



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPŌ

TE WHAKAPONO ME ANA MAHI - FAITH IN ACTION



ATAWHAI | KINDNESS



TAPATAHI | INTEGRITY



HIRINGA | DETERMINATION



KOTAHITANGA | UNITY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thursday 24 July

Nau mai, haere mai – Welcome to Term 3!

A special welcome to all the new whānau who have joined our school this term. I hope you have all had a lovely break. We've been blessed with beautiful days this week, even if a little chilly!

Grandparents Day

This is an opportunity for our students to celebrate the older people in their lives. This could be grandparents but equally a special adult that fills that role in their lives. Parents are more than welcome to join us too. It is a relaxed opportunity to hang out, share some of their school life and have some time together.

Staff Professional Development

Next Friday, 1st August, the school will be closed for a Staff Only Day. On this day, staff will continue their professional learning with a focus on the new Mathematics curriculum. This is a Ministry of Education-mandated day.

Staff are also continuing their focus on Literacy. They have been learning about Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) for writing instruction. With SRSD, teachers empower students with proven, easy-to-follow writing strategies, going beyond traditional writing instruction to achieve significantly better outcomes. By developing both writing skills and self-regulation, students learn to take ownership of their writing – gaining the confidence and independence to plan, organize, draft, and refine their work.



Active Tamariki

We've had a lot of active tamariki already this term! The Ski Club had a stunning day for their first outing on Monday. A huge thank you to Charlene Ede for organising this for our whānau.

It's been lovely to see our students running around the school, preparing for our school cross country.

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. . . Our junior students have also been developing their biking skills with Bike Taupō, and will begin swimming lessons from Week 5.

Our winter sports codes are still continuing, with students involved in practices throughout the week. Thank you to all the whānau who support our students with their sport. A gentle reminder to our supporters to uphold our school values – please be supportive and encouraging so our tamariki have fun while learning new skills.

Matariki Planting

Last week, tamariki, kaiako and whanau from Room 2,9 and 10 braved the cold and went to Mt. Tauhara to plant trees.

This is part of a 10-year project that is focusing on restoring native vegetation on and around Mt Tauhara, creating a "korowai" (cloak) of native plants and improving biodiversity. What a wonderful opportunity for our school to once again be part of this Kids Greening Taupō project. A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported us.

Ngā mihi nui

Cath Daignault and staff



ATTENDANCE, ACHIEVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Working together to improve student attendance

Achievement, attendance and learning support are priority areas, with Government targets set for attendance and achievement.

In Term 1 of 2025, 65.9 percent of students attended school regularly, an increase of 4.5 percentage points from 61.4 percent in Term 1 of 2024. This gain is a result of the sustained focus and efforts you have made to support students to attend school, and to attend regularly.

If you have any concerns in regards to your child's attendance please do not hesitate to reach out. In the meantime, for any absence continue to send absentee messages via the Hero app, email the school directly, office@stpatstaupo.school.nz or phone 378 0205 / 027 756 4498.

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DIARY DATES

Term 3 Upcoming Events

- Friday 25th July - Grandparents Day Mass
- Thursday 31st July - Skiing Club Day #2
- Friday 1st August - **TEACHER ONLY DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Tuesday 5th August - Pikorua / Toki Hub Cross Country
- Wednesday 6th August - Koru Hub Cross Country
- Monday 11th August - Friday 22nd August - Pikorua Hub School Swimming
- Monday 11th August - Skiing Club Day #3
- Friday 15th August - Y8 Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Visit
- Thursday 21st August - BOT Meeting
- Thursday 21st August - Y8 Tauhara College Visit
- Tuesday 26th August - Interschool Cross Country
- Tuesday 9th September - Friday 12th September - Tuwharetoa Festival
- Sunday 14th September - **FAMILY MASS, ALL EXPECTED TO ATTEND**
- Monday 15th September - Y 5/6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
- Tuesday 16th September - Y 7/8 Rippa Rugby Festival
- Thursday 18th September - Big Music Day
- Thursday 18th September - BOT Meeting
- Friday 19th September - Term 3 Ends

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL



KORU HUB CROSS COUNTRY INVITATION

The Koru Hub (Rooms 2, 3, 4 and 5) cross country is being held on Wednesday, 6th August at 2pm. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAT'S...

MATARIKI PLANTING DAY

Rooms 2, 9 and 10 recently took part in the Matariki planting day at the base of Mount Tauhara. This was run by Kids Greening Taupo with support from Ngati Tuwharetoa. St Patrick's contributed 800 trees to this event because of our involvement in the 'Trees for Survival' programme.

A big thank you to the parents/grandparents who helped with supervision to make this a wonderful learning experience for the children.



Awesome effort!

At our school assembly yesterday, we celebrated the incredible fundraising efforts of our students for Jumping June. Together, they raised an impressive \$8,451 for the Heart Foundation. A special congratulations goes to Reign and Leo, who each raised over \$1,000 – an outstanding example of Faith in Action!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAT'S...

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2025

Get on board!

Would you or someone you know be a great addition to our School Board?



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Interested in being a school board member?
Nominations close at noon 6 August 2025**

HOW TO RUN FOR ELECTION:

- 1. Check you are eligible to be a school board member.** A list of people who are not eligible to be a school board member is located here:
<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/d5a18fa397/People-who-are-not-eligible-to-be-school-board-members-v2.pdf>
- 2. Complete the nomination form. Note:** Only people on the school election roll can nominate someone to run for election. If you're nominating someone, make sure you and the person you're nominating sign the form. If you are nominating yourself, complete both sections. The nomination form has been emailed and is on Hero.
- 3. Write a candidate statement.** If you're the candidate, you can submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) and a photograph. Your candidate statement may include:
 - Experience
 - Qualifications
 - Abilities
 - Previous involvement with St Patrick's Catholic School Taupō, or other schools/school boards
 - Reasons for standing for election
 - Interests
 - Anything else relevant to the education of children

NOTE: your candidate statement and picture will be given to the school community, in the format it is received, in order to assist them in making their decision. If you do not submit a candidate statement and photo they will only be given your full name.

- 4. Submit nomination form and signed candidate statement** by **noon 6 August 2025** to the returns officer by post (86 Acacia Bay Road, Taupō 3330) or email (donnaj@stpatstaupo.school.nz)

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Returns Officer, Donna Johns.

Phone: (07) 378 0205

Email: donnaj@stpatstaupo.school.nz

R.E. REFLECTION



This terms focus **DETERMINATION!**

Welcome back, it's great to see our children showing our school motto of Faith in Action. Each Hub will be focusing on the following . . .

JUNIOR "Keep Trying with God's Help"

What Determination Looks Like:

- Not giving up when a task is hard (e.g., learning to read or tie shoes).
- Asking for help from God, parents, or teachers.
- Being brave, even when they're nervous or unsure.
- Choosing to be kind, even if others are not.

Bible Inspiration:

- Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."
- Joshua 1:9 – "Be strong and brave... the Lord your God is with you."

MIDDLE "Keep Doing What's Right, Even When It's Hard"

What Determination Looks Like:

- Sticking with a challenge, like a tricky Math problem or practicing a sport or instrument.
- Choosing to do the right thing, even when others don't.
- Being patient when things don't happen quickly.
- Trusting God in their daily choices and actions.

Bible Inspiration:

- Galatians 6:9 – "Let us not grow tired of doing good... if we don't give up."
- Romans 12:12 – "Be joyful in hope, patient in trouble, faithful in prayer."

SENIOR "Persevering with Purpose and Faith"

What Determination Looks Like:

- Setting personal or faith goals and working toward them, even through failure.
- Overcoming discouragement, learning from mistakes, and trying again.
- Keeping their faith during tough times and asking big questions.
- Committing to values like justice, honesty, and forgiveness, even when unpopular.

Bible Inspiration:

- Hebrews 12:1-2 – "Run with perseverance the race set before us."
- James 1:12 – "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial... they will receive the crown of life."

R.E. REFLECTION



Upcoming events this term

Hub Masses this term

Senior Hub - Friday 22nd Aug

Middle Hub - Friday 29th Aug

Junior Hub - Friday 5th Sep

Liturgy Dates

Liturgy is on Mondays at 2.30pm, followed by school singing. You are all welcome to join us in the church. This term children will be presenting Liturgy with their buddy class.

Monday 21st July Rm 6 and 10

Monday 28th July Rm 3 and 12

Monday 4th August Rm 4/5 and 8



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Grandparents Day

FRIDAY 25 July 2024

10am : Visit Classrooms
11am : Cupcakes for Morning Tea
12pm : Grandparents Mass

RSVP : by 3pm Wednesday 23 July
for catering purposes
office@stpatstaupo.school.nz

St. Joachim and St. Anne are the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. We honour them and all grandparents this coming Grandparents day.

The grandparents of Jesus are important because they represent the lineage of Christ and the role of family in God's plan of salvation. They are recognized in Christian tradition as the source of Mary's upbringing and virtues that prepared her to be the mother of Jesus. Their lives also offer examples of faithfulness, perseverance, and the importance of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren.



Congratulations to those students that received certificates yesterday at assembly for showing our school values. (left)

Father Danny visiting Room 10. (right)





COMMUNITY NOTICES



PTFA NEWS



PTFA TERM 3

How is it term 3 already! What an awesome term 2 we had with the long awaited return of the Monster Mountain Bike Challenge. It was so good to see so many happy faces, we had over 155 kids take part, our best yet. Well done to St Pats who won the interschool competition. A BIG thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the monster a huge success. We also had a PTFA parent social night which was lovely and ended with bingo which was a lot of fun.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson - Cass Adams
Vice Chairperson - Courtney Johns
Treasurer - Nikki Halford
Secretary - Alisha Smits
School Representative - Jodi Steele

EVENTS

- ✓ **August 4th**
PTFA meeting 7pm
in staffroom all welcome
- ✓ **November 14th**
Gala

FUNDRAISING 2025

www.preciouslabels.co.nz

- ✓ Gala
- ✓ Family fun after mass
- ✓ Calendar art
- ✓ Family Photos

CONTACT US

For more information, to volunteer, or if you have any questions, feel free to email PTFA@stpatstaupo.school.nz or reach out to our chairperson:
Cass Adams



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Valid until 31st of July 2025

NO EXTENTIONS



To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school

Nominate your Taupo School



St Patrick's School Taupo - Flyers available from office

ADULT 1

ADULT 2

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

CHILD 3

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FINAL DAYS

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2025 Timetable

Monday	
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Little Creators (5yrs-8yrs)
4.45pm – 5.45pm	Story Telling through Dance (10yrs-13yrs)
6pm – 7pm	Stage Crafters (9yrs – 12yrs)
Tuesday	
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Art Class (9yrs & under)
4.45pm – 5.45pm	Story Telling through Dance (9yrs & under)
6pm – 7pm	Art Class (10yrs+)
Wednesday	
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Stage Crafters (9yrs – 12yrs)
4.45pm – 5.45pm	Little Creators (7yrs-9yrs)
6pm-7pm	Special Effects and Costume Making (10rs+)
Thursday	
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Story Tellers (13yrs – 15yrs)
4.45pm – 5.45pm	Stage Crafters (9yrs – 12yrs)
6pm – 7pm	Limelight (16yrs +)
Friday	
3.30pm – 4pm	Singing
4.15pm - 5.15pm	Story Telling through Dance (13yrs+)

Enrolments Open Now!

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Email: fionawithers@xtra.co.nz





COMMUNITY NOTICES



BECOMING A YOUTH MENTOR

"NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS THAT TRANSFORM LIVES"

He Kāhui Tāngata are looking for volunteer mentors who can dedicate a couple of hours each week to spend supporting, guiding and empowering a young person in a one on one setting

Some things to consider

- Are you aged 18yrs+?
- Have you always wanted to make a difference in a young person's life?
- Can you spare a couple of hours per week?
- Do you want to feel challenged & inspired?

*Training & ongoing support offered throughout the program



For more information

 027 234 2241

 hktcoordinator@gmail.com

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