

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you all had a good break. The first week definitely gifted us with beautiful weather.

This term we welcome four new staff members;

- Cameron Bramall teaching in Room 11 who is also the team leader for Pikorua Hub
- Simon Kuriger teaching in Room 1
- Sue Forsyth who will be teaching some of our ORS funded students
- Cameron Bradley who will be working as a learning assistant

Grandparents Day

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to our school on Friday. See info below.

Book Fair

Starts Wednesday - see info below. Dress up as a character day will be next Friday.

Whānau Hui with teachers

In week 3, Tuesday 6 August, we will be having our whānau hui. This is an opportunity to meet with the teachers to talk about your child and how they are getting on at school. We encourage you to make an appointment and the interview times will soon be available on Skool Loop. We will have this ready to go by tomorrow or Thursday and will send an alert to let you know when it is ready for your bookings.

After the hui we will be asking you to give us some feedback about how we are doing as a school. There will be a poster outside each classroom with the following questions for you to contribute to. Your input is greatly appreciated and helps us to plan to make our school an even better place than it is!

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?

School closing at 1pm on Tuesday 6 August

This is for the whānau hui to take place. Please make a note in your calendar.

Uniform expectations

At the end of last term I sent out an email about uniform expectations. We have already noticed a few children arriving with the wrong uniform.

- Trackpants (not flares) or cargo pants are only to be black (for seniors) or navy (for the rest of the school) and **plain** with no visible labels
- For health and safety reasons only **one** stud earring per ear - no sleepers, hoops or dangling earrings which can get caught when playing sport or doing PE
- No acrylic nails are allowed - for the same reason as above when doing sport or PE
- No nail polish, hair dye or make up as it just doesn't go with our school uniform

If your child is wearing incorrect uniform, please send a note explaining why. Many thanks - we are proud of our school uniform.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Maureen

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



Noah has once again been excelling with his golf and recently finished 2nd in the Robertson Golf Taupo Schools competition, despite not feeling well. He also competed in the Waikato age group champs as well.



Group of five staff got together in the holidays for a sewing bee. The junior kapa haka uniforms are long overdue for a remake so here we are hard at work. It will be great seeing our juniors performing at the Taiopenga Tūwharetoa festival later in the term with the new uniforms on. Well done teachers!



Keen competitors at the orienteering day at Spa Park at the end of term 2. They were great competitors and had a lot of fun on a beautiful sunny day.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Well done to Brendel Corre who recently sat his Trinity Grade 3 piano exam and gained a distinction with 92%. Awesome!

Planting Day at Mt Tauhara



Kids Greening Taupō Art winners - well done girls!



Matariki Celebrations



Term 3: RE Reflection

Grandparents Day 2024



Grandparents day we celebrated the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis said, "Their (the elderly) voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples," he continued. "They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." Today we honour all grandparents for the special place they have in our lives.

For their constant love and support, we say thank you.



Friday the 26th July

All grandparents and special people are welcome from 10am to come to school and visit classrooms.

Special Morning tea for all and Mass at 12pm.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a whole school mass.

This day celebrates the mystery that the Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. This was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand.

Feast of Assumption School Mass: This Sunday we have our school Mass. Please be seated by 8:50am. Children do not have to wear school uniform and will be sitting with their whānau. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there.



COMING SOON

Rm 10

Monday Liturgy

29 July

Welcome

Liturgy 5th Aug

Feast of

Assumption

Mass 15th

August 9.15am

Mass with the

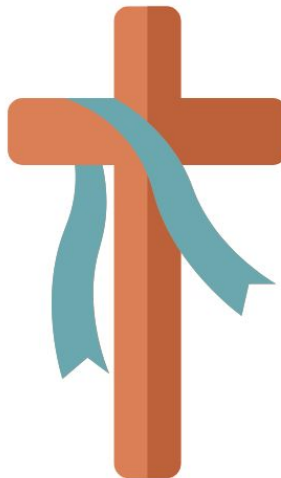
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Term 3 School

Parish Mass

15th

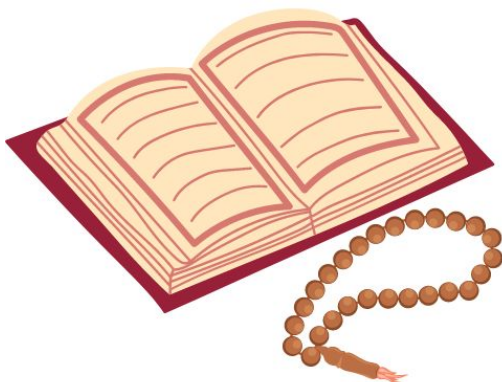
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kindness

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.




LOVE



DIARY DATES -TERM 3

22 July	Term 3 Begins - Welcome Back!
24 July	Book Fair Begins
26 July	From 10am - Grandparents Day
29 July	Book Fair Continues . . .
2 August	Book Fair Character Dress Up Day
6 August	Whānau hui - <u>School closes at 1pm</u>
7 August	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>



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Grandparents Day

FRIDAY 26 July 2024

10am : Visit Classrooms
11am : Cupcakes for Morning Tea
12pm : Grandparents Mass

RSVP : by 3pm Wednesday 24 July
for catering purposes
office@stpatstaupo.school.nz

PHOTOS NEEDED!

We would love to collect photos of our wonderful Grandparents for an upcoming display. If you are happy, please send along a pic to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you

Thanks to all who are making cupcakes, can these please be brought to the hall on Friday morning.

Our Annual BOOK FAIR is back!

Opening Hours

Wednesday 24 July: 2.45-3.30pm

Thursday 25 July-Friday 2 August: 8.30-9.15am & 2.45-3.30pm

The Book Fair will also be open from 10-10.45am this Friday 25 July to coincide with our Grandparents Day celebration.

Grandparents will be welcome to shop with or without their grandchildren.

We require volunteers to assist with processing sales, particularly on Thursdays and Fridays. If you can spare 45 minutes on a morning or afternoon during the fair, please email janiner@stpatstaupo.school.nz

Our annual Book Fair is the major source of fundraising for our school library. Every dollar spent equals resource for our school library.

Thank you for your support!

Book Fair Finale

Our much-anticipated book character dress up day will take place on Friday 2 August. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Families may join us for our Book Character Parade at 9.15am.

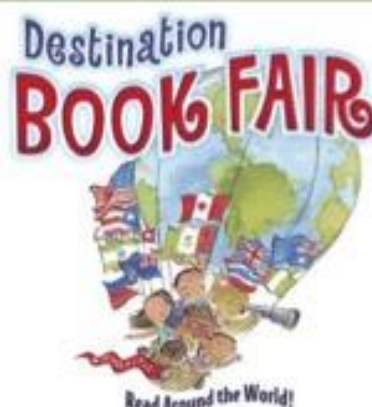


Photo Competition

To coincide with the Olympics, the theme of this year's Book Fair is 'Read Around the World!'

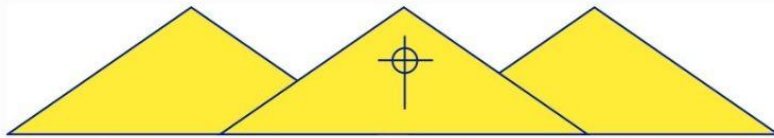
Students are invited to submit a photo of themselves reading a book near a famous landmark. You might like to use the free app 'Krome Studio', available for Apple & Android, to change the background of your photo.

Entries* must be emailed to: office@stpatstaupo.school.nz by 9am on Friday 2 August.

The winner will be drawn at random and announced at our assembly on Friday 2 August.

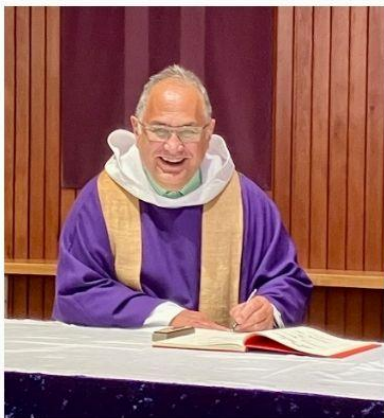
**by submitting an entry, you give permission for your photo to be posted on our school Facebook page.*





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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.

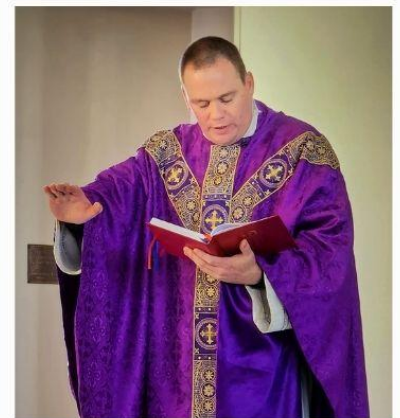


Farewell Monsignor Trevor
and welcome

Fr Danny Fraser-Jones!

Please join us for Msgr Trevor's
farewell Mass

Sunday 28 July 9am and
bring a plate for Morning Tea



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

We are excited to announce
our Year 7&8 Youth Group is
Back for the rest of 2024.

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 Us!

Welcome to Fr Danny Fraser-Jones

Welcome Fr Danny
SUNDAY 4 AUGUST



parish of tongariro catholic

Fr Danny Fraser-Jones comes to us from the Parish of St Pius X in Melville, Hamilton. We are excited to welcome him to lead our parish community.

His first weekend as Parish Priest will be Sunday 4 August. We keep Fr Danny and Monsignor Trevor in our prayers at this time of transition.

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.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 7PM

Over seven weeks, Following Christ helps Catholics grow in friendship and union with God.

following
Christ

Following Christ provides practical, down-to-earth teaching based on Scripture, Church teaching, and the witness of people's own journeys as disciples of Christ. It is about developing the lifestyle of a disciple. Weekly practical application steps challenge us to put our faith into action.

sign up in the church foyer or online:
www.tongarirocatholic.nz

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE IMPACT

COUNSELLING / SOCIAL WORK

Caring for the vulnerable

Tairāwhiti Beneficiary Advocacy Trust
Male Support Services Waikato
Pregnancy Counselling Services
Te Hahi Tairāwhiti

PARISH BASED INITIATIVES

Promoting Catholic Care

Parish of Tongariro
St Peter Chanel Parish

FAMILY / WHANAU

Helping families thrive

The Nest Collective
Huringa Pai Charitable Trust
Catholic Family Support Services
St Vincent de Paul Society - Gisborne
Tokoroa and Districts Womens Support Centre

FOODBANKS

Feeding our people

Hamilton Combined Christian Food Bank
Tauranga Community Foodbank
Holy Name Parish Raglan
Gizzy Kai Rescue & Te Hahi Tairāwhiti

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Helping future generations

Hope Rising Farm Charitable Trust
Link House Birthright Waikato Trust
Tipu Skills for Life Charitable Trust
Recreate New Zealand
Mums4Mums Charitable Trust

COMMUNITY

Support where it is needed

Orange Sky NZ Ltd
Sunshine Service Inc
Tairāwhiti Community Law Centre Trust



THE WHY

"Our whānau support worker was referred a woman living in emergency housing with her children. She had previously been in an abusive relationship, lost a lot of confidence and became reliant on drugs. Her eldest child was not consistently attending school, and attended mostly late and without food. Buying food for her children was not a priority. She has since reconnected with her whānau, and is sending the kids to school on time and with food. She is now a lot happier and has a much better relationship with her children and family."

-Catholic Family Support Services

"The grant from Common Good enabled us to take on two new clients. One was a 12 year old girl who had a life of parental neglect...drugs and alcohol abuse. She had been to nine schools by the time she was 9 years old. She has engaged with the mentoring program, and received counselling and therapy sessions. After one session, she said "I haven't had a day like today in a long time. Have you ever had a day where it just gets better and better and you are feeling on such a high?"

-Youth Encounter Ministries

**DONATE
TODAY!**

Your donation means **real practical help** when and where it is needed. Your **prayer and advocacy** are also critical.

"At a recent community service hui, it was raised that **more support and assistance was needed.**"

-Catholic Family Support Services

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others."

-Hebrews 13:16

"We can do **miracles through generosity.** Generosity in little things."

-Pope Francis

