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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Warm greetings to you all.

Welcome to Term 2. I do hope you were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather that was present for much of the break. I move into my last few weeks stepping in for Mrs Harris and we look forward to welcoming her back from Monday 20th May.

Pentecost School/Parish Mass

We look forward to seeing everyone at The Pentecost Mass on Sunday 19 May at 9am. Children are welcome to sit with their families and come dressed in traditional national costumes. A great chance to see Mrs Harris as well before she returns to work on Monday.

Winter Sports

This term sees the start of the winter sport season, an exciting time for many. All the best to all players and athletes for a great season and ahead, and thank you in advance to parents and whānau who make this possible through their support and commitment. Play well and play fair everyone.

Cooler Weather

We have certainly had some cooler mornings and evenings along with these beautiful autumnal days. It's a good time to check outer layers of uniforms are named and that children remember to bring their jackets and sweatshirts for these cooler temperatures. It would be great to see the Lost Property bin having less items in it.

I am sure this new term will be another of action-packed learning and as always we thank you for your continued engagement in your child's learning.

Enjoy the term with us!

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Vicki, Matt and team



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

AWAY FOR THE DAY

As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of phones. The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

International research indicates that phones in schools are not conducive for learning and for student wellbeing. Therefore, these regulations have been put in place to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

Our school policy is that if a phone is brought to school, it must be given to a class teacher at the start of the day. The phone will then be returned at the end of the school day. Children should only be bringing a phone to school if this is to ensure their safety, while travelling to and from school. Smart watches must also have the function to receive messages disabled during school hours.

In order for this to be effective and not to disrupt our learning programmes, we ask you as parents/caregivers to speak to your children about these rules and reinforce the expectations of the school. Please see policy attached to this week's newsletter.



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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

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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.

Religious Education Corner

Hail Mary - May, the month of Mary



The month of May is dedicated to Mary and a month in which we honour her. Mary the Mother of God, is the most important woman to have ever lived. Through her, God was able to become human, and be with us on earth. Mary points us towards Jesus. She helps us to get to know Jesus better. She reflects God's light so that we can be who God calls us to be, so that we can respond to God's plan in our life, and say yes to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT Prayer

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.



MAGNIFICAT!

By the example of Mary, the Mother of God, we learn how to follow Jesus. She is the first and greatest disciple, because she believed and trusted in God's promise to her. This week's Word of the Week teaches us something about how Mary understood God to work. This song of Mary's is called the Magnificat and it is her song of praise to God, thanking Him for all the wonderful things He is doing in her life and in the lives of other people too.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

You could also learn how to pray the rosary in Te Reo.

📺 [Prayers of the Holy Rosary in Te Reo Māori](#) | [The Hail Mary](#) | [Ko Te Awe Mēri](#)

Come and Join Us!



Try
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.

Starts Wednesday 1 May 7pm

www.tongarirocatholic.nz to register!

"I really liked the videos and the metaphors helped me understand much more. I loved the group talking sessions. It really opened my eyes and has brought me closer to knowing God and Jesus but I still have a long way to go and so many questions to ponder."
Natasja

"I was surprised! Alpha opened my eyes to looking at Christianity in a different way, and made me rethink some of the things I had taken for granted. I was nervous to start, but after the first week I really came to look forward to the evening sessions."
Nick

"I learned so much coming to Alpha. I feel closer to God. I was always Catholic but I kind of lost my way and I came back with something empty and I feel like Alpha helped fill that." Cass



Alpha Sign Up - May 2024



DIARY DATES -TERM 2

29 April	WELCOME BACK! - Term 2 Begins
12 May	Mother's Day
14 May	Koru Hub Biking
17 May	Pink Shirt Day
19 May	9am School/Parish Pentecost Mass
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

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THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

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SKOOL LOOP

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AROHA

Love, compassion, empathy and concern for others and the things we do . . .

Attendance everyday matters. It is really important that we show our tamariki that we, as a team, care about their education and wellbeing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**GREENING
TAUPO**

Kia tangi ai te tini parirau
to hear the sound of many wings

Improving the
Taupō environment
for people and
native wildlife.



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For all things conservation, mark these dates in your calendar. All welcome!

2024 Community Planting Days

<p>SUN, 28th APRIL 2pm at Karetoto Rd <i>Trail Festival</i></p> <p>SAT, 18th MAY 11am at Wairakei Drive <i>Upflow</i></p> <p>FRI, 7th JUNE 9:30am at Tauhara Rd / Arbor Day <i>Greening Taupō Day</i></p> <p>SAT, 15th JUNE 11am at Centennial Rd <i>KGT Student Leadship</i></p>	<p>SAT, 6th JULY 11am at Tauhara Maunga <i>Matariki Planting</i></p> <p>SUN, 28th JULY 11am at Wairakei Drive <i>Contact Energy</i></p> <p>SAT, 17th AUGUST 11am at Karetoto Rd</p> <p>SAT, 14th SEPTEMBER 11am at Hipapatua</p> <p>SAT, 28th SEPTEMBER 10am at Whakaipō Bay</p>
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Venues/times to be confirmed closer to events.

www.greeningtaupo.org.nz
www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz



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FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ



Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora



LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of named uniform items missing. Could you please double check that your child has not come home with an incorrect piece of school uniform. Thank you.



School Policy - Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

At St Patrick's Taupo, our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cellphones, which we manage according to government regulations, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** programme have separate conditions for use.

St Patrick's Taupo does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school.

Cellphone regulations

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cellphones if they are required for:

- a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child during school hours, they should call the office. The function to receive messages on smartwatches must be disabled during school hours.

Rules about cellphones and other personal digital devices made by the board are a **school bylaw**. The board consults with the school community when making or amending bylaws. We discuss school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

Device requirements at school

The school promotes safe and responsible use of digital technology. Students are required to comply with our digital technology policies and procedures if devices are brought to school. See **Digital Technology and Online Safety**.

If students bring personal digital devices (including cellphones) to school, the following requirements apply:

- Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.
- Students must hand in their device to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day, and can collect the device at the end of the day. Devices cannot be used until students leave the school grounds.

Inappropriate use

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using a device when not allowed
- any sort of bullying, including **online bullying**
- sending or sharing inappropriate content
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed according to the relevant school policy or procedure:

- **Behaviour Management**
- **Responding to Digital Incidents**
- **Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices**

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day, and parents will be informed.