

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Last week I travelled to Auckland for 2 days with the local Taupō Principals. We visited schools and took part in professional development sessions. It was a very worthwhile couple of days away.

We had quite a full week last week with our Assumption Day Mass which was beautiful, Dance NZ made and the school Olympic fun day on a freezing day outdoors. The children competed extremely well and had a lot of fun. Thanks to the parents who braved the cold to join us.

Friday afternoon assemblies

We invite you to join us at our assembly on a Friday afternoon at 2:30. We have them every Friday, unless it is raining and we would love whānau to be part of this especially if you are coming to pick your child up.

Year 7 & 8 Netballers

Congratulations to the Y7 team who won their competition in a very well fought battle with Marotiri School. It was a nail biting back and forth game with St Pat's scoring the winning goal right at the end. Well done with your determination girls! The Y8 team were playing off for 3rd and 4th position and were winners on the day for a third place position. Great work girls! This team will also travel to the AIMS games later in the term.

Senior activities

- Senior Swimming will be taking place over the next 2 weeks. Remember to pack togs for each day.
- Year 8 students will be visiting Taupō Nui a Tia and Tauhara Colleges next Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 7 & 8 students will be part of the 'Inspiring the Future' event on Friday 30 August, where they will have access to 8 career mentors. This was very successful last year and we are looking forward to hosting again this year.

Dance NZ

Congratulations to the Y3-6 competitive team who won their division and the Y7/8 group who were placed third. These teams will represent the school in the national competition in Palmerston North over Labour weekend. Individual competition winners were Isla in Y8; Eilee in Y7; Indiara in Y6; Indiara and Maddie in Y3-6 duo/trio; Eilee and Kiara second in Y7/8 duo/trio and Maddie third in Y6 solo. Some very talented dancers here.

Teacher only day Friday 6 September. Please note this in your calendar!

Ski Club

Begins on Monday 2 September for those taking part. Matt Astle has sent communication to those taking part.

Cross Country

Having the cross country at Spa Park was a great addition to this event for the older students. We will look at making this a regular event. The top 6 placegetters will represent the school at the interschools next Tuesday. We wish them luck.

Whānau Hui consultation

Thank you to all families who added ideas to our whanau hui sheets which were outside the classrooms. We have some ideas going forward but I will also send how a simple form to get a few ideas about how we can have more family involvement at school.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Maureen

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



Action from the Olympic Fun day!



Congratulations to Harper (far right) who has gained a part in the Frozen Jr cast. Well done!



Our junior teams had a dress up day for the last day of netball. These little angels won the best dressed competition!



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



St Patrick's Jewels - 1st in their grade.



St Patrick's Stars - 3rd in their grade.



Above
Year 7/8 competitive grade third place
Left
Year 3-6 non competitive grade having fun!



Year 3-6 competitive grade winners



Creative learning happening at St Pat's!

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



**SCHOOL
RAFFLE**

FUNDRAISING FOR A
**NEW SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND**

**DRAWN
AUGUST 28
2024**

CHECK OUT THE PRIZES &
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
[https://www.tongarirocatholic.
nz/school-raffle-tickets](https://www.tongarirocatholic.nz/school-raffle-tickets)

TICKET

\$5 or 3 for \$10

Please support this great PTFA fundraiser. There are over \$2000 worth of prizes.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the senior playground.

We would love to raise enough to be able to make a start on the playground before the end of the year. It would be wonderful if our current Year 8's could get to enjoy it!

Share the link with as many people as you can!

**PTFA MEETING - TUESDAY 20 AUGUST @ 7PM
STAFFROOM - ALL WELCOME**



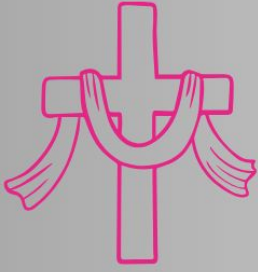
Daffodil Day

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

STUDENTS PLEASE BRING A
GOLD COIN DONATION

This year our school is supporting Daffodil Day by making a coin trail. Along with the rest of NZ we will work together and change the experience of cancer for every New Zealander.

NETBALL PRIZE-GIVING
Friday 23 August
@ School Assembly 2.30pm
Parents are welcome to attend



RE REFLECTION



FAITH IN ACTION AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Children continue to strive hard to achieve our values vouchers by showing our school values both in the classroom and playground.

Kindness/Atawhai

Integrity/Tapatahi

Determination /Hiringa

Unity/Kotahitanga



Up Coming Events

Koru Hub (Junior) Mass

Friday 23rd August

Pikorua Hub (Middle) Mass

Friday 30th August

Social Justice Teachings

9th-12th September

Caritas presenter visiting the school 13th September

SCHOOL PARISH MASS

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

All Children are expected to attend

Father Danny our new priest will be visiting set classrooms each week during the term.



Jesus is our bread of Life

In Scripture we have been learning about Jesus is the bread of life. He said “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

“The Eucharist is really a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth.” Saint John Paul II



What Children are currently learning

Religious Education teaching in classroom moves into children gaining a deeper understanding of the sacraments.

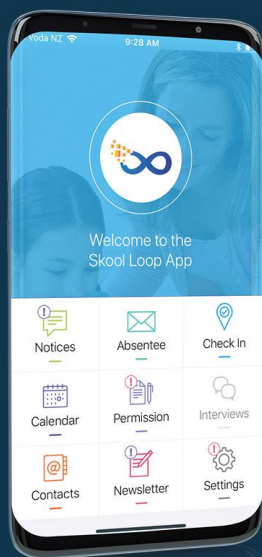
Children grow in the understanding about the rituals we see and do in the church

They learn the church offers a special process of initiation through the sacraments.

Recognise how the Holy Spirit and the 7 sacraments give us energy and courage in living out a Catholic faith and social justice teachings

DIARY DATES -TERM 3

19 August	Senior Swimming - Next Two Weeks
20 August	PTFA Meeting @ 7pm in staffroom
27 August	Interschools Cross Country
28 August	9.30am Y8 visit to Nui
29 August	10am Y8 visit to Tauhara
2 September	Ski Club #1
6 September	Teacher Only Day - <u>School Closed</u>
7-13 September	AIMS Games
10 September	Koru Hub Biking
12 September	5.30pm BOT Meeting
15 September	9am School Mass
16 September	Ski Club #2
17-20 September	Tuwharetoa Festival
23 September	Ski Club #3
25 September	Rippa Tournament
26 September	Big Music Day



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Parent Teacher Interviews**

Simple free download:

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Taupō-nui-a-Tia College and Tauhara College

In term 3 both Taupo Colleges will be conducting enrolments for 2025.

The following opportunities are available for you to find out more about each College.

Visits to the Colleges from our contributing schools.			
Taupō-nui-a-Tia College		Tauhara College	
<u>Contributing School visits to the College.</u>		<u>Contributing School visits to the College.</u>	
Monday 26 th August 10.00am -12.05pm	Taupō Intermediate A, Tirohanga, Marotiri and Whakamaru	Monday 26 th August 10am -12.00pm	Taupō Intermediate B, Hilltop A
Tuesday 27 th August 10.00am -12.05pm	Taupō Intermediate B	Tuesday 27 th August 10am -12.00pm	Taupō Intermediate A
Wednesday 28 th August 10.00am -12.05pm	Hilltop, St Patrick's, Mountview	Thursday 29 th August 10am -12.00pm	Hilltop B, St Patrick's, Mountview and all other contributing schools.

Both Colleges will be presenting at our contributing schools for an information evening.

Taupo Intermediate & Hilltop students:

Tuesday 27th August from 5:30pm. Venue: Taupo Intermediate Hall.

Mountview School & all other contributing schools

Wednesday 28th August from 5.30pm. Venue: Mountview School Hall.

Open Evenings at the two Colleges for Parents & Whanau to visit.

Tuesday 3rd September - At Taupō-nui-a-Tia College 6.00pm start

Thursday 5th September - At Tauhara College 5.30pm start

Enrolment information can be found on each School's website. Enrolment packs will be shared with students during their visits to the College. Your child's current school will have spare enrolment packs for both Colleges.

If you have any questions or would like further information about either school or your child's future education, please feel free to phone or email us at the contacts below.

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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.



Year 7&8 Youth Group is BACK!!!

Tuesdays 6pm - 7.15pm

Come and join Grace and the Youth Team for Fun, Faith and Friends!

We'll provide a snack, so have dinner before you come.

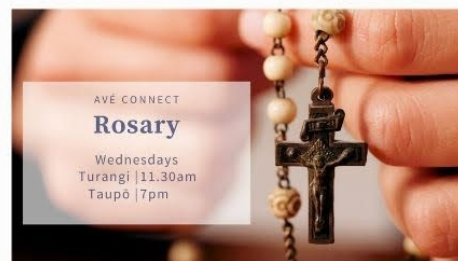
Come and join one of our connect groups!



**Endurance
Connect**

Men's Group

Cafe | 7pm
Thursdays during the school term

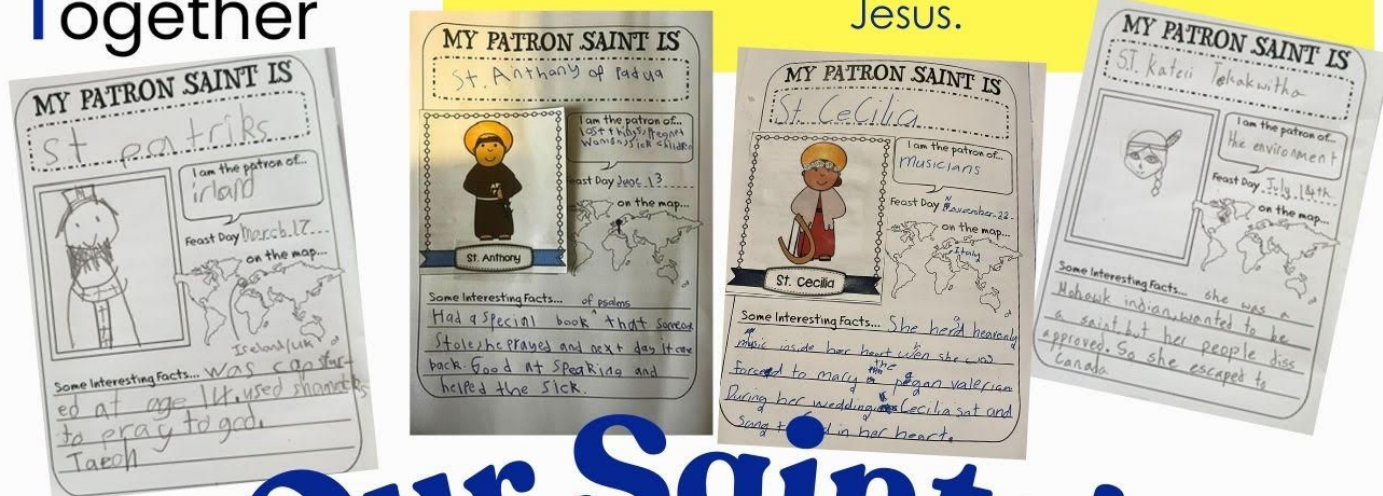


PACT - First Communion, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Preparation continues on Sunday August 25 after Mass.



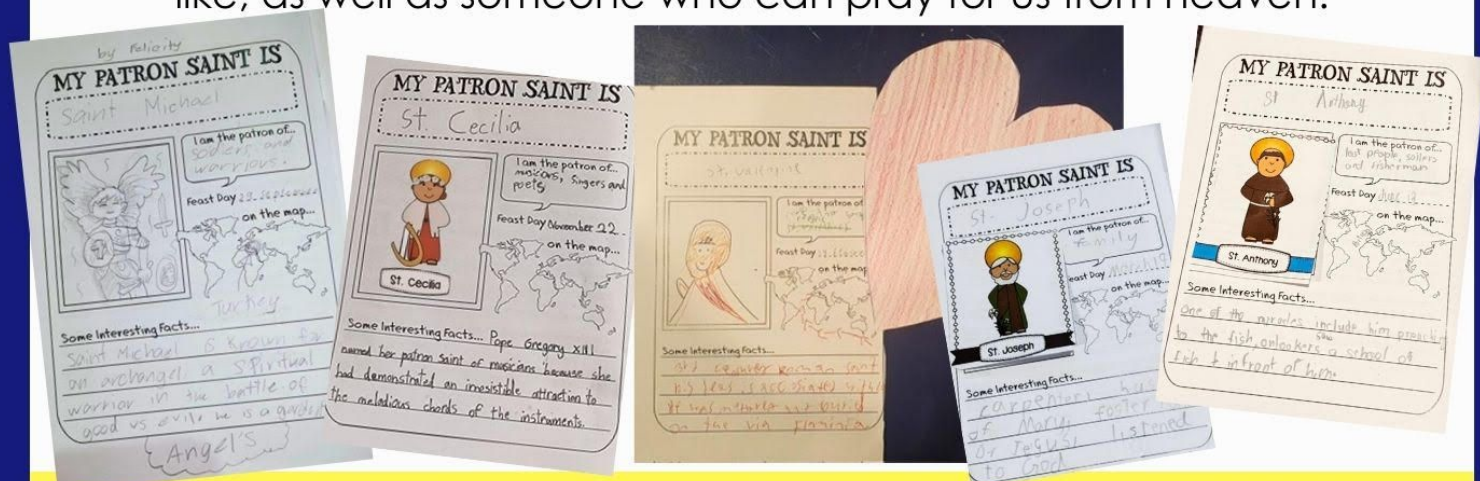
Preparing And Celebrating Together

Preparing and Celebrating Together (PACT) is our parish pathway for first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation for children. It's an exciting part of your family's faith journey as you grow in understanding and faith, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.



Our Saints!

Confirmation saints are chosen to be a person we want to be like, as well as someone who can pray for us from heaven.



PACT - Confirmation Preparation continues on Sunday August 25 after 9am Mass.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YEAR 9
BOARDING
OPEN DAY



ST PATRICK'S
COLLEGE
SILVERSTREAM

YEAR 9
BOARDING
OPEN DAY

Boarding School - 2025 Enrolment

Open day: 03 July 2024 @ 5:30pm

Meeting point: School Chapel

An excellent opportunity to meet our Director Of Boarding - Mr Sam Dean for a tour of our boarding facilities followed by a Q&A session.



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WALK AND TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Taharepa Baths

Car Park

9:30am

Fortnightly on these Sundays:

Aug 11th 25th

Nov 3rd 17th

Sep 8th 22nd

Dec 1st 15th

Oct 6th 20th

Jan 12th 26th



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ST JOHN
YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Taupo Division

Thursday 6:30pm - 8pm

Taupo Youth and Arts Centre
96 Richmond Avenue,
Richmond Heights

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz

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St John

EDVENTURE
Active Outdoor Holiday Programme

Advanced Outdoors Camp

Week 2 (7th-11th October):

@ Ngamuwahine Lodge (NEW VENUE!!)

\$675

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, kayaking, high ropes, rock-climbing, paintball & laser tag.

BOOK HERE

Hamilton & Tauranga Pick-up/Drop off options available

For more information:

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Click: [Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#)

Edventure Advanced Outdoors Camp

(8-13yr olds) based at

Ngamuwahine Lodge, Tauranga

Monday 7th Oct - Friday 11th Oct

\$675 (full week)

50 Spaces available on the bus

The second week of the school holidays brings you a NEW venue and another set of amazing Edventure experiences. This week-long camp is for children of all ages looking for a mix of our usual fun outdoors activities with the option of some 'challenge by choice' activities on Ngamuwahine Lodge's (owned by Tauranga Intermediate) high ropes and rock climbing wall. You will have the option of sleeping in bivouacs, tents or cabins (or mix it up!). We have access to: bush walks, swimming holes, mountain bikes, kayaks, paintball, laser tag, as well as archery, air-rifle, outdoor cooking and much more!

Check out the *NEW*:

[Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#);

or e-mail: todd@edventure.co.nz

for more information.