading areas for our students. Please send these items in with your children. Denise Stevens, Liz Bright.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Swimming

Our swimming programme for 2017 starts next Tuesday 7 February. The details are as follow:

- The aim of the programme is for students to gain safety skills around water.
- We will have two to three sessions per week for seven weeks.
- All sessions will be at the Trust Waikato Pool at Taumarunui High School.
- Swimming is a compulsory school subject, therefore all students need to participate.
- All students to bring their togs, goggles and towel to school, named and in a bag.
- All students will be traveling by bus for each session.
- Parent volunteers are welcome to meet us at the pool anytime.

Denise Stevens, Sports Co-ordinator

## Soccer

We begin our sports season with seven-a-side soccer. The tournament will run for five weeks, starting Friday 24 February and finishing Friday 24 March. Each school must provide 2 nominated people to referee a game each week. There is a small fee to enter the tournament for each team.

To ensure we can participate in this tournament we require support and commitment from our families. See the notice going home this week, and on our website

## Netball

A message from the Taumarunui Netball Centre: We are entering the 2017 Netball Season and we are looking to find volunteers to fill a number of positions. If you have a can-do attitude and are a team player, please apply. Find someone from your club or school who is prepared to put their hand up for one of the positions. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with certain areas, throughout the 2017 Season that would be most appreciated. All applications to be emailed back or by post (KCE Taumarunui Netball Centre Po Box 397) before the 23rd of February 2017, no late applications will be accepted. KCE Taumarunui Netball centre AGM. Monday 6th March 2017 at 7 pm. For more information contact Eneta Chase, [nutta.chase@windowslive.com](mailto:nutta.chase@windowslive.com)

Don't forget to collect Yummy Stickers on your fruit for free sports gear. Hand in your forms at the office.



### Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life. Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes. Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email [johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz](mailto:johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz)



### TOHU AOTEAROA FREE CREATIVE WORKSHOPS – WAR MEMORIAL HALL

For 11-17-year-olds

Saturday February 18 and Saturday March 4 - Dance 10am-12pm – Acting 1pm-3pm -

Tutors:

KAYNE PETERS – presenter for TVNZ Kidzone

RIA WINITANA-PAKI – presenter Maori Television, dancer MAU Dance Company, actor Deadlands

MATIU HAMUERA – dancer JGeeks, Aotearoa Aerial Theatre Company

CARLOS SKIPPER – Identity Dance Crew, Da Bradas (World Hip Hop Champions) Born to Dance Movie.



### BADJELLY THE WITCH – LITTLE THEATRE TAUMARUNUI

Starring dozens of students from St Pat's plus their friends from other schools across the district.

THURSDAY FEB 16 6PM - FRIDAY FEB 17 6PM - SATURDAY FEB 18 2PM AND 6PM

Tickets are \$12 (adults, students and children) but if you book four or more to the same show then the price drops to \$10 each.

For tickets go to <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2017/feb/badjelly-the-witch>

Or buy from the Taumarunui iSite. Colouring competition coming home separately for each child.

### Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

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

Sunday 5th 9.30am Mass – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Lawrie Bishop  
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