

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Last week our DRSs, Maryann and Lorena and I travelled to Wellington to attend the NZ Catholic Convention. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to hear speakers and attend workshops around our Catholic Character and to network with other Catholic Schools throughout the country.

Catholic Character Review

Every three years, the Hamilton Diocese carry out a review of how our Catholic Character is being lived out in our school. This review will happen in week two next term. Before they arrive, we need to survey our whānau to get their opinions. The survey is short and I ask you to please fill it out so we get a good representation of our parent community. The survey goes directly to the Diocese. [Link to Questionnaire](#)

Interschool swimming

Feedback from the teacher in charge of the swimming team was that our school team were amazing ambassadors for our school. Not only did they perform creditably and won a lot of medals but they also were supportive of each other and behaved very well. We are very proud of them all.

Classroom liaison

The PTFA are looking at working with the school to create a liaison person for each classroom. Their role will be to welcome new families to the school community, help with communicating activities happening, pastoral care and having informal get togethers with families in a class. The idea is to build school spirit and to make families feel welcome and part of our school community. If you would like to be considered as a liaison person, please let Maureen know (principal@stpatstaupo.school.nz)

Congratulations

To Emma, Neo, Nero, Anazka, Anton, Erana, Te Aotaihi, Sylvie, Felicity, Mose, Kainaki, Mathilda and Laurenz who all made their reconciliation recently and will go on to make their Confirmation and Eucharist this year.

Caritas Fundraiser

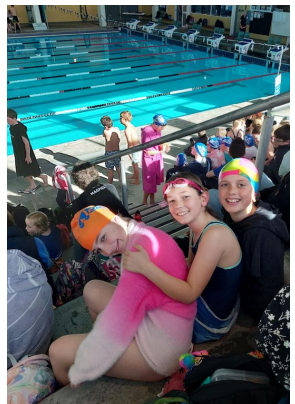
On the last Friday of this term we will be holding a sausage sizzle and juice sales. The money will go to Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea. More info will come out soon - watch the skool loop app and Facebook.

PTFA news

The PTFA have tentatively set dates for term 3 activities - Raffle with amazing prizes; Movie night for kids - 30 August; Quiz night for parents - 13 September; Knowledge-athon; Calendar art. Watch this space for confirmation of activities.

Next Monday the school will be celebrating Matariki. Once again watch out for information on the app. Have a lovely day off on Friday and a safe holiday.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Maureen



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



This is the Year 7/8 netball team who will be travelling to Tauranga next term to take part in the AIMS games.

They thank you for the support they received from the school with their recent fundraiser toward the expenses.

Introducing one of our hockey teams who have been competing very well this term. Well done team.



Congratulations to St Patrick's players, Toby C, Ryan S and Thomas U, pictured above, on being selected for the Lake Taupo Basketball Under 14 Boys squad for 2024! Well done to the St Pats Y7/8 team as well, who are undefeated so far this season.



It's great to see our children enjoying their winter sports.



Some of our wonderful interschool swimming team.

Our Year 7/8 relay team came 3rd overall. Winners were Nate S, Isabella S X2, Olive S and Austin P.

Nate also got second in another event and 3rd in the relay.

3 second places to Elise G

Congrats also to Lexi, Matilda, Piper, Willow, Angus & Mila for making their finals.





Some of the beautiful artwork which was displayed on the walls of the prayer area at the Catholic Convention.





ATTENDANCE - IT DOES MATTER!

Holiday during Term time: When a student is on a New Zealand or Overseas holiday during the school term, the absence is Unjustified. A parent's note does not provide justification.

Whilst we understand and appreciate the financial benefits of taking breaks during term time, this has a significant detrimental effect on children's learning

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns in regards to your child's attendance at school.

St Patrick's Attendance Weeks 7 & 8

Category	Explanation	Percentage
Regular Attendance	Attending school over 90% of the time	60.77%
Irregular Absence	Attending school 81-90% of the time	19.62%
Moderate Absence	Attending school 71-80% of the time	6.54%
Chronic Absence	Attending school 70% and below	13.08%

DIARY DATES -TERM 2

24 June	5.30pm BOT Meeting
25 June	Koru Hub Craters of the Moon Trip 7pm PTFA Meeting
28 June	MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED
2 July	Matariki School Celebration
3 July	Matariki Planting Day Orienteering Day
4 July	Interschool Ukulele Jam
5 July	Caritas Mufti Day/Sausage Sizzle Term 2 Ends



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



This year as part of our school celebration we would like to have cupcakes made for everyone to celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, 26th July.

We are asking our school community to please consider making some cupcakes, we need enough for children as well as grandparents, approximately 350 cupcakes!

Please could you lend a hand and make some cupcakes, if you can let Mrs Morris, lorenam@stpatstaupo.school.nz or the school office know by Thursday 27 June.

This is just an intention of help. Please do not drop cupcakes off before then.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful celebration!



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



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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



Come and Join us.....




MAHJONG CONNECT
Wednesdays, 1.30pm | Cafe



COUPLES FOR CHRIST
Invites you to a spiritual journey with us.
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM
*Rediscover
God's Love*
"Declare His glory among the nations, His Marvellous works among all the peoples!"
Psalm 96:1

Date	Time	Contact
07 Jul 2024 (Sun)	11:30am	Renie/Anali Arcega (022-3403611)
14 Jul 2024 (Sun)	11:30am	Eugene/Rose Bardelas (021-08483788)
21 Jul 2024 (Sun)	11:30am	reniearcega@gmail.com renie_anali@gmail.com Eugene.bardelas@coupleforchrist.nz

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
88 Acacia Bay Rd. Taupo



THANK YOU!
A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who donated ingredients and cooked soup to stock our freezers for the winter.
If you know anyone who would benefit from a delicious home made soup, contact Msgr Trevor or the church office.



**TIM TAM
CONNECT**
MONDAY 8 JULY
10AM
Bring a book to share while we enjoy a Tim Tam (or two) and a coffee.

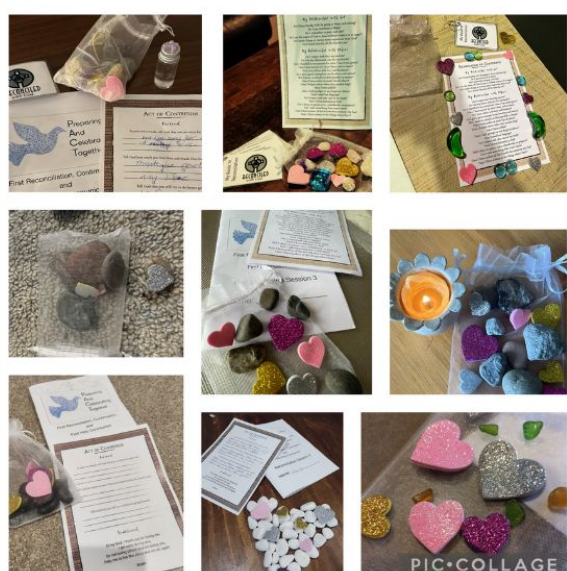
Let's Celebrate!

PACT – Preparing and Celebrating Together Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion



On Saturday in Turangi and on Sunday in Taupō 30 children from our parish celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. There was an opportunity for families to go to reconciliation too. Through this beautiful sacrament we come face to face with a merciful Jesus who wants to heal and restore us.

Hearts and Stones – Reflecting on our day



To prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation we made "Examen Bags". These have hearts and stones in them. At prayer time, each person takes out one heart and one stone.

Hold the heart, think about one positive thing from today and thank God for it. Hold the stone, think about something difficult from your day and ask God for help or forgiveness.

R.E. CORNER

LITURGIES AND MASS TIMES

LITURGIES @ 10:30AM MONDAY

1 JULY: ROOM 12 & 6

FRIDAY MASSES @12PM

No Classes attending
Mass now until the end of
term.

RECONCILIATION



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS FROM
OUR SCHOOL WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT
OF RECONCILIATION ON SUNDAY. MAY THE
FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS BRING THEM CLOSER
TO GOD AND HEALING. WE PRAY THAT THEY TOO
WILL ALSO FORGIVE OTHERS AS THEY HAVE BEEN
FORGIVEN.

MATARIKI PRAYER

LET THIS WINTER BE A TIME FOR PLANTING,
FOR HOPING AND WAITING,
FOR OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS.

LET US WALK LIGHTLY ON OUR EARTH,
TAKING ON WHAT WE NEED,
TO LEAVE PLENTY FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW.

MAY THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF MATARIKI
SURROUND AND GUIDE US
THIS WHOLE YEAR THROUGH.

AMENE.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Afternoon free biking sessions with Kids Bike Taupo in and around Taupo town. Please wear sensible riding clothes and shoes. Bring a bike and helmet, if you don't want to share. Bikes and helmets provided if necessary. Gloves aren't silly, even little gardening gloves work. Water and a snack is a good idea. Great for all ages.

All sessions 3.30pm to 5pm

Mondays - BMX Track at 119 Taharepa Road

Tuesdays - Craters Mountain Bike Park, from old car park off Craters/Karapiti Road, Wairakei

Thursdays - Crown Park behind Tauhara Primary and opposite Miro Street intersection.

1st Friday Each Month - Community Bike Shed, Venture Park 250 Spa Road. Bike repairs and second-hand bikes for sale. Bank account number 020428 0107984 00 KBT in the reference.

Please contact me if you are looking for a good recycled bike or need a simple bike repair. It is much better to get a good brand of bike second-hand than to buy a rubbish one new. Avoid shops that are not a specialist bike shop.

Any queries to Cath 027 280 4005 Email kids@biketaupo.org.nz

Website <https://www.biketaupo.org.nz/index.php/kids-bike-taupo>

For notices, please see <https://www.facebook.com/BikeTaupo/>

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PRESENTS



**WHERE ARTISTRY MEETS IMAGINATION
UNDER THE BIG TOP**

Is your creative child looking for a fun project?
Get them involved in the

Lake Taupo Hospice Creative Carnival

Options for all ages in both visual and
wearable arts sections.

Get involved today!!

Arcade of Artistry

30th & 31st August

A circus-themed visual arts exhibition
featuring artists of all ages. Dive into
three exciting categories—there's
something for everyone to enter!

**Free canvases available for
students**

Carnival Catwalk

31st August

A wearable arts fashion catwalk
showcasing extravagant carnival fun
garments. With four categories open
to students and adults, there's a place
on the runway for everyone!

Check out our event and category information www.laketaupohospice.co.nz/creativecarnival

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADVENTURE ENTERTAINMENT

ARC'TERYX WINTER FILM TOUR PRESENTS

GORDON'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT CO. LTD. NEW ZEALAND

ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENPEACE RESCUE HELICOPTER

WARREN MILLER'S

ALLTIME

Tickets available at www.warrenmiller.co.nz

Taupō
Great Lake Centre Taupō
Sat, 29 June, 2024 | 6.30 PM

Presented by:
Gordon's Outdoor Equipment Taupō

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Saturday 6th July 2024
NZ Geothermal Week
Contact Energy
Public Open Day

Ever wondered where all those pipes go?
How heat from deep underground turns into electricity?

Contact Energy are giving you a chance to find out firsthand with a guided tour of the Wairakei Steam Field and Te Miti Powerstation.

Registrations essential for this event.
www.geothermalweek.co.nz

ORIENTEERING BIG DAY OUT

We have had a large number of students express an interest in attending the upcoming Orienteering Big Day Out.

We are needing more parent help for transport and supervision on the day, Wednesday July 3rd.

If you are able to help please email Mrs Morris, lorenam@stpatstaupo.school.nz or let the office know.

Thank you for your continued support of these events which our children would otherwise not be able to attend.

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