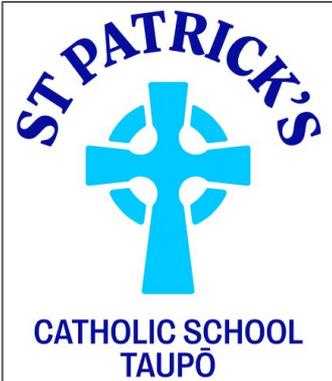


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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Hello from North Shore Hospital.

The wheels move slowly here so I am still sitting waiting for a space for my surgery. I'm hoping this will be my last newsletter for a little while, as by the time the next newsletter is ready to be sent out, I should be back home recovering!

Welcome to Vicki Saunders

It is wonderful to have been able to welcome Vicki on a part time basis, to be acting principal in my absence. She is an experienced principal and will be a great support to Matt in his backup role of DP. I'm sure you will get to know Vicki over the next few weeks.

Senior Camps

We wish the Year 8's all the best as they head off for their camp in Ohope this week. The weather for the first couple of days is not great but hopefully it will improve as the week progresses. I'm sure they will all have a fabulous time anyway. The Year 7's will attend the same camp next week. Stay safe and enjoy the camaraderie.

Saint Patrick's Day Mass

Don't forget that we are having a special feast day Mass with the Parish on Sunday 17 March. There will be a sausage sizzle afterwards. We will also have some celebrations at school on the Monday so watch for details.

NZEI paid union meeting

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 20 March, the school will close at 1pm.

I missed the Dr Suess day on Friday but trust the children had a good time.

I am going to miss being at St Pat's but I know the school is in good hands and everything will tick along as usual.

As one of the mum's said in an email, you never know when you will be thrown a curved ball. After being such a fit and healthy person all my life, it was a bit of a shock to find I had a congenital heart valve problem. At least I have plenty of sick leave! When I return next term I will be feeling far more energetic and back to myself.

In the meantime, keep me in your prayers.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Maureen

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



Thanks to Kiwisport and ND Cricket for giving our kids a fun taster of cricket. They had a great time working on their throwing, catching and striking skills.



Tickets were sent home to each family last week - one sheet per family, \$1 per ticket.

Donations of Easter eggs can be sent along to school each day. Either bring to the school office or take to Mrs Morris in R10.

Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 27th March - just before Easter break. Thanks for all your support for our yummiest raffle of the year!



Thanks to Hayley from Taupo District Council visiting our school with the Civil Defence Education Sessions. Students were able to learn about what to do in an emergency situation, particularly earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and the importance of having a grab bag at home.

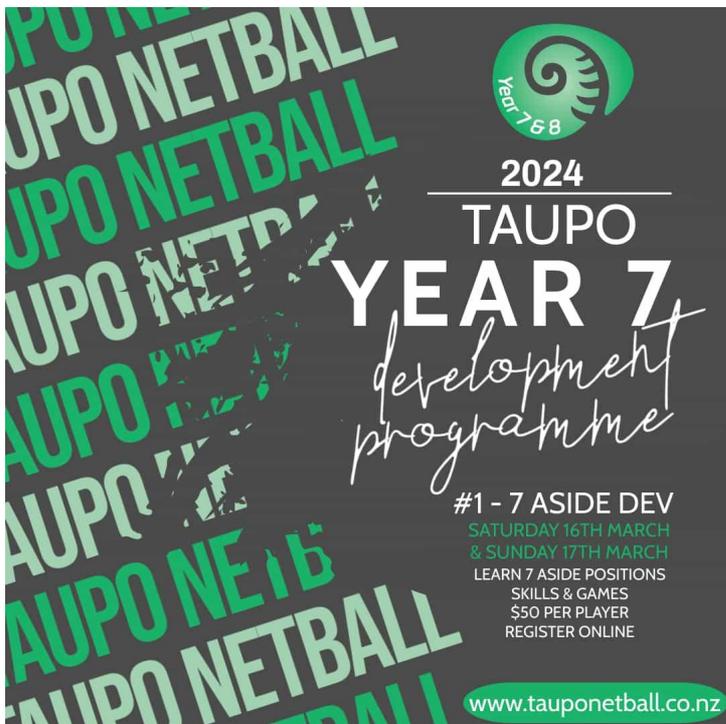
WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

School Sport Registrations are currently underway. If your child has indicated they are keen to play hockey, netball or basketball for the school a notice will go home with details of how they can register this week.

A registration day in the morning and afternoon will be held on WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH from 8.20am - 8.50am and then again from 3pm - 4pm.

You can also register by returning the Sport's notice your child will bring home this week or emailing Mrs Morris lorenam@stpatstaupo.school.nz

There is a large number of children who are keen to play sport this year yet without the support of Parents as coaches and managers we will be unable to register teams to play sport so Parental support is vital to ensure your child plays sport.



The poster features a repeating background of the text 'TAUPO NETBALL' in green and white. At the top right is a green circular logo with a white spiral and the text 'Year 7/8'. Below this, the text '2024 TAUPO YEAR 7 development programme' is displayed in white and green. Further down, it lists '#1 - 7 ASIDE DEV', 'SATURDAY 16TH MARCH & SUNDAY 17TH MARCH', 'LEARN 7 ASIDE POSITIONS', 'SKILLS & GAMES', '\$50 PER PLAYER', and 'REGISTER ONLINE'. At the bottom, the website 'www.tauponetball.co.nz' is provided in a green oval.

NETBALL - WINTER 2024

The netball season is fast approaching. If your child has registered an interest in playing we will be contacting you soon. Students in year 7 or 8 that have not played 7 aside netball before we suggest they do the year 7 development course which will help them transition. If they are year 7/8 and have never played before we also suggest they attend this course. We will be holding a year 5/6 training on Tuesday 12th March during lunchtime and year 7/8 the following week on Tuesday 19th March. Year 3/4 will be after the school holidays.

Netball starts in May, dates to follow. Games will be Saturday morning between 8.30am & 12pm

We have had a lot of interest and will be requiring parent help for coaches and managers.

2024 TAUPO BASKETBALL SEASON DETAILS & REGISTRATION LINK

For all Year 3 to 8 players please use the following link to register for the 2024 Lake Taupo Basketball Association season.

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=92323>

Our season runs from Monday 6 May to Wednesday 14 August 2024 and Leagues run on the following days:
JUNIOR GRADES

Intermediate Boys - Mondays 3.30 - 7pm, \$75/player

Primary Prems (Yr 5&6) - Tuesdays 3.30 - 6pm, \$60/player

Primary Dev (Yr 3&4) - Wednesdays 3.30 - 6pm, \$50/player

Girls League (Yr 7/8/9) - Wednesdays 4 - 6pm, \$75/player

Upcoming Events

Monday Liturgy- 10.30 in the church - Monday Rm 11 Monday 11th March, Rm 9 Monday 25th March
School/Parish Mass on Fridays-12pm - Friday 15th March Rm 4/5/11 Friday 22nd March Rm8/1

School Led Stations of the Cross- 22nd March 6.30pm.

Youth Group on Tuesday Evenings for Year 7 and 8 Students.

School Parish Mass 17th March- 9am Celebration to St Patrick.

All children are expected to attend our parish/school mass, children can come dressed in green, please bring along a plate to share for morning tea, sausages and games will be happening after Mass.

Parents and families are always welcome to attend mass and class liturgies, children love to see you there.



Children have been focusing on the significance of Lent during RE lessons.

They have currently been looking at Encounter and Justice.

Time for Encounter Te Wā mō te Tūtaki The transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospel reading for the second week reminds us that now is the time for encounter. Children look at how students from Rural Training Centres in the Solomon Islands share how they've experienced a growth in skills, knowledge, and confidence through shared encounters with God and one another

Time for Justice Te Wā mō te Tika In the third week's Gospel reading, Jesus overturns tables in the market in his drive for the worship of God and the pursuit of justice. The Caritas story for that week highlights the work of the global Caritas network to bring justice after emergencies, such as after the flooding in Pakistan. Classes also look at how we as students of St Patrick's show kindness and justice to others.

DIARY DATES - TERM 4

4 - 8 March	Year 8 camp in Ohope
11 - 15 March	Year 7 camp in Ohope
17 March	St Patrick's Family / Parish Mass 9am
20 March	Paid Union Meeting - School Closes at 1pm
21 March	Board meeting 5:30pm in Boardroom
26 March	Y7/8 immunisations Koru Hub biking
29 March	Good Friday
1 - 2 April	Easter Monday / Tuesday - school closed
12 April	Last day of term

School Lunches

- ✓ Tuesday - Brumby's Bakery
- ✓ Wednesday - Pita Pit
- ✓ Thursday - Suncourt Indian
- ✓ Friday - Wabi Sabi Sushi

ORDER NOW

www.lunchonline.co.nz

DELICIOUS & LOCAL

WEDNESDAY
20 MARCH

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1PM

FOR A PAID UNION MEETING

Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of

\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR

The more we collect, the more gear we get!

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!



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Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation Preparation 2024

We are excited to bring you another year of Preparing and Celebrating Together (PACT). This engaging programme ensures you'll have fun as a family while growing in faith and preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. This is for children who are already baptised and are aged 8 or over on 1 May 2024.



Introduction Session Sunday 7 April



Our programme begins on Sunday 7 April with an introduction session. If you're not sure about joining in this year, come along to this session anyway and find out what it's all about. If you have more than one child you might want to wait and do the programme together.

Find out more on our website

Here's what some of the families from last year had to say....

"We spend more time together as a family. Our faith is way more stronger as we get closer to God and share it to our children."

"I have learnt more about Jesus and the Mass. I pay more attention during Mass. It has helped me to become more involved in the parish. Thank you for the fun, enjoyable lessons."

Come and Join Us!

There are lots of things happening in our community! Come along and bring a friend.

TONGARIRO CATHOLIC



Youth Groups

Every Tuesday during term

Years 7 - 8: 6 - 7.30pm
Years 9 - 13: 7 - 8.45pm

TIM TAM CONNECT

MONDAY
11 MARCH
10AM

Bring a book to share while we enjoy a Tim Tam (or two) and a coffee.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 1pm
88 Acacia Bay Rd



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MONDAY CAFE

MONDAY, 4 MARCH

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER 7PM MASS



We are really excited to celebrate parents from our school community who are among those being welcomed into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. Please pray for them on their journey of faith.

