

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

It was lovely to welcome back our children last week. We have a number of new children who seem to have settled in well. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break and it was great to see the sun shining most of the time. We have a lot of exciting events happening this term, including the Year 5-8 camps. Please take note of the dates of events in the diary dates further on in the newsletter.

### **Whānau picnic and meet the teacher**

Next week, on Tuesday 13 February we will be having a whānau picnic. We encourage you all to come along, meet the teachers and spend a little time with them in their classrooms to find out about routines, expectations and what will be happening in the classes for your children. Bring along picnic blankets and some food to share.



There will be a sausage sizzle if you would like to purchase sausages. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 5:00 - 5:30pm and then we will all have the chance to socialise and welcome new families, together on the back field. See you there.

### **2024 Classrooms for your children**

Please can you ask your children what classroom number they are in. It is important when ordering from Lunch Online and when ringing in to the school to leave messages or report absentees to have the correct classroom number.

### **Cellphones at school**

You may be aware through the media, that cellphones are discouraged at school. If your child brings a cellphone to school, it must be handed into the teacher, who will then return it at the end of the day. The phones are not to be used after school while waiting for the bus or being collected from outside the front of the school. If a child is found to be breaking the rules and not handing the phone in, it will be confiscated and parents rung.



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. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

### **Drop off and pick up**

Please be very careful when dropping off and picking up children and be considerate of others. The car park can be a very dangerous area and you need to note the speed limit and drive slowly. Remember to use the pedestrian crossing when you can. Children need to be collected from outside the hall after school - they cannot just walk to the car when a parent beckons them. No bikes or scooters are to be ridden across the court areas and no balls or games to be played after school in this area - including when they are with their parents. This is so we can keep all children safe after school.

### **Year 4 - 8 Choir**

Kaylene Carson will be forming a school choir this year. It will be on a Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 9:15. More details to come soon.

## **Correct uniform**

We are starting the year as we want to carry on, with high expectations for all our children. Therefore all staff will be talking to the children about wearing the correct uniform and having pride in being a St Pat's student. They will be reminded at break times as well.

Some things to take note of:

1. Hats must be worn during Term 1 & 4 when the sun is at its most dangerous. Sunscreen should be applied before the children come to school but each classroom has a bottle of sunscreen which can be used by the children should they need it.
2. Jewellery is restricted to personal items, along these guidelines, to allow for safety.
  - Rings - not allowed.
  - Bracelets and necklaces are if it is a necessity eg. Medic alert, taonga, simple cross.
  - Watches are allowed but SMART watches are not to be used at school as phones.
  - Earrings, if worn, must be studs. ONLY 1 EARRING per ear.

Dispensation from these guidelines can be given at the Principal's discretion.

3. Long hair is to be kept off the face. Hair ties or head bands are to be worn depending on hair length. Hair ties must support the school colours ie navy, black or maroon.
4. Plain black school shoes or sandals with no glitter, no white soles or logos on them, are suitable. Please ensure ALL SHOES ARE NAMED

From time to time it may be necessary for your child to come to school not wearing the correct uniform. At these times, a note must be sent from home to let the school know the reason.

## **Website and Skool Loop**

We use Skool Loop as our app alert and now our school website will also powered by Skool Loop. We are currently updating the website and it is due to replace our current website next week. This will mean that current and upcoming events will be available on both sites. Please make use of this to keep your calendars up to date. We will be adding more information and new photos to our website on a regular basis and encourage you to use and share it.

## **Year 7 & 8 technology**

As mentioned last year, our contract with Taupo-nui-a-tia has concluded and the school will be running their own technology classes each Tuesday during the middle block. This is going to be an exciting initiative and we will be able to offer more options for technology. A flyer will be sent out to all Y7/8 students' families later this week.



## **Kapa Haka tutor**

We are very pleased to have secured Mātua Grant to tutor our senior Kapa Haka this year. Charlene Ede has been a fabulous tutor for our Kapa Haka and we commend her for her dedication. She and Hayleigh-Anne Pine will now take the non performing children for te reo / tikanga lessons while Mātua Grant tutors our performance group.

I know there are a lot of notices in this newsletter, but that is to be expected at this time of the year! I wish our Year 5 and 6 children a very good camp experience this week. Enjoy your Waitangi Day off tomorrow.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless  
Maureen

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



It's great to have our students back at school and enjoying themselves at break times

Our Junior children enjoying the shade while eating their lunch.

Note the new painting of the school in the background. It does make the mural and numbers stand out now.

Next year the admin and hall will be painted the same colours to complete the look.



Great to see our children wearing their hats while out in the sunshine. The new St Patrick's bucket hats look very smart and they stay on their heads better. They are available at the Warehouse.

# Religious Education Reflection

Welcome back to school- We ask that God bless each of our children and their families during the year and that we all strive to show our school motto-

***Faith in Action Te Whakapono me ana mahi.***

## ***Our school values are currently being taught.***

***Kindness-Atawhai***

***Integrity-Tapatahi***

***Determination-Hiringa***

***Unity- Kotahitanga***

Kindness-Atawhai is our focus for our value certificates for the first half of the term. Room 10 explained how kindness is shown and what it looks like, sounds like and feels like. They agreed that treating others with kindness is the way we all want to be treated just as Jesus did.



**Ephesians 4:32 - We show kindness**  
***Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.***



# Religious Education Reflection *continued*

Shrove  
Tuesday



## Upcoming Events



*Friday Mass 9th Feb at 12pm being led by Rm 3 & 6 -Parents welcome to attend.*

**Shrove Tuesday** 12th February -AKA Pancake day - A traditional celebration held before the start of lent.

*Children bring pancakes to school and yummy toppings are on offer, pancakes are eaten before school.*

**Ash Wednesday Mass-** 13th Feb whole school will attend, families more than welcome to come

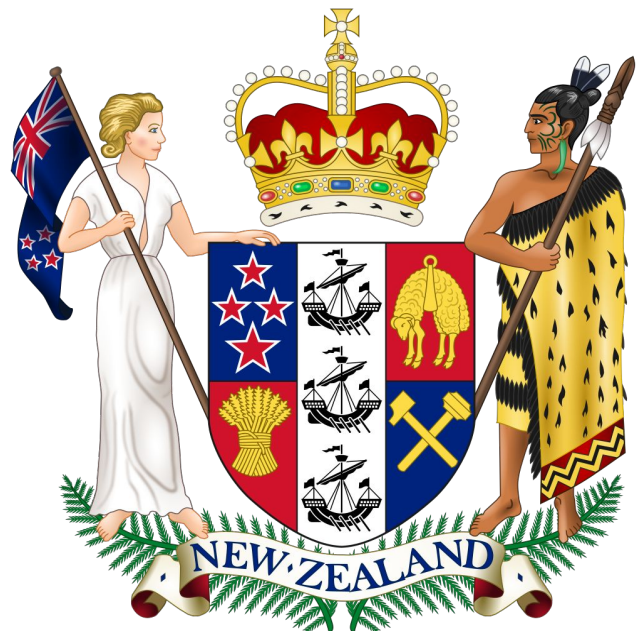
*1st week of Lent 19th-23rd February.*

**School Parish Mass 17th March-** *Celebration to St Patrick sausage sizzle after mass at school. (Save the date )*



### PRAYER FOR WAITANGI DAY

Ka inoi tātou  
Every-living God  
From whom  
All rangatiratanga  
(sovereignty)comes  
In the unfolding of time  
You led the Māori people  
And many other people  
To find their home in Aotearoa  
As we strive to fulfill the destiny of  
our lives,  
Heal the wounds of our past,  
Draw together in tika (justice)and  
aroha  
All who call this land their own  
We ask this through  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Āmene



## DIARY DATES - TERM 4

1 February	Welcome Back!
6 February	Waitangi Day
7 - 9 February	Year 5/6 camp
8 February	Year 4 trip to pedal boats Commissioning Mass in Hamilton
13 February	<b>Parent / Teacher whānau picnic &amp; meet the teacher</b> Pancake Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday
14 February	Ash Wednesday Mass - beginning of lent
15 February	Board meeting 5:30pm in Boardroom
20 February	PTFA meeting 7pm in staffroom - new members welcome
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
29 March	Good Friday
1 - 2 April	Easter Monday / Tuesday - school closed
12 April	Last day of term

## 2024 Term Dates

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





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## WELCOME

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 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

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 1pm

88 Acacia Bay Rd

Starting February 13



## TIM TAM CONNECT

MONDAY  
12 FEBRUARY  
10AM

Bring a book to share while we enjoy a Tim Tam (or two) and a coffee.

## MONDAY CAFE

MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER 7PM MASS

# Youth Group is BACK!

***Starting Tuesday February 13 6pm***

A huge welcome to our new Youth Minister, Tina Malietoa-Brown who will be running our youth programme this year!

Tina has a contagious enthusiasm for youth and for Jesus - a perfect combination to support and grow our young people.



**TONGARIRO CATHOLIC**



*Youth  
Groups*

**Every Tuesday during term**

**Years 7 - 8: 6 - 7.30pm**

**Years 9 - 13: 7 - 8.45pm**

Here's what some of the youth from last year had to say....

*"This place is so cool  
I'll give it five stars  
on yelp"*

*"Everyone is awesome  
- Including the leaders!"*

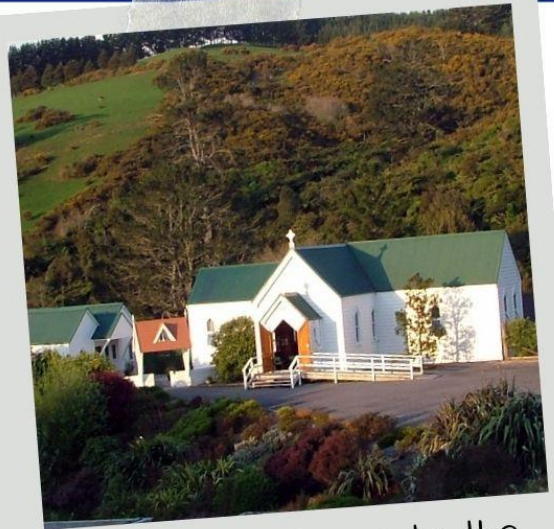
Youth Group is a time and space for our young people to connect with each other and explore faith in a fun and supportive environment.

Sessions are led by our youth ministers and will include food, games, a short video or talk, and discussion time.

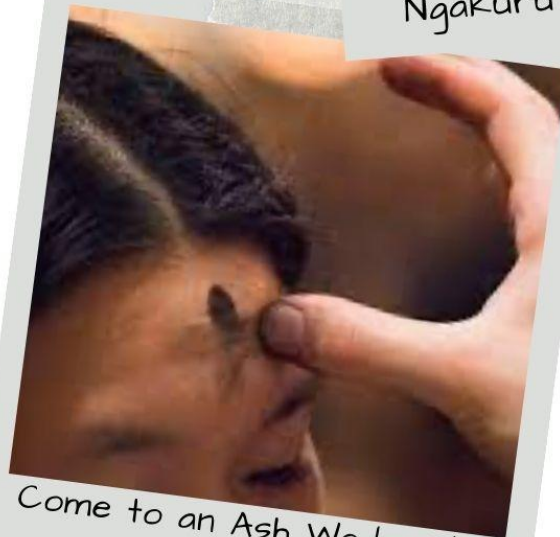


# Lent is almost here!

Lent is a time of preparation before celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Our rich Catholic Faith has many beautiful traditions to help us reflect on the great love Jesus showed by dying for us. We invite you to join with us as we journey towards Easter.



Join our pilgrimage to the Tyburn Monastery in Ngakuru Saturday 17 Feb



Come to an Ash Wednesday Service.  
Taupō 9:15am  
other times TBC



Experience Forgiveness Reconciliation Service  
Thursday 21 March 7pm



Stations of the Cross  
Reflect on Jesus last hours.  
7pm Every Friday during lent.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS 2024

Sponsored by Evans Doyle Accounts + Advisors

Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13  
Enter through your school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS

# Thursday 14 March

# Te Miro MTB Park

Please email  
[temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)  
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



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## Te Miro Twister XC Mountain Bike Race



### 3rd March 2024

Choose from the below

**2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners**  
(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)  
**7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)**  
**E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms**

**Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes**  
**Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale**  
**No Eftpos Available Please Bring Cash**

For more information and course maps go to:

[temiromtclub.co.nz](http://temiromtclub.co.nz)

Any queries email: [temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)

Registration opens 25th January

Click on the below link to register

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=338828>



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>TODDLER TIME</b></p> <p><b>10.30AM - 11.30AM</b></p> <p>Every Wednesday during the school term starting from 14<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>Singing, story time, fine motor skills, and crafts. Suitable for children under 5 years. Supervision required.</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S AREA</b></p>	<p><b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</b></p> <p><b>12PM - 2PM</b></p> <p><b>MEETING ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>TECH HELP</b></p> <p><b>10AM - 11AM</b></p> <p>Bring your devices, app or programme queries and our tech experts will help you with them.</p>
<p><b>BRICK CLUB</b></p> <p><b>3.30PM - 5PM</b></p> <p>Time to let your imagination run wild and create something amazing using bricks. All bricks supplied and your creations stay in the library.</p> <p>First Wednesday of every month. Suitable for ages 5-12 years. Starting on the 7th February.</p> <p><b>MEETING ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>GENEALOGY SUPPORT</b></p> <p><b>9.30AM - 12PM</b></p> <p>Meet volunteers who can help you research whakapapa.</p> <p><b>MEETING ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB</b></p> <p><b>2PM - 3.30PM</b></p> <p>Meet other like-minded readers, discuss recommendations, and favourite authors.</p> <p>First Friday of every month.</p>



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**WEEKLY  
ACTIVITIES  
ON AT THE  
TAUPŌ  
LIBRARY!**



**Housebound  
Library Delivery  
Service**

REMINDER: If you or someone you know is unable to get to the library please phone to ask about our housebound service 07 376 1575.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area	<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area	<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area	<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area	<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area	<b>Independent Activities</b> Set up near children's area  <b>Board Games</b> Set up in teen area
	<b>AA DRIVER LICENSING MOBILE UNIT</b>  <b>10AM - 4PM</b>  Update your license, IRD, RealMe, IDP, and AA memberships.  Tuesdays: 30 January, 26 March, 28 May, 23 July, 28 May, 23 July, 24 September, 24 November.	<b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES</b>  <b>2.15PM - 3.15PM</b>  Every Wednesday during the school term - From the 14th February. Supervision required for children under 8 years old. Singing, story time, learning about interesting topics, and crafts.  Suitable for children from 5 to 10 years old.  <b>CHILDREN'S AREA</b> and sometimes <b>WI-FI MEETING SPACE</b>	<b>BRICK CLUB</b>  <b>3.15PM - 4.30PM</b>  Every Thursday during the school term - From the 15th of February. Time to let your imagination run wild and create something amazing with bricks!  Suitable for ages 5+. All bricks supplied.  <b>WI-FI MEETING SPACE</b>	<b>TODDLER TIME</b>  <b>10AM - 11AM</b>  Every Friday during the school term - From the 16th February. Singing, story time, fine motor skills and crafts. Supervision required.  <b>CHILDREN'S AREA</b>	
		<b>GENEALOGY GROUP</b>  <b>1PM - 2.30PM</b>  3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Meet volunteers who can help you research whakapapa. From the 21st February.  <b>WI-FI MEETING ROOM</b>	<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</b>  <b>12.30PM - 1.30PM</b>  <b>WI-FI MEETING ROOM</b>		


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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.

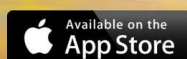
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