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Tēnā koutou e te whānau Warm greetings to you all.

ILLNESS

As we move into week 3 there is an increased amount of illness affecting both students and staff. Thank you for being vigilant around your child's health and keeping them at home if they really are unwell, and as always thank you for letting the school know when your child is absent.

ATTENDANCE

It is also timely to think about student attendance as the Government announces new targets to improve student attendance at school across New Zealand. The new target is to have 80 percent of students attending school regularly by 2030. Regularly is defined as being present at school for more than 90 percent of the time.

Going forward we will be regularly updating you on our student attendance data via our newsletters. We look very forward to working with you all to improve this data which in turn improves learning and wellbeing outcomes for students.

WELCOME BACK

Next week the school warmly welcomes back Mrs. Harris after her recent heart surgery and recovery. This is exciting news and I know she is very much looking forward to returning.

From me, it has been an absolute pleasure to step in, albeit part-time, and work with a wonderful team and get to know many more wonderful children. What a great learning and caring environment St. Patrick's is! Thank you all for making me feel welcome.

From me Manaaki te Atua / God bless Vicki, Matt and team

ATTENDANCE - IT DOES MATTER!

Here is the link to the Ministry of Education's '<u>Student Attendance - A guide for parents and caregivers</u>'. We ask you to refer to this for any questions you may have, and to learn how you can support your child's regular attendance at school.Our Term 1 attendance data shows that 66.93% of students attended school regularly. **Term 2: Weeks 1 and 2**

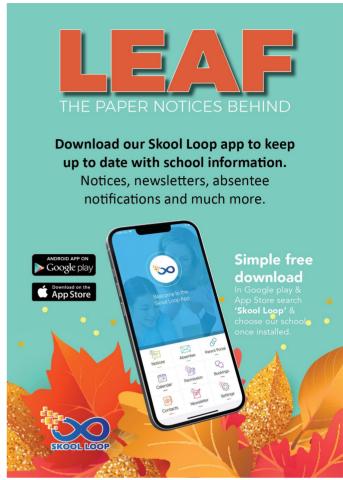
Category	Explanation	Percentage
Regular Attendance	Attending school over 90% of the time	66.03%
Irregular Absence	Attending school over 90% of the time	17.94%
Moderate Absence	Attending school over 90% of the time	6.87%
Chronic Absence	Attending school over 90% of the time=	9.16%

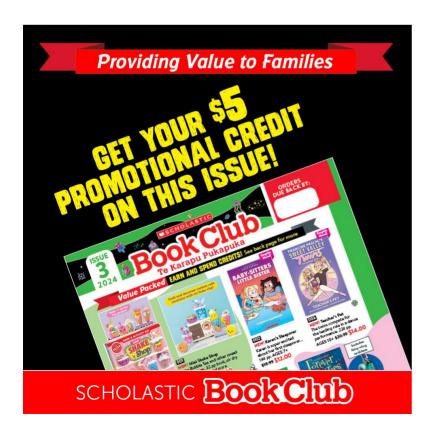
ATTENDANCE RATES

Work with us to manage attendance concerns. If you have any concerns that are impacting on your child's attendance please contact us.

What's happening at St Pat's....







SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club, Issue 3 has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's school bag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3.50 to help you on your child's reading journey.

Online orders close Monday 13 May. Sorry no cash sales.

R.E. CORNER

MASS TIMES

LITURGIES @ 10:30AM

MONDAY

20 MAY: RM 5

27 MAY: RM 8

FRIDAY MASSES@12PM

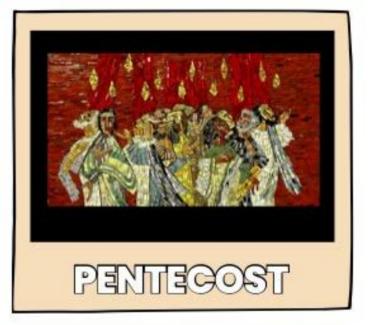
17 May: Rm 3 and 6 24 May: Rm 1 and 11

PENTECOST

SUNDAY, 19TH MAY @ 9AM Whole Mass with the Parish to celebrate the Birthday of the church. Children to come in traditional national costumes. They can sit with their parents.

PINKSHIRT DAY

Friday, 17 May
Wear a Pink Shirt or
brightly coloured shirt
to school. Gold coin
donation



Pentecost, celebrated fifty days after Easter, marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Christian Church. It's a time for us to reflect on the importance of spiritual renewal and the unity of believers in spreading the message of faith and love.



WELCOME

Wherever you and your family are at on your faith journey we have ways for you to connect to our parish community. Faith in Jesus makes a difference in our lives, and we hope you will experience that reality when you connect and engage in our parish activities.









Whats Happening?

Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm to explore faith through Alpha!

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

We start with food, followed by a short video and discussion in small groups. It's relaxed and informal, and everyone is welcome.



PACT - Preparing and Celebrating Together

Reconcilication, Confirmation and First Communion



What a fantastic, fun time we had last Sunday as we explored how we can grow in faith, and how Jesus is with us even in the stormy times of our lives. In our Faith-at-home session this week, we learnt that we are God's creation and that he DELIGHTS in us!













DIARY DATES -TERM 2		
14 May	Koru Hub Biking	
	7pm PTFA AGM & Mix n' Mingle	
17 May	Pink Shirt Day	
19 May	9am School/Parish Pentecost Mass - Please bring a plate to share	
23 May	5.30pm BOT Meeting	
27 May - 7 June	Junior Swimming (every day)	
31 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
3 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
7 June	Greening Taupo Day 2024	
18 June	Koru Hub Biking	
19 June	Interschool Swimming	
27 June	5.30pm BOT Meeting	
28 June	MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED	
3 July	Interschool Ukulele Jam Orienteering Day	
5 July	Term 2 Ends	



COMMUNITY NOTICES

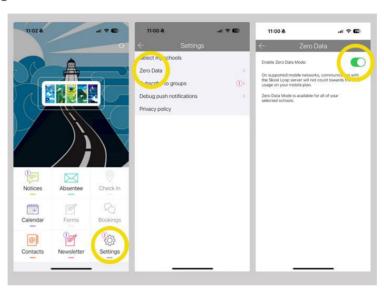
SKOOL LOOP + ZERO DATA

For some school parents and caregivers, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing school information and communications!

Not anymore!

We are excited to announce Skool Loop has aligned with Zero Data removing this barrier by providing free access to your school app.

Check out the graphic right to use this fantastic resource.

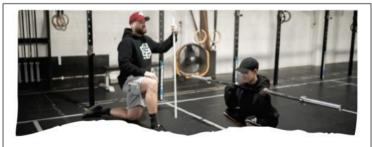




CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS

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LIMITED SPACES!



BECOMING A YOUTH MENTOR "NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS THAT TRANSFORM LIVES"

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



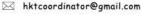
- Are you aged 18yrs+?
- Have you always wanted to make a difference in a young person's life?
- Can you spare acouple of hours per week?
- Do you want to feel challenged & inspired?
- *Training & ongoing support offered throughout the program



For more information

0 027 234 2241











COMMUNITY NOTICES



Come celebrate the work of our local professionals who reduce casualties and care for people affected by crashes.

Live demonstrations, coffee cart, sausage sizzle and New Zealand Transport Agency display.

We can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone.

















TAUPŌ PHYSIOTHERAPY

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS FREE

FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENT

191 SPA ROAD, TAUPŌ, 3330 07 378 4054

We are here to help! Give us a call today to book in for an appointment.

