

# 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 5</b>		<p><b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>                      Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'</p> <p>As Lent begins, we hear about Jesus being tempted to work a miracle to satisfy his hunger; to take an extraordinary risk with his physical safety; and to renounce his Father in exchange for power and wealth. Traditionally these three situations are seen as temptations to vices such as pride and rebellion against God. They also contain another layer of lessons. The three temptations are three pointers to our truly important relationships: with God, with others and with ourselves. When these relationships are out of balance or one of them has atrophied, then we have work to do, and Lent is a great time for this type of introspection and action.</p> <p><a href="http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&amp;id=2370">http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&amp;id=2370</a></p>
Fri 3	NO Solidarity Day POSTPONED World Day of Prayer service 10am Assembly 1.30pm Stations of the Cross begin 2.40pm	
<b>Week 6</b>		
Mon 6	Swimming	
Tue 7	St Pat's swim sports 9am-1pm	
Thu 9	First reconciliation	
Fri 10	Solidarity Day Assembly 1.30pm Stations of the Cross 2.40pm	

**Kia Ora everyone**

Wonderful to see some of our children and their families at our Eucharistic celebration on Sunday.

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and now we are on the journey heading towards Easter, the most important event in the life of Christians; the death and more importantly the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Tomorrow we planned to have Solidarity Day but this has been moved to next Friday (10 March) because of our involvement in the World Day of Prayer, which is at 10am in the Anglican Church.

All classes enjoyed their soccer skills development with Mel and Scott from Sport Waikato on Monday. Ten seniors are our kayaking today. I'm sure they have had lots of fun learning how to handle themselves in a kayak. Thank you to Ms Stevens for organising this trip.

Join us for Stations of the Cross tomorrow and each Friday during Lent, in the church at 2.40pm.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and God Bless.

God Bless

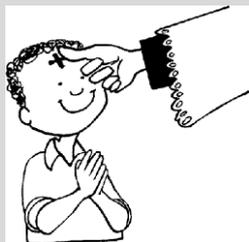
Margaret Leatuafi, Acting Principal



Thank you to Elf, Chasca, Tylah and Louis for delicious mini Shrove Tuesday pancakes.

## **SPECIAL CHARACTER**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT**



**On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday. The date of Ash Wednesday varies each year according to the date of Easter. It is always six and a half weeks before Easter, or 40 days. Ash Wednesday is an important feast day in the Church. It marks the beginning of Lent.**

**During Ash Wednesday Mass, everyone's forehead is marked with ashes. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance. They also remind us of our mortality ("remember that you are dust") and of the day when we will stand before God.**

**The ashes symbolise our failures and our desire to be reborn in a new life with Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our desire for renewal and our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives.**

**Lent is a time to prepare, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, for the most important Christian festival of Easter. Using ashes to mark the cross on the believer's forehead symbolises that through Christ's death and resurrection, all Christians can be free. Lent is a time we repent or "turn back" to God. It is a time when we consider the needs of others and offer almsgiving to those in need.**

**During Lent, our whole school will be going to the church at 2.40pm each Friday to pray the stations of the cross. There are 14 stations which tell the story of Jesus' death, beginning with Pontius Pilate condemning Jesus, to his body being laid in the tomb. Sometimes there is a fifteenth station which tells of Jesus' resurrection. You are very welcome to join us for the prayer each Friday - we would love to see you there!**

### **SOLIDARITY DAY FRIDAY 10 MARCH**

**Solidarity Day is when we ask the children and staff to give up eating their morning tea and lunch and bring the equivalent amount of dollars as a donation for the Catholic organisation, Caritas, which helps the poor in many countries around the world. Instead we will give the children a slice of plain bread. This is a reminder of the many children who go hungry in the world and is also a little sacrifice we**



**endure because it is Lent when Jesus asks us to fast as a penitential action and give to the poor. We ask for your generous support and ask you to place your child's donation in an envelope for them to give to their class teacher on Friday 10 March. Please make sure your child has a substantial breakfast and maybe something in their bag to eat after school if they have a long journey home. The children may drink water only on this day.**

**Thank you, Margaret Leatuafi, Director of Religious Studies.**

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**A group of our senior students will be walking to the Anglican Church tomorrow morning (Friday 3 March) to take part in the annual Taumarunui combined churches World Day of Prayer service. This year's service has a Filipino theme, and our children will be taking an active role in the readings and prayers. Please come along and support them, and join in this special day of worship. The service starts at 10am.**



## **ST PATRICK'S DAY – FRIDAY 17 MARCH**

**More about this awesome day in our next newsletter, but you can be getting your green things ready to wear to school on that day!**



### **NOHO MARAE – 30 MARCH 2017**

**Our Noho Marae will take place at Ngapuwaitaha Marae in Taumarunui on Thursday 30 March. More details will be sent home nearer the time, and Mannix Houpapapa, 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 school community to come together and spend a night at the Marae, sharing Te Reo, activities and the history of Ngapuwaitaha. 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.**

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

# Our Rooms – What's Happening?

St Mary MacKillop  
Y1 Mrs Leatuafi

We have been doing some writing about swimming. It was tricky and I had to concentrate. We drew pictures of ourselves for the waka. Swimming lessons were good fun. By Hana Coradine.

St Lawrence Y2/3  
Mrs Moore Whaea Theona

We have been doing maths. We work in different groups. Some of the maths has been hard! We also had a writing test all about swimming. We had to separate our desks and be really quiet. We did painting and painted a road using black and white to make grey. By Tylah Hepi and Chizy Obi Okeoma.

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

We do scribe time which is when we write for ten minutes about whatever we want. We try to be creative. We drew pictures of Old Blue the black robin who saved her species. All the pictures are unique and they are on the wall in our classroom. We also made projects with the title I Am Unique, which are big posters. They are on the wall in the hallway. We are all so different. We enjoy silent reading when we have to sit and read our books. By Grace Van Orden, Matisse Hosking and Milla Coradine.

## AWARD WINNERS

**Principal's Award** Trixie Thomas, Jorja Tadman

**Caught Being Good** Charlotte Houppapa, Renaysha Naidoo, Braxton Mahu, Jayden Austing

**Special Character Award** Hana Coradine, Paige Bright

### Classroom Awards

Alan Antony, Karina Rihia, Louis Mennink, Chizy Obi Okeoma, Leah Adams, Milla Coradine, Matisse Hosking

### WAKA UPDATE

Our waka picture in the hallway is looking great! It now has a crew of junior portraits (including Mrs Leatuafi!) and the seniors will add their art work soon, along with the rest of the staff. Who can you recognise in the waka?



### KAYAKING

Our senior students have had an amazing day at the Hillary Outdoors centre, getting to grips with kayaking. The first person to capsize was Ms Stevens! Luckily for us she retreated to dry land to send some photos and make us all jealous!



## SOCCER TRAINING FOR ALL

We're grateful to Scott, from Waikato Bay of Plenty Soccer, for coming to coach soccer as part of our sports programme this term. Thanks to Mel, from Sport Waikato's Project Energize, who organised this for us. Everyone had a turn and there were some great skills on show. What a superb

morning of sport!



## SPORTS NEWS

### Swimming

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

### Soccer

One day tournament

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

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)

### Cricket

Junior cricket is happening every Wednesday from 3.30pm at Taumarunui High School. All Primary School aged children are welcome to participate. More information from Ajit Belling on 07895 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.

**COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER**

## FIZZY DRINKS

Fizzy drinks can contain a lot of sugar which is not good for our teeth. Fizzy drinks don't contain any goodness (vitamins, minerals etc.) for growing children.

1 can of fizzy drink = 10tsp sugar  
1 600ml bottle fizzy drink = 16tsp sugar

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

## TAUMARUNUI

AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB

# DUATHLON

**WHEN: Wednesdays – TERM 1**

**TIME: 5.30pm**

**WHERE: Turaki School Field**

**WHO: 5yrs – Year 13** (subject to approval of school/parents/guardians)

**MUST HAVE: BIKE & HELMET / SPORTS SHOES**

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
1000m RUN	500m RUN	2.5km BIKE	2.5km BIKE
500m BIKE	2.5km BIKE	2.5km BIKE	4.2km BIKE
500m RUN	2.5km RUN	2.5km RUN	2.5km RUN

FOLLOWED BY A FUN SWIM IN THE TURAKI POOL TO COOL OFF

\*PARENTS CAN WALK & RUN ALONG SIDE CHILDREN FOR SAFETY

**FEES: \$10 per child / TAAC SINGLET: \$20 each**

**Bank Account #: 03-0426-0177700-00** use first & last name as reference

NB: Year 1-4 children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian  
Contact: Amy Parris 027 4009911 or Ajit Belling 027 464708

**DUATHLON**

Registration & First Training Night

1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

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**Turaki School Field**

5.30pm

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Training
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Training
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Training
4 <sup>th</sup> March	COMPETITION

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

<https://www.galaxysports.com.au/taumarunui-duathlon>

Taumarunui Youth & Community Trust

## YOUTH COUNCIL – APPLY NOW AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Applications to join the Ruapehu District Council Youth Council (RYC) close TOMORROW Friday 3rd March. Apply online at <http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-council/youth-council/Pages/Youth-Ambassador-application-form.aspx>



## Parish of the Immaculate Conception Taumarunui

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

Sunday 5

9.30am Mass – First Sunday of Lent

Fr Lawrie Bishop

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Sister Win 078958532

