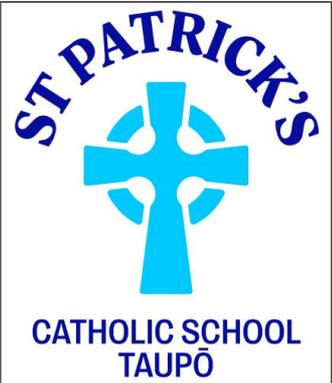


# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Warm greetings to you all.

## **THANK YOU**

As we move into this last week of the term, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the team, to thank you for your continued support of your child's education and your support of school events and activities that require extra help and supervision. Without this help our children would not be able to participate in the range of opportunities that they do.

## **DISCO**

A big thank you to our PTFA for organising and running the school discos last Friday. There is a lot of planning and setting up required and we know the children really appreciate the time put into this. It was a most successful evening. Thank you also, to the teachers and staff who were able to stay late and help supervise these events.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

There are a lot of school fleece tops currently in the lost property, many of them named. With the cooler weather upon us I am sure these will be needed for the new term. This is a great time to check for missing items. The lost property is located in the orange storage bin outside the staffroom.

A stand out for me over the past few weeks has been the high level of teamwork and flexibility exhibited by the team here at St. Patricks. It does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Enjoy your upcoming term break.

To all parents and whānau, have a safe and happy holiday period with your children. We will look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29th April.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless  
Vicki, Matt and team



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



Congratulations to Eilee Sutton and Kiara Baucke (pictured left) who placed 1st Lyrical Duo in the Taupo Mini Comp held last month. Well done girls!

## Let's Celebrate!

Our school wide inquiry focus for Term 1 has been Celebrations and Commemorations. We have enjoyed learning more about the special events celebrated by the cultures represented in our school community.

The students in Koru Hub have been focusing on birthday celebrations. They have learnt that it is tradition for students in India to wear a new birthday outfit to school on their birthday. We would like to trial this tradition at St Patrick's School. From the beginning of Term 2, if your child's birthday falls on a school day, they may wear mufti to school on this day.



Thanks to all involved with the disco last Friday. A great night was had by all!

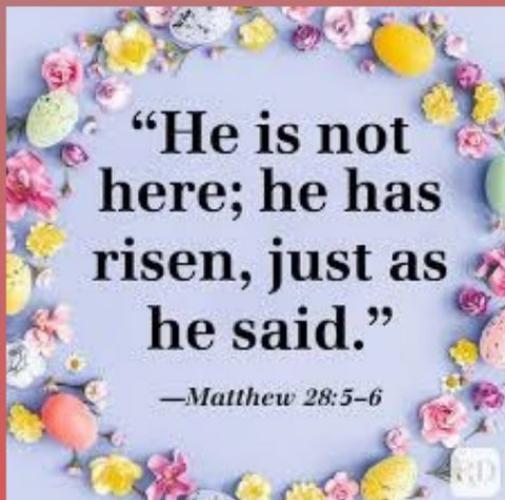
# RE NEWS



Our Special Character leaders recently travelled to Hamilton to be present at the oil of Chrism Mass. The special oil that is collected each year is used in anointing during the year. Over 30 priests across our diocese attended the mass.



The Stations of the Cross holds deep spiritual significance for Catholics. It provides an opportunity to journey with Christ, deepen faith, and grow in love and devotion to God. **THANK YOU** to the junior school for leading us in prayer before Easter.





# Upcoming Events:

**Monday Liturgy 29th April - Lead by Special Character leaders 10.30am All welcome.**  
**School Parish Mass- Save the Date**  
**Sunday the 19th May.**

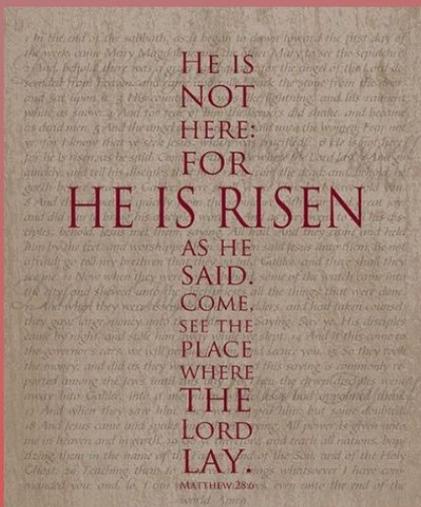
**Just as Jesus died Let us not forget those who died for us**

**Dear Lord We give thanks and praise for all those who scarified their lives for us.**

**At the coming down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.**



**Amen**



**Anzac Day**  
25 April 2017

Today we will remember them  
And hold them in our heart  
The men who fought and lost their lives  
And families torn apart

The horror and the heartache  
The sadness and the pain  
For soldiers who went off to war  
And would not come home again

We never will forget them  
As side by side we stand  
The Anzacs were our heroes  
Mighty, Proud and Grand

Lest We Forget



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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.



### Last chance to join in this year!



Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation 2024

Preparing  
And  
Celebrating  
Together

Come & See  
Introduction Session  
Sunday April 7  
After 9am Mass

Our programme began on Sunday 7 April with an introduction session. If you missed this first important session we will run another one on

### Sunday 21 April

This will be the last chance to join in this years programme.

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!



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

## Welcome to God's family

He is alive! Our parish is alive! Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of our church family. 🙌



## DIARY DATES - TERM 4

8 April	Grade 2 Cycle Safety
12 April	Last day of term
29 April	Term 2 Begins
12 May	Mother's Day
15 May	T-Ball Tournament
19 May	9am School Parish Mass
23 May	5.30pm BOT Meeting
27 May - 7 June	Junior Swimming (every day)
31 May	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
7 June	Greening Taupo Day 2024
18 June	Koru Hub Biking
19 June	Interschool Swimming
27 June	5.30pm BOT Meeting
28 June	<b>MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
3 July	Interschool Ukulele Jam Orienteering Day
5 July	Term 2 Ends

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### MAKE 100% ATTENDANCE YOUR FAMILY'S GOAL

For optimal learning it is important that children attend school regularly. The Ministry of Education defines 'regularly' as being 90% and over. We absolutely understand that 'things' happen and sometimes absence is unavoidable. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can support you with to get your children to school.

### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to the following people who were the lucky winners of our Easter raffle

- 1st Tim Evans
- 2nd Sonia Ballesyeros
- 3rd Nyla Soliva
- 4th Jodi Steele
- 5th Flynn Molleda



Many thanks to Lorena Morris for organising this fundraiser and putting it all together and a massive thank you to everyone who supported the school with either donating the goodies for the prizes and/or bought tickets.

We hope to have the amount raised available by the end of the week.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Don't forget the Bike Taupo Second Hand Bike Sale is on this Sunday!  
Come down and support Bike Taupo, sell your bike or pick up a bargain. We'll have a second hand sale on our merchandise too so be sure to come and see us!



**Second Hand Bike Sale**  
Sunday 14th April  
Market Central  
9:00am

**KIDS**  
biketapuō

## School Lunches



**DELICIOUS & LOCAL**

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

**ORDER NOW**

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



**KIDS BIZ**

**NERF WARS**

THE SALVATION ARMY

**Saturday 13th April**  
4pm till 6pm | \$2pp  
Everything provided.  
If you wish to bring your favourite nerf be prepared to name it.  
**Finishing with kai for all the family @ 5.30pm**  
2 Kiddle Drive, Taupō  
Contact Zo for more info on 0224918428

## YOUNG PIONEERS

"Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders, One Skill at a Time"



**BUILD CONFIDENCE**

**FARM TO TABLE**

**RESILIENCE**

**SELF SUFFICIENCY**

Young Pioneers is a hands-on programme designed to empower kids and young adults with essential life skills and foster self-sufficiency from a young age. Through engaging activities and practical lessons, children will learn valuable techniques for sustainability, resourcefulness, and independence. Our curriculum blends fun with learning, inspiring kids to become confident and capable individuals. Young Pioneers is set at our beautiful community gardens next to Spa Park - the perfect classroom!

[www.taupotimebank.org](http://www.taupotimebank.org)

## HALF MARATHON

**2024**

Run - Walk - Team Events  
14th July - 8am  
Oxford Road Okato Taranaki  
Virtual event July 1 to July 31

**CAPE EGMONT**

Cancer Society

ENTRIES OPEN NOW [www.capeegmonthalf.com](http://www.capeegmonthalf.com)