

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

We were very lucky (and our prayers were answered) to have a beautiful day shine on us for our school gala on the 10th November. There was a festive atmosphere and wonderful food being served. The PTFA did a marvellous job organising the day and many thanks to the volunteers who helped on the day.

First Communion

This weekend twelve of our students make their first communion. This is the final sacrament of these children will receive this year. They have made their first reconciliation and have been confirmed earlier in the year. It would be wonderful to see more of our pupils taking part in the sacramental programme.

Next year we will send out invitations to all who are eligible to receive the sacraments. The sacraments are an important part of our faith and each time we receive a sacrament we receive grace from the Holy Spirit. We hope to see many families join us this weekend to support those making their First Holy Communion.

Kiwi hatchery visit

This morning a group of 10 Year 8 students went to the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi hatchery. It was an opportunity to learn more about our native bird. The feedback from the students who went was very positive.



Toki hub trip

Next week the Year 6, 7 and 8 students will be visiting the Trout Centre in Tūrangi as part of their water focus this term. Rooms 6 & 10 will go on Tuesday followed by Rooms 7 & 9 on Wednesday.

Mass at Tūrangi

On Saturday 2 December some staff members will join our Tūrangi community for Mass. It was scheduled for this Saturday but with First Holy Communion happening this weekend we have pushed it out a week. All families are welcome to join us.

We have a lot happening in the coming weeks as we wind down to the end of 2023. These include;

- Cardboard City - Thursday 23 November
- Year 8 Leavers dinner - 5 December at 6pm
- School Mass - Monday 11 December at 5:30pm
- Reports going home - Tuesday 12 December

Please keep an eye on the skool loop app for any further notifications.

Have a good week
Manaaki te Atua, Maureen

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



Some of our interschool athletics placegetters looking very pleased with themselves. Well done boys.

As usual the St Pat's athletes conducted themselves very well at the interschool day.

The Junior athletics were held today. Great to see their enthusiasm and participation.



Congratulations to Klay (pictured right) who placed 1st in the BOP Intermediate Tennis Champs held in Rotorua recently. Klay qualified for the regionals so we look forward to hearing how he went.



Great skills from our youngest members of St Pats!



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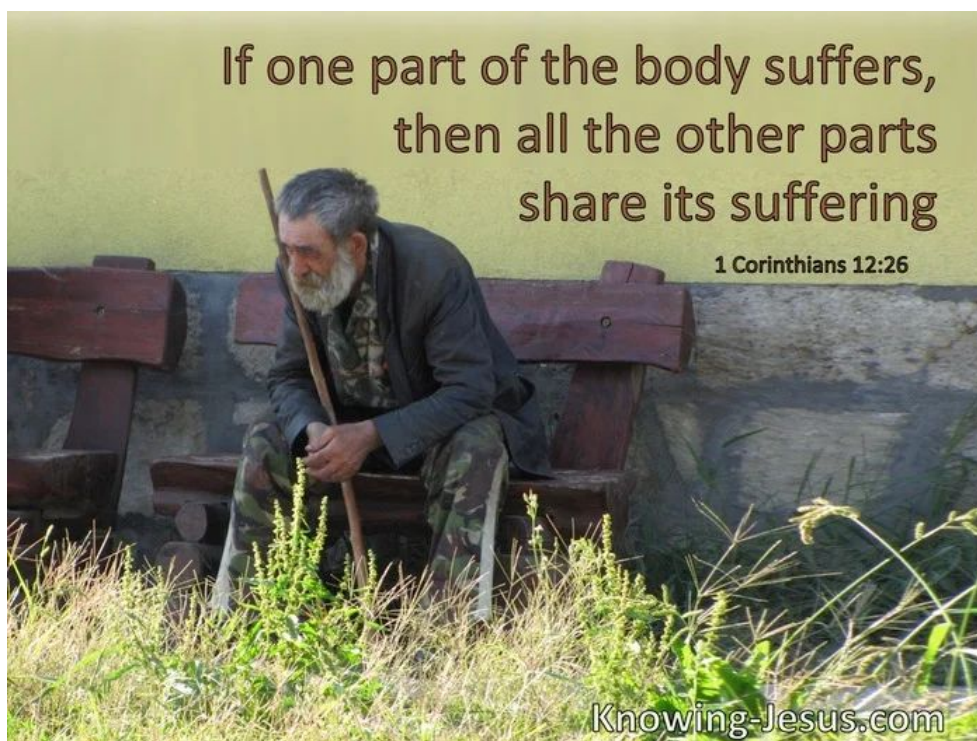
The gala was a great success. The final figure has not been announced yet but is around \$15,000. More to add to our Senior Playground fund! The weather was beautiful and the atmosphere was festive. Many thanks to all those who made it possible.



Religious Education Corner

This week some of the Year 7 and 8 students will be putting their faith into action by participating in Cardboard City. This provides an opportunity to personally experience something that millions of families in the world do every day: living without a home and the comforts we take for granted.

One billion people live in slums – that's one seventh of the world's population! Slums are overcrowded settlements where people build their houses from whatever scrap materials they can find – a few pieces of tin, some timber, cardboard or plastic.



**God of justice and compassion,
show us your face when we look at
The people around us.**

**Open our eyes to the needs of
others.
Fill us with your grace,
so that our works and our words
may be signs of your coming.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord.**

Amen

Please pray for the students from our school who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday.

Please keep them in your prayers as they take another step on their spiritual journey.

DIARY DATES -TERM 4

23 November	Caritas Cardboard City
26 November	First Communion
2 December	Mass at Tūrangi
8 December	Nativity Play
11 December	Final day for Kiwi Christmas Books Donations End of Year School Graduation Mass
12 December	Reports home
13 December	School Prizegiving
14 December	Last day of school - finish at 12pm

End of Year School Mass

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023
5.30 - 6.30pm (please be seated by 5.15pm)

Students to wear school uniform
and sit with their families

School Prizegiving

Wednesday 2 - 3pm
13 December 2023
St Patrick's Church

Parents and Whanau are welcome to join us in
celebrating students achievements for 2023

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
3pm Friday 24 November



Taupo
**COSMOPOLITAN
CLUB**

A massive thank you to the Taupo
Cosmopolitan Club for the \$500 grant to
purchase music equipment for our students.
Greatly appreciated!

TWILIGHT GALA

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!





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Congratulations to Anton who was welcomed into our parish family through the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday. May Jesus continue to lead and guide you as you grow to know, love and follow him.



Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation 2023

Preparing
And
Celebrating
Together

**CELEBRATION OF
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday 26 November 9am Mass

TONGARIRO CATHOLIC

Youth Groups



LAST SESSION FOR 2023
ALL YEARS 7-13: 6 - 7.30PM

TONGARIRO CATHOLIC
Friday, 1 December
6.30pm
All Welcome

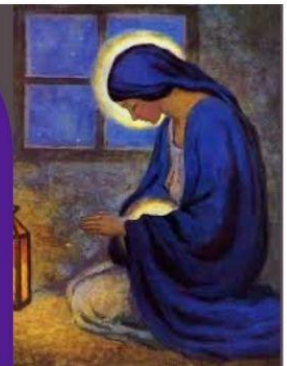
SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER 2023 9AM-1PM

REGISTER AT:
WWW.TONGARIROCATHOLIC.NZ

Advent Retreat

Slow down and reflect on
the coming of Jesus

Sr Jill McLoughlin



\$12.50
ON SALE
2024 COLUMBAN ART
CALENDAR
**AVAILABLE FROM THE
GIFT STALL**

FOUNDATIONS

EXPLORE THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR
CATHOLIC FAITH

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 7.30PM

Baptism and Confirmation

advent packs



Watch out for them coming
home next week!

Advent | Christmas | New Year
LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed	20	Reconciliation Service	7pm Tūrangi
Thu	21	Reconciliation Service	7pm Taupō
Sat	23 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	5pm Tūrangi
Sun	24 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	9am Taupō
Sun	24 Dec	Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Evening Mass	5pm Tūrangi 8pm Taupō
Mon	25 Dec	Christmas Day Mass	9am Taupō
Mon	1 Jan 2024	Mary, Mother of God	9am Taupō



DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Kia ora St Patricks Catholic School Family & Friends

We are collecting donations of **brand new** Kiwi books to gift to families in **Taupo** who can't afford to buy Christmas presents for their kids, or who struggle to access good books in general.

Please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are in store and add them to our **donation box** situated at the counter.

Baby books, picture books, chapter books, YA books — we'd love them all!

All books will be distributed to local families in need through the **Taupo Women's Refuge** and **Te Whare Oranga Wairua-Maori Women's Refuge**.

Registered Charity CC60356

KIWICHRISTMASBOOKS.ORG.NZ #GIVEBOOKSTOKIDS

GIFT CARDS

You can also purchase gift cards through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents for staff/colleagues/friends/family—please do check them out!

<https://shop.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz>

Donations close on Monday, December 11th.

You can read more about us here:

www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

Thank you for your support!

Nicola Carter

(Toby and Sophie's Mum)



COMMUNITY NOTICES



1 December 2023
– 31 January 2024

FREE
to participate

Step into the world of books and embark on this
Summer Reading Programme

The fantastical fantasy feat

As you journey through this literary odyssey, you'll have the chance to win magnificent **PRIZES**, generously provided by our local heroes and sponsors.

Embark on an extraordinary quest

Visit your local library in Tūrangi, Mangakino or Taupō to collect the secret code that awaits you. Once collected, register through Beanstack App or collect a booklet. Ask a librarian to help you navigate your way should you need it.

Unveil the mysteries of fantasy and magic

Register at taupodistrictlibraries.beanstack.org or by downloading the Beanstack App (scan QR code). For young explorers without access to Beanstack, fear not! We have enchanted booklets that will guide your way, or we can provide support through our mystical library computers.



SCAN TO ENTER



KIDS FUN RUN

IRON MAN
70.3 TAUPŌ



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MAN
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TAUPŌ



FRI 8 DEC | 8AM
KAIMANAWA RESERVE

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Do the kids fancy themselves as the next Tom Abercrombie? Take them along to a BNZ Breakers game and show them the best of New Zealand basketball.

There are 8 home games remaining in Auckland this season and every game will have epic basketball and entertainment for the whole family. Mark your calendar and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets on sale now at www.ticketmaster.co.nz

2024 Term Dates	Term 1	Thurs 1 February - Fri 12 April
	Term 2	Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July
	Term 3	Mon 22 July - Fri 27 September
	Term 4	Mon 14 October - Tues 17 December (TBC)

2024 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

WAITANGI DAY | TUES 6 FEB
 EASTER | FRI 29 MARCH
 MON 1 APRIL & TUES 2 APRIL
 ANZAC DAY | WED 25 APRIL
 KING'S BIRTHDAY | MON 3 JUNE
 MATARIKI | FRI 28 JUNE
 LABOUR DAY | MON 28 OCTOBER

2024 WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS - SAVE THE DATE

It's coming back, mark it on the calendar now. WBOP Schools XC MTB Champs 14th March 2024. From Year 5 - 13. Further details to come.