

BOARD BUZZ

NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL BOARD



AT THE LAST MEETING...

Board Meeting held 12 September 2024

We held our regularly scheduled Board meeting on 12 September 2024. It was lovely to have Father Danny attend the meeting and meet the team. Some key points discussed at the meeting are below:

Principals Report:

- Enrolments continue to come in, and there are a large number of new entrant enrolments for 2025. Please let us know if you have a child you are intending to enrol, this helps us plan so that the right resources and staff are in the right places.
- A survey will be sent soon to all parents of our current year 6 students to indicate if their child is returning for year 7- please keep an eye out for this.
- Health survey- we are required every two years to survey our community about the health curriculum in the school. This will be sent out shortly to whanau.
- The Catholic Character report has been received and was a positive report overall. We will be unpacking how to best incorporate the recommendations of the report, and integrating this into our planning.
- The term's focus on Olympics has been enjoyed by the students and very successful.
- The "inspiring futures" day was a fantastic and inspiring day for our senior students. Huge thank you to the various role models who came in to showcase their chosen professions!
- The staff had a refreshing and productive day together at Sanctuary Mountain. The day involved hauora/wellbeing and rongoā rakau: a way for us all to enjoy God's creation in a special ancient forest.

Religious Education Report:

- Father Danny has begun to meet the children and visit the classrooms.
- Grandparents Day was a huge success, and we had a lot of grandparents/special people take up the invitation to come along which was lovely.
- Students are being involved in the parish community lunch through preparing soup and baked goods, and senior students are assisting with serving the food.

- A focus on Mother Aubert has been utilised to learn more about the life and actions of this inspirational NZ woman who is on the pathway of canonisation.
- School mass coming up on 15 September, school and PTFA are running a family fun event after mass with free sausage sizzle.

Staff Report:

- It has been another action packed term
- Many sporting events- cross country, interschools, koru hub biking, NZ Dance Made, the first school ski club day, senior swimming, and a number of students currently are representing the school at the AIMS games.
- Olympics fun day was enjoyed by the students
- PD completed by staff this term has included learning in Religious education, leadership, curriculum, Numicon, structured literacy, trauma informed practice, and the Incredible Years programme.
- Kapa haka has been a focus for students building to the Taiopenga o Tuwharetoa next week.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for: 5:30pm, 31 October 2024



OUR CATHOLIC CHARACTER

School Mass this Sunday

We are looking forward to seeing you all at school Mass this Sunday! It is an expectation that all families attend, please let your child's teacher know if you are going to be absent. This will be our first school Mass with Father Danny- lets give him a great welcome. The PTFA are holding a family fun event and free sausage sizzle after Mass, please stay and enjoy some fellowship with us.

**FAMILY
FUN**



**15 September 2024
After School Mass**

**Join us for some family fun after
School Mass on the lawn outside church!**



**FREE Sausage Sizzle!
Games!
Spot Prizes!**

See you all there!

Catholic Character Evaluation

We mentioned briefly in the last Board Buzz that the Catholic character evaluation has been completed by the Diocese. This report highlighted the areas we are doing well in, and provided several areas for development. Recommendations included:

- To develop deliberate staff professional development plans for all kaiako with the purpose of growing their knowledge and qualification in teaching religious education.
- To develop a self-review process of the school's special character based around the four dimensions described in the Catholic special evaluation for development document.
- To release DRS so that they can work alongside kaiako to support and strengthen religious education teaching practices across the school

- To continue our journey with Rongohia te Hau to further integrate tikanaga and te reo Maori into the schools special character
- For the Board and school leadership to prioritise teachers completing necessary Te Kupenga courses.

The review panel were impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment the Board, Staff and Parish have to safeguarding our special character, and stated that "St Patrick's offers a safe, supportive environment where each child is helped to thrive through the diverse learning experiences that support spiritual, academic, physical, social and emotional development".



OUR PROPERTY

Update from the Property Team

Progress is being made on several property projects:

- We have received a quote to replace the roof between room one and two which has been leaking. An investigation into the underlying structure is required before undertaking this work to ensure that it is sound first. If it is found to be in good condition, the Board have approved the work going ahead.
- A contracting company has looked at the areas of deterioration in the car park and are preparing a quote for fixing this. The Board will need to decide what approach is the best in the long term for the car park.
- Turf area- the Diocese has sent an architect to look at the current state of the turf and the school and Board are working hard to advance remediation of this area.
- The Board approved getting the area by the junior sandpit and by the walkway to rooms 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 landscaped and concreted as they have become trip hazards and can flood in wet weather.



OUR PEOPLE

Progress with 2025 leadership positions

Assistant Principal Position:

The Board is pleased to be able to report that we have made good progress toward recruiting to this position and the school should be able to make an announcement in the near future.

Deputy Principal Position:

The appointment committee are making progress in the recruitment for this position. We were impressed with the number and high calibre of the applications, and will be interviewing our shortlisted candidates soon.



OUR POLICY

Policy Reviews- Have Your Say!

The board has completed the review of this terms regular scheduled policy reviews, and made some minor suggestions for improvement.

Term four's board level scheduled policy reviews are:

- Managing income and expenditure
- Financial conflicts of interest
- Asset management and protection

We welcome community input in our policy reviews. If you ever want to find a school policy or contribute to a review you can access all of our policies at: <https://stpatstaupo.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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TE WHAKAPONO ME ANA MAHI - FAITH IN ACTION



ATAWHAI | KINDNESS



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