

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Thank you to all the families who came along to the meet the teacher/picnic. It was a beautiful evening for a picnic, but it was a shame the date clashed with other events in the area. We will have to give you more warning next year!

Tomorrow the PTFA are having a meeting at 7pm in the staffroom. It would be great to have more members to share the load and to help make our school even better than it is now! We would love to have enthusiastic members who have ideas not only for fundraising but for social events. It would be great to enhance our school spirit. So if you think you are interested either come and join us or watch out for the date of the AGM coming up soon.

## **Year 7 & 8 technology has begun**

Today a flyer has been sent home with the Y7/8 children explaining what will be happening in technology. As a school we are able to offer 7 programmes - Digital technology; Soft materials /sewing; Lego Robotics; Food technology; eVLOCITY (making electric bikes; Visual arts; Languages.

There will be a small charge for ongoing material costs for us to provide technology. We are very lucky to have such talented teachers and tutors to enable us to run a high quality programme for our senior students.



## **Cellphones / Smart watches at school**

I know I mentioned this in the last newsletter but we have had some children breaking the rules. Please remind your children if they bring cellphones or wear smartwatches to school.

1. Cellphones must be handed into the teacher in the morning
2. Cellphones are not to be used after school until children have left the school grounds
3. Children breaking the rules are given one warning and then phones will be confiscated and parents rung.
4. Children's cellphones should not be used as a means for parents to contact children during the day. Should there be a change of plan or arrangements for your child, please contact the office for messages to be passed on to children.
5. Smartwatches should be disabled from being able to access the internet and only be used for telling the time at school.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

## **Year 4 - 8 Choir**

We only had a small number of children come along to choir last Tuesday. There may have been a distraction with Shrove Tuesday pancake eating! If your child loves singing, have a chat to them about joining the choir. They will learn amazing singing skills from Kaylene and will learn the art of performance. Our aim is to have a strong choir who will be able to perform at various locations over the year.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless  
Maureen

## Old school furniture that needs a new home...

We have some excess furniture which families may be interested in. I know last time we offered furniture there was a huge demand.

There are 4 narrow double student desks, 1 full sized student desk, some round tables, various plastic chairs.

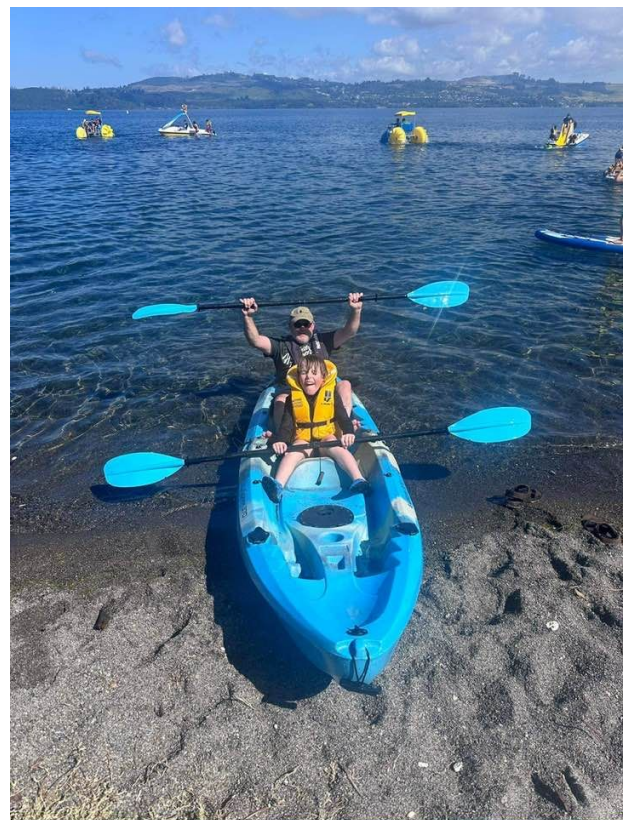
If you are interested in any of the furniture, just pop into school and we will show you what is available.



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



Welcome to all our new St Patrick's pupils. It is great to have you at our fabulous little school ... And a special welcome to Lachlan who started today and was called up to get his certificate!



Pedal boat action for our Y4 pupils. They had a fabulous day of action out on the lake on a beautiful day. Thanks to the organisers and helpers.



Our new Catholic Character leaders meet Bishop Richard at the Commissioning Mass in Hamilton.



Lots of fun and action happening at the Year 5/6 camp.

The children had a lot of fun and learnt to extend themselves out of their comfort zones.

Thanks to the teachers and helpers who made the camp possible.



# Religious Education Reflection.

## Our School Values

Kindness-Atawhai                      Integrity-Tapatahi  
Determination-Hiringa              Unity- Kotahitanga  
Faith in Action Te Whakapono me ana mahi.



Our School and Parish have begun the season of Lent in the liturgical year. It began with Shrove Tuesday AKA- Pancake Tuesday, followed by Ash Wednesday when the whole school attended mass with the parish.



Monsieur Trevor shared the message with us on Ash Wednesday that Lent is a great time to..... **TURN BACK TO GOD.**

Classes are learning the importance of lent and what it means to us as Catholics. Liturgy last Monday Room 5 shared with us the message that Lent is about

## **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**



Parents and our wider parish school family are reminded and always welcome to attend our weekly school **Monday liturgies at 10.30am in the church.**

# Upcoming Events

**1st week of Lent 19th-23rd February.**

26th February Monday Liturgy 10.30am -Rm 1

23rd February Friday Mass 12 pm -Rm9 and 12

1st March Friday Mass 12 pm -Rm 2 and 10

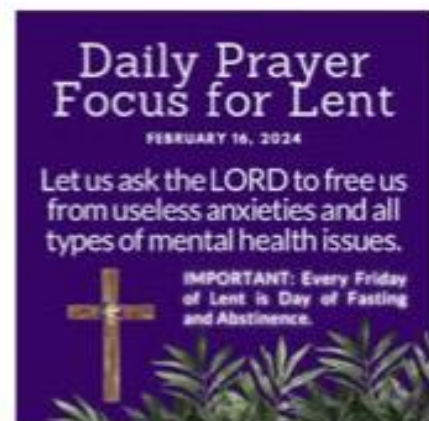
School Parish Mass 17th March- 9am Celebration to St Patrick.

Parents and families are so welcome to attend mass and class liturgies, children love to see you there.

**In week 1 of Lent it is a time for preparation.**

Time for Preparation Te Wā mō te Takatū E te Ariki,  
Lord Jesus, as we start our Lenten journey this year, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice in new ways. Water the seeds of faith to prepare us to help bring Your kingdom here on Earth. Even in challenging times, help us to proclaim the Good News and stand as Your witness at all times and in all things, and in all places. E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

ALMSGIVING  
FASTING  
PRAYER



## DIARY DATES - TERM 4

|               |                                                                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20 February   | PTFA meeting 7pm in staffroom - new members welcome<br>Koru Hub biking<br>Tuesday Trekkers - every Tuesday during T1 |
| 4 - 8 March   | Year 8 camp in Ohope                                                                                                 |
| 11 - 15 March | Year 7 camp in Ohope                                                                                                 |
| 17 February   | <b>St Patrick's Family / Parish Mass 9am</b>                                                                         |
| 21 March      | Board meeting 5:30pm in Boardroom                                                                                    |
| 26 March      | Y7/8 immunisations<br>Koru Hub biking                                                                                |
| 29 March      | Good Friday                                                                                                          |
| 1 - 2 April   | Easter Monday / Tuesday - school closed                                                                              |
| 12 April      | Last day of term                                                                                                     |

# School Lunches

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

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2024 Term Dates

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

### TUESDAY TREKKERS - BEGINNING WK 4 TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

This is a walking bus that encourages children to be active, healthy and learn road safety rules along the way. It is also a way to get to know other students within the school. Children earn certificates and medals depending on how many walks they do over the term. This is an event that takes place in Terms 1 and 4 every year. Children are asked to gather at the playground on Lakewood drive (near the shops) between 8:15 and 8:30 am. A teacher will be present. Parents can choose whether to walk with us or not.





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## Considering Baptism for Your Child?

Have you been considering baptism for your child or infant? Now is your chance for 2024. Our awesome SEEK programme starts on Sunday 25 February.

Seek is a fun and interactive 5 week adventure for parents and their children as they explore faith and journey towards baptism. We can't wait to have you join us for the adventure.

Seek Registration



## This year's preparation starts Sunday 25 February

BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD  
THROUGH

# Baptism

STARTING  
SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY  
AFTER 9AM MASS

REGISTER NOW  
[WWW.TONGARIROCATHOLIC.NZ](http://WWW.TONGARIROCATHOLIC.NZ)

OR FIND OUT MORE  
[PASTORAL@TONGARIROCATHOLIC.NZ](mailto:PASTORAL@TONGARIROCATHOLIC.NZ)  
027 662 5078

If you have an infant or child to be baptised, come and join us for SEEK. SEEK is an exciting 5 week journey for parents and children as they explore faith and journey towards baptism.





# Come and Join Us!

TONGARIRO CATHOLIC



*Youth  
Groups*

Every Tuesday during term

Years 7 – 8: 6 – 7.30pm  
Years 9 – 13: 7 – 8.45pm

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 1pm  
88 Acacia Bay Rd



**Once each term we invite everyone who is new to the parish or school to come and experience our famous hospitality, meet others in the parish and find out how you can connect with our community. Everyone is welcome!**

## *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 20 February 7pm



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## KICK-START READING FOR 2024!

- **Parents GET \$5 CREDIT** for orders over \$35 on Issue 1 to help keep the reading rolling! (Valid for LOOP Parent online orders only. See Terms & Conditions [here](#)).
- **50 BONUS BARGAIN BOOKS** online at low, low prices
- Online orders close Monday 26 February. No cash sales accepted.



**WAIRAKEI ESTATE**  
**IRONKIDZ**  
**TAUPŌ 2024**  
**TRIATHLON**

**swim bike run**

**WAIRAKEI ESTATE IRONKIDZ TAUPŌ 2024 TRIATHLON**

**Sunday 25th February 2024**

**Elite Category**  
for more serious athletes

**Splash & Dash**  
for 5 to 7 year olds

**A FUN TRIATHLON FOR 7 TO 15 YEAR OLDS**

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## Don't Get Left Behind This Year!

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information.  
Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

**2023** **2024**

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In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## TAUPO SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Enrolments are now being taken for instrumental music lessons in 2024. We are able to offer, Guitar, Keyboard, Flute, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Recorder, Bass Guitar, Violin and Ukulele to students up to and including Year 8. Lessons are weekly on Tuesdays after school. Orchestral instruments are available to hire. Remember, if you have been learning with us previously, you need to enroll each year.

Please head to our website for more information or to enroll,  
<https://sites.google.com/view/taupo-school-of-music?pli=1>  
Or contact the Principal – Jo Paull, [tsoprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:tsoprincipal@gmail.com)



*Music  
in and for our  
Community*



**Established in 1989, Taupō School of Music offers quality small group music lessons that are affordable and accessible to primary and intermediate aged children living in the Taupō district.**

The Taupō school of Music is a great option for children to start learning about music with tutors who inspire students to play their best.

Instrumental tuition is offered in small groups of up to six pupils with a range of instruments to suit all ages and abilities.

In addition to weekly lessons, we have free to join ensembles including the **Keynotes Choir** and the **Youth Wind Band**.



*Support  
Music in our  
Community*



**To ensure the sustainability of the school and to enable us to keep our lessons affordable we are building a fund with the Geysers Foundation.**

**One-off or regular donations to this fund will be gratefully received.**

Donations can be made via the Geysers Community  
Account Number: 02-0412-0055163-023  
Account Name: Geysers Community Foundation (Donor Account)  
Particulars: 'Your name'  
Reference: Taupō School of Music Fund  
[www.geysers.org.nz](http://www.geysers.org.nz)



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TO FIND OUT MORE**



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