

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Please remember that **School is closing at 1pm tomorrow** to allow teachers to hold their meetings with whānau.

Whānau Hui with teachers

Interview times will be 10 minutes duration. It is important to adhere to these times as it does impact other parents waiting for interviews. Should you wish to discuss anything further with a teacher, you can make an appointment to see them at another time. A bell will ring every ten minutes to signal the end of an interview time. Thanks very much for your understanding of the importance of sticking to the times allocated.

You will have the opportunity to contribute your ideas to the following questions at the end of your interviews. Your input will be very important to us moving forward.

1. What are one or two values that are important to your whānau?
2. What would help support your children/tāmāriki's learning and wellbeing?
3. What sort of learning opportunities would you like your children to engage in more at our school?
4. What do you think are the strengths of our school?
5. How can we make it easier for you to come and participate in school life?

Cross Country

This week it will all be go for the cross countries. The Koru/junior hub will be running their cross country at 11:30am on Wednesday. You are welcome to come along to school to watch.

The middle and senior teams will be travelling to Spa Park on Thursday from 9:15 to midday for their cross country. Once again you are welcome to come and join us on the day. If the weather is bad, it will be postponed until Friday.

Assumption Day Mass

Next **Thursday 15 August**, the school will be celebrating Mass at 9:10am with the Parish, on this Holy Day of the Assumption of Mary to Heaven. This will be the first school Mass with our new Parish Priest, Fr Danny. We are looking forward to welcoming him in our St Patrick's way and he will join the staff for morning tea afterwards. It would be lovely to see many of our school whānau join us for Mass as well.

Dance NZ

We wish all our Dance NZ teams well for the performance day next Thursday. I know they have been putting in a lot of hard work and it will be a wonderful experience for them. Last year, St Pat's did well in the competitions so hopefully they will perform just as well again this year.

Grandparents Day

We had a great turnout for the grandparents day. It was such an enjoyable day and the cupcakes were very popular! Thanks to those who made them. Having the Mass celebrated with Mons was special too as it was our final Mass celebration together before he took up his new position.

Book Fair

Thanks very much for supporting the book fair. We will now have some new books for the library. The dress up parade was very successful too with lots of imaginative ideas from whānau.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Maureen

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>

TICKET
ONE

\$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!



This afternoon we had a beautiful liturgy led by Room 1 to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Danny, our new staff and our new students.

Welcome one and all!



Action from the first two weeks of Term 2 . . .





RE Reflection

Mary



And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has look with favour on the lowliness of his
servant. Surly, from now on all generations will
call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts. He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,
and to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among 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.

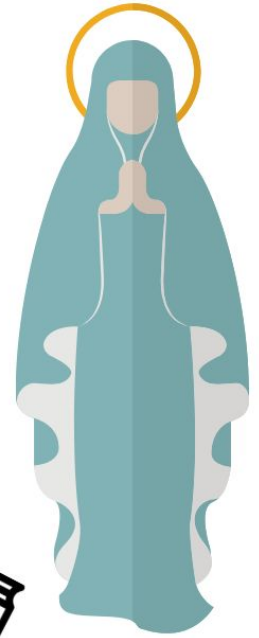


Something to think about...

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 our yes to God.

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.



Up Coming Events

Assumption Mass 15th August at 9.10am

Monday 12th Room 6 on Liturgy

Monday 19th Room 2 on Liturgy

Friday 23rd Junior school Mass

School Parish Mass 15th Sep

All Children expected to attend.



Thank you for your support on Grandparents day. It was a wonderful day for all. Thank you to the many families that supplied cupcakes.



Faith in Action at St Pats.

Last Week we had our Catholic Character review, the team was please to see the high level of Faith in Action present at St Patrick's.

Our Current RE teaching is looking at the important role Mary plays in the life of the church then all classes will be looking at the importance of the sacraments in the life of faith and how we obtain and grow in faith through the sacraments.



DIARY DATES -TERM 3

6 August	9.15am Koru Hub Biking Whānau Hui - <u>School closes at 1pm</u>
7 August	11.30am Koru Hub Cross Country
8 August	Senior School Cross Country - Spa Park
15 August	Assumption Day Possible Olympic Day celebration - to be confirmed
19 August	Senior Swimming - Next Two Weeks
27 August	Interschools Cross Country
6 September	Teacher Only Day - <u>School Closed</u>



WHĀNAU HUI

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024

Book your 10 minute time slot
with your child's class teacher
through the **Skool Loop app**
Click on the 'Bookings' tab

PLEASE NOTE:
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM ON THIS DAY

Just a friendly reminder that school closes at 1pm tomorrow, Tuesday 6 August. There is no active supervision for students after 1pm so please ensure you have made provision to collect children by 1pm. There are **NO** afternoon buses running for St Patrick's students.

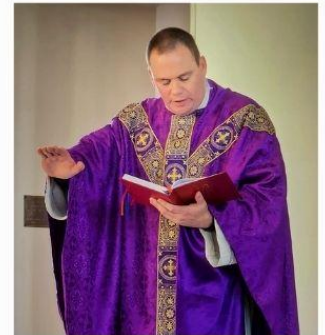


Wherever you and your family are at on your faith journey we have ways for you to connect to our parish community. Faith in Jesus makes a difference in our lives, and we hope you will experience that reality when you connect and engage in our parish activities.

Welcome Fr Danny Fraser-Jones

This Sunday we welcomed Fr Danny Fraser-Jones as parish priest of Tongariro Catholic.

We are excited to "get to know Jesus a little bit more together!"



Farewell Msgr Trevor

We farewelled Monsignor Trevor after 9 years of faithful service in Taupō and Turangi.



May the road rise, up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and may the rain fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, may you be held in the palm of God's hand.

PACT - First Communion, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Preparation continues on Sunday August 11 after Mass.

Come and Join Us!

Welcome Evening

connect, discover, grow

New to our parish and/or school?
Would you like to connect or reconnect
with our community?
Everyone is welcome!
Tuesday 6 August 7pm

Come along on Tuesday
6 August at 7pm and
connect with people
from our parish and
school community over
supper. Enjoy our
wonderful hospitality.

Year 7&8 Youth Group is BACK!!!

TONGARIRO CATHOLIC



**YOUTH
Groups**

Every Tuesday during term
Years 7&8 6pm - 7.15pm
Years 9 - 13: 6.30pm - 8pm




The NET team is here this Tuesday come and join us!

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.

Next Friday.....



PRAISE & PRAYER
FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 6PM



WOMEN'S CONNECT

Friday 16 August
7PM



COMMUNITY NOTICES



We're excited to share our **FREE** online **SAFETY** magazine with you.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in Central Plateau and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

To access magazine on your PC go to:

<http://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=261>

For **FREE ACCESS** just scan the QR Code (This is only for Mobile devices)





**TAUPŌ
REPAIR CAFÉ**
SATURDAY 10 AUGUST
10AM - 1PM
VENTURE CENTRE
250 SPA ROAD



**Don't throw away
Learn to repair today!**

Bring your broken items and we'll help you fix them - for free.
We will have repairers for clothing, bicycles, small appliances and toys.

**FREE entry, FREE repairs,
and FREE parking.**

**Registering your item for
repair is essential!**

Scan the QR code here to register your item:



or go to www.taupo.govt.nz/repaircafe