

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 4		<p>There is a story about a teacher putting rocks in a jar until no more would fit. He asks the class whether the jar is full and the class reply "yes". The teacher then pours fine gravel into the jar, which flows around the rocks and fills the spaces between them. Then the teacher pours sand into the jar which occupies the even smaller spaces between the gravel. Lastly the teacher pours water into the jar, filling the micro-spaces between the sand, gravel and rocks. The teacher points out to the class that if the jar had been filled first with the gravel, sand and water there would have been no room for the rocks.</p> <p>The point of the story is that if we fill our lives with "small stuff" then there is no room for the big items. This is very similar to the message contained in Matthew's gospel in which Jesus asks us to get our priorities right. We need clothes and food, but they are sand and gravel compared to setting our hearts on following him and seeking his kingdom. Once these big things are in the right place in our priorities they shape our lives, and the small things fit around them rather than dominating our lives. If we are blessed with much, we have it in our power to help turn the rocks into other people's lives into sand and gravel so they too may focus on building the kingdom.</p> <p>http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&id=2369</p>
Thu 23	Reconciliation class 1.30pm	
Fri 24	Assembly 2.20pm	
Week 5		
Mon 27	Soccer with Mel and Scott	
Tue 28	Shrove Tuesday Swimming	
Wed 1	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30am Swimming	
Thu 2	Kayaking Hillary Outdoors Year 8	
Fri 3	Solidarity Day World Day of Prayer service 10am Assembly 2.20pm Stations of the Cross begin	

Kia Ora everyone

Firstly I must apologise for the wrong swimming date we gifted to Turaki School. It is not 6 March but 20 MARCH. On 6 March St Pat's will be swimming because it is the day before our school sports and we will need a little practice.

Last Friday our seniors had a leadership session with Melanie Leatuafi of Sport Waikato Project Energize and it proved to be quite a challenge for them.

We have a number of people connected to our school family who are unwell and still recovering. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We also remember Mrs Bader and Mrs Iwikau who passed away recently. These two ladies had a close connection with our school in the past. Keep their families also in your thoughts and prayers.

Next week is Ash Wednesday and there will be a whole school Mass at 9.30am which will include the distribution of ashes. If you are free at that time, we would love to have you celebrate this Mass and the beginning of Lent with us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ST PAT'S STUDENTS WHO WERE IN BADJELLY AT THE LITTLE THEATRE



Disappointing that the soccer didn't go ahead but we are still keeping our teams and having some practices at lunchtime because the children are still keen. Thanks to the parents who offered to be coaches, we will still need your generous support.

Enjoy you weekend. Remember our Parish Mass on Sunday at 9.30am in our church.

God Bless

Margaret Leatuafi, Acting Principal

SPECIAL CHARACTER

At St Patrick's we have five St Mary of the Cross MacKillop values which we teach and follow. They are:

1. **Attitude of Gratitude** – looking at manners, respect, gratefulness
2. **Do Your Bit** – looking at doing things for others without complaining, encouraging the values of teamwork, generosity and commitment
3. **Trust and Providence** – looking at having high expectations for work , encouraging honesty, courage, co-operation and excellence
4. **Make Room for All** – looking at being welcoming and embracing new comers, being inclusive, hospitable and loving to all
5. **Listen to God's Call** – looking at showing God's love through our actions, treating each other respectfully, showing care, courage and forgiveness, doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do



MORNING TEA SHORTBREAD FOR ALL

Thank you to Louis, Mahalia, Charlie and Charlotte. Not only did they do some great maths, but they also made enough



shortbread biscuits to feed the whole school at morning tea time – students and staff too!



Our Rooms – What's Happening?

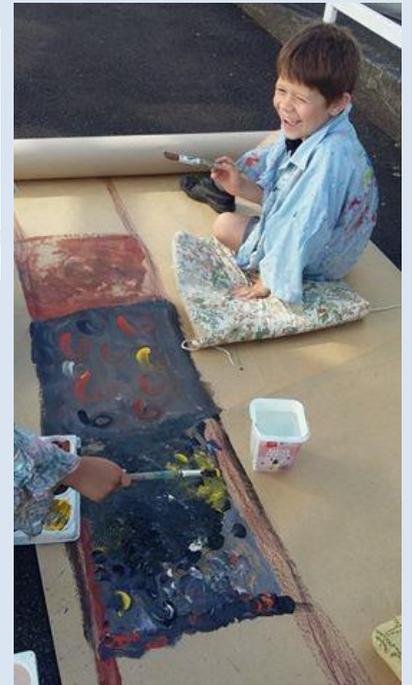
St Mary MacKillop Y1 Mrs Leatuafi	We have been writing numbers, especially number 2 and number 3. I was good at drawing a picture of a cat. I stuck on his ears, his tongue, his nose and his whiskers. I like going swimming. I could not touch the ground. By Karina Rihia.
St Lawrence Y2/3 Mrs Moore Whaea Theona	Whaea Theona brought in a massive lemon bigger than a grapefruit. When she cut it there were big seeds inside and we are going to plant them. She cut up some little lemons and we tasted them. They tasted sour. We wrote poems about them. By Braxton Mahu and Jayden Austin.
St Margaret Mary Yr4/5/6/7/8 Whaea Liz Ms Stevens	We love our new class! We have a five minute frenzy which is when you only have five minutes to do maths times tables. We use chromebooks and today we have been using them to research answers to questions about Old Blue, a little black robin that lived for 30 years in New Zealand. It is a true story. New Zealand is the only country that has these little birds. We did a spelling test and it was really hard at the end! By Leah Adams and Mackenzy Clarkson.

AWARD WINNERS

Principal's Award Danica Manion	Classroom Awards Onour Clarkson, Sonny Hepi, Connor Bright, Charlie Walton, Bailee Fife, Renaysha Naidoo, Shaquan Aramoana-Te Moananui, Chloe Porter, Precious Akulue, Uche Akulue, Deana Paul
Caught Being Good Zina Obi Okeoma, Jorja Tadman, Anna Seby, Quill Thomas	
Special Character Award Kataraina Hepi, Tammy-Lee Taylor	

WAKA PIKITIA

Whaea Theona's artistic vision is for a huge piece of art – a waka with a portrait of each of us paddling together as a community of students and staff. The waka pikitia will take pride of place in our hallway.



SPORTS NEWS

Swimming

Swimming continues! Keep an eye on the calendar for our swimming dates. Our school swimming sports will take place on Tuesday 7 March – please contact Denise Stevens if you can help on this day, we will need a large team of volunteers!

Soccer

I am very sorry to inform you all that the soccer tournament will not be run this year due to a lack of referees. It is likely that this will be replaced with a one-day soccer event. I would like to reassure all our families and children we had a great team of parents and supporters, including refs, who I can only extend thanks to. I would like our teams to be involved in the one-day event if it does go ahead. I will keep in touch with you all as information comes to us about this.

The children are loving having soccer practices at lunch time so please still send your children to school with sports gear and shoes as we will continue this several days a week.

Denise Stevens, Sports Co-ordinator.

Netball

Volunteers for 2017 wanted now! Contact KCE Taumarunui Netball Centre Po Box 397 before 23 February, 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

Cricket

Junior cricket is happening every Wednesday from 3.30pm at Taumarunui High School. All Primary School aged children are welcome to participate.

Ajit is happy to receive your questions. His phone number is (07) 895 8665.

Rugby

Taumarunui Junior Rugby Muster, Saturdays 1 and 8 April, 9.30-10.30am.

All ages from 4-13 (must be at primary school though) welcome.

Cost is \$25 for the first child, \$15 for siblings, includes a mouthguard.

Secondhand boots are available, bring your old ones in to swap if you can. We really need coaches and committee help this year, please ring 896 8430 if you can help.

Follow us on Facebook for more information.

Ardy and Leon will be starting training for ages 9 and up (A Grade and B Grade) Tuesday 7 March 3.45-5pm.

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

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

SUPER SMOOTHIES

Smoothies are a great drink that can double as a snack. They are quick, nutritious and easy to make.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 150g pot of fruit yoghurt
- 1 cup low fat milk
- Ice cubes (optional)

Blend all ingredients together and enjoy. Experiment with different types of fresh, canned or frozen fruit.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

SAUSAGE SIZZLE TOMORROW - \$2 FOR SAUSAGE, SAUCE AND BREAD – PLEASE PAY YOUR TEACHER



NOHO MARAE – 30 MARCH 2017

Our Noho Marae will take place at Ngapuwaiwaha Marae in Taumarunui on Thursday 30 March. More details will be sent home nearer the time, and Mannix Houpapa, from our Whanau Group, will contact each family to organise help and donations of food items. The Noho Marae is a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community to come together and spend a night at the Marae, sharing the space, Te Reo, activities and the history of Ngapuwaiwaha. Parents are welcome to join us for dinner, and the parents of our younger children (Year 1-2) must come and spend the night with their child.



NGA MATATAHI O TE IKA A MAUI

Well done Rilee Austin, Macey Austin and Charlotte Houpapa, who went along to the new community kapa haka rōpū after school this week.

The rōpū meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm-5.20pm at Taumarunui Primary School.

For further information, contact:

Whakarongotai Hohepa on 0223261153

Madame Te Moananui on 02040372621 or 075611179

YOUTH COUNCIL – APPLY TODAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Ruapehu District Council Youth Council (RYC) is taking in applications for its 2017 term from now until Friday 3rd March. The RYC is an initiative to get youth aged 12 to 24 years old, who are passionate about their community, involved in local government. The RYC is made up of two groups of Youth Ambassadors; the Taumarunui-Ohura Youth Ambassadors and the Waimarino-Waiouru Youth Ambassadors. Each group attends one paid meeting each month to discuss ways in which they can improve their local community through self-driven activities/events. RYC facilitators also endeavour to provide ambassadors with local government knowledge and skillsets to assist with future education and careers. We encourage our St Pat's seniors to put yourselves forward for this. Pick up an application form from any Ruapehu District Council Office NOW, or apply online at <http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-council/youth-council/Pages/Youth-Ambassador-application-form.aspx>

Application information is also available on the Ruapehu Youth Council Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RuapehuYouthCouncil>

**RUAPEHU YOUTH
COUNCIL
2017**



ICE SKATE TOUR

Ice Skate Tour
@ Taumarunui Primary School
Fun(d)raiser

Wednesday 22 February -
Friday 24 February 2017
3pm - 8pm

Saturday 25 February -
Sunday 26 February 2017
10am - 5pm

All Welcome!

\$7 Kids (under 16) *
\$13 Adults
\$35 Family (2 kids + 2 adults)

*Prices include ice skates, helmets
and at least half an hour ice skating
(longer when not busy)

MoreFM Bubble machines!

Kids \$7 only
including ice skates

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DINNER @ THE DOMAIN

Sunday 5th March

SCHEDULE

Event	Time
Opening / Karakia Mayor Don Cameron	10am
Trust Waikato Children's Cook-Off	10.30am
1 st Story time session	11.00am
Ronald Mc Donald Show	11.30am
2 nd Story time session	12.15pm
New World Marae Challenge Cook-Off	12.20pm
Community Meal	1.00pm
Modern Maori Quartet	1.45pm
Presentation, Acknowledgements & Karakia	3.00pm

Taumarunui
Domain
10 - 3pm

Contact:

Briar Hickling
Heartlands Services
07 9045267

Nau mai
Haere mai



"Dress up as your Favourite Story Character or Legend"
Bring:
Hat, Drink Bottles, Rug or Chairs, Sunscreen

"Story Time"



Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

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

Sunday 26 9.30am Mass – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Lawrie Bishop
078968030

Sister Win 078958532

