

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Warm greetings to you all.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be in the Acting Principal position while Maureen is away. It has been lovely to catch up with many of you. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Maureen is on the road to recovery and now enjoying being home again. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

SENIOR CAMPS

Our Year 7 camp completed the camp schedule last week. Thank you to all parents / whānau who provided transport, supervision and help with the camp programmes. Without your support such experiences for our children would not be possible. A big well-done to all staff who planned, organised and attended the camps. It is a huge responsibility and the effort put in is significant. Last but in no way least, congratulations to the children! Well done for demonstrating the school values and rising to new challenges. I am sure everyone slept very well this past weekend.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS

It was wonderful to be part of the school's St. Patrick's Day Mass on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who organised and coordinated this wonderful celebration, and to our BBQ chefs and kitchen team, A shout out to our senior students who so ably manned the sausage sizzle and food tables, well done to you all. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this Mass, the church was overflowing!

In continuing our St. Patrick's Day celebrations the children are currently enjoying their tabloid sports. There is a sea of green floating around the school today!

NZEI PAID UNION MEETING

Just a further reminder that this Wednesday, 20 March, the school will close at 1pm. Please ensure your child is collected from school promptly at this time and a reminder our afternoon school buses will not be running. Thank you.

CHOIR

Due to Dance NZ Made being on Tuesdays before school, choir will now be Wednesdays from 8.30am - 9.15am for Years 4 - 8 in the music room.

We are fast approaching the Easter break with school closing from Good Friday, 29th March and reopening on Wednesday 3rd April. On behalf of the team I wish you all a very happy Easter with your family / whānau. Take care if you are travelling.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless
Vicki, Matt and team



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



Congratulations to Klay & Kayley (pictured above), overall boys champ and U10 girls winner in the recent Taupo Tennis Club junior club champs. Well done!



St Patrick's Celebrations! Thanks to all the families that attended St Patrick's Day School Mass yesterday. Also, staff and students had a blast at tabloid sports today.



YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP
A great time was had by all at Ohope Beach over the past two weeks. Camp motto 'Happy, Safe & Tired' well achieved!

RE NEWS



School and Parish St Patrick Mass



Thank You to those that attended our Parish and School Mass it was a great Celebration.

Saint Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me.
Christ be beside me.
Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me.
Christ at my right hand.
Christ at my left hand.
Christ be with me
everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend,
for ever and ever.
Amen

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Class mass Rm 8/1
School Leads Stations of the Cross.

MONDAY 25 MARCH

Room 9 Liturgy

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

Easter Celebration 2pm



Love One Another



What does it mean to love someone? Who are we supposed to love?

God commands us to love each other and by each other He means everyone.
God commands us to love exactly like He loves.
It's pretty tough to love everyone exactly like Jesus loves us,
we make mistakes but it shouldn't stop us from trying.
What did Jesus do to show love to others?

WORD OF THE WEEK

My commandment is this love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

JOHN 15: 12-18



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father of compassion and God of love. I thank you for teaching me to love through the example of Jesus. May my words and actions reflect His love towards your people today, tomorrow, and until you bring us all home to you. In the name of Jesus, our great example, we pray. Amen.

God so Loved us that his beloved son die for us.



Let us remember to show love to others especially during Lent and Easter.





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Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation Preparation 2024

We are excited to bring you another year of Preparing and Celebrating Together (PACT). This engaging programme ensures you'll have fun as a family while growing in faith and preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. This is for children who are already baptised and are aged 8 or over on 1 May 2024.



Begins Sunday 7 April



Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation 2024

Preparing
And
Celebrating
Together

**Come & See
Introduction Session**
**Sunday April 7
After 9am Mass**

Our programme begins on Sunday 7 April with an introduction session. If you're not sure about joining in this year, come along to this session anyway and find out what it's all about. If you have more than one child you might want to wait and do the programme together.

Find out more on our website

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

"We spend more time together as a family. Our faith is way more stronger as we get closer to God and share it to our children."

"I have learnt more about Jesus and the Mass. I pay more attention during Mass. It has helped me to become more involved in the parish. Thank you for the fun, enjoyable lessons."

Come and Join Us!

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE

easter

SUNDAY
WITH US | 9AM TAUPŌ

HE IS RISEN



Try
Alpha



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. We start with food, followed by a short video and discussion in small groups. It's relaxed and informal, and everyone is welcome.

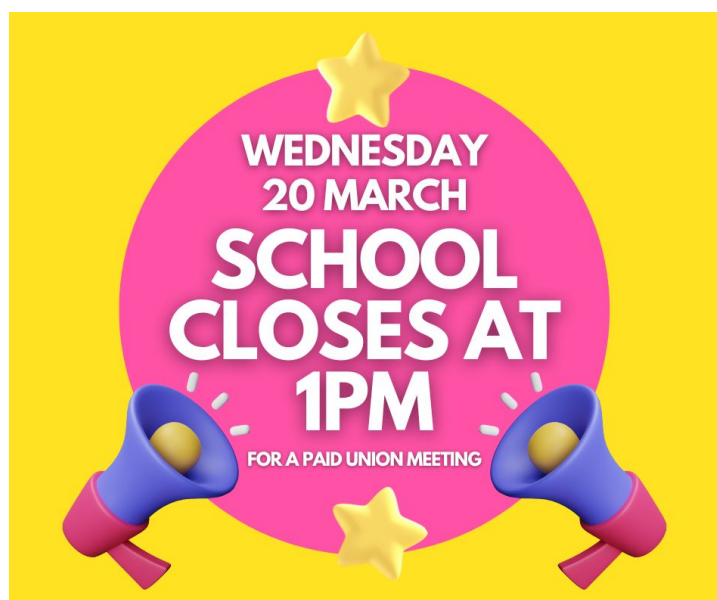
Starts Wednesday 1 May 7pm

We are really excited to celebrate parents from our school community who are among those being welcomed into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. Please pray for them on their journey of faith.



DIARY DATES -TERM 4

20 March	Paid Union Meeting - School Closes at 1pm
21 March	Board meeting 5:30pm in Boardroom
26 March	Y7/8 immunisations Koru Hub biking
29 March	Good Friday
1 - 2 April	Easter Monday / Tuesday - school closed
12 April	Last day of term



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Our new Luncheon provider, Brumby's, have offered us a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Order a six pack of plain and/or chocolate buns @ \$10. Cut-off date 25th March, delivery date 27th March (to the school). Available now through the Luncheon ordering portal under 'School Items' All funds raised go towards resources for our students learning. Ring the school office if you would like help with this.

EASTER RAFFLE

Remember to return all sold tickets with money to the school office. We are still accepting donations of Easter eggs, these can be sent along to school each day. Either bring to the school office or take to Mrs Morris in R10. Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 27th March - just before Easter break. Thanks for all your support for our yummiest raffle of the year!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TE RĀ O NGA TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day 2024 Teddy Bear Picnic

EKCO WARRIORS

Thursday April 4th
Hickling Park
3.00 pm - 6.00pm



CARING FOR OUR TAMARIKI AND OUR ENVIRONMENT
Partnering with Kids Greening Taupō to bring our Ekco Children's Day event.

- A WHOLE FAMILY EVENT
- GAMES
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD
- SPECIAL GUESTS

Bring your Teddy, collect your ticket and go in the draw to win amazing PRIZES!
0 - 10 years

- Loads of fun
- Gift Bags
- Spot Prizes
- Lucky Draws
- Free Sausage Sizzle

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR GOODIE BAGS
Limited Numbers

Facebook, Instagram, TikTok @Whānautaupō

Taupō Family Centre Inc. GREENING TAUPŌ frst credit union

Adventure Holiday Programmes & Camp
We are excited to announce that Adventure Hamilton will be back up and running these coming school holidays.

- Adventure Everyday (themed days) - 5-13 yr olds - \$50/day
 - Dungeons and Dragons with Lewis - 9-13 yr olds - \$75/day
- Daily activities based at Berkley, OSCAR available, 8.00am - 5.30pm,

Todd is also running a Brand New Camp...
Adventure Young Adventurers Camp 2024 (8-12yr olds)
based at Omokoroa TOP 10 Holiday Park and Thermal Pools (Tenting)- Mon 15th April - Fri 19th April \$650.
(20 Spaces available)
Please visit www.edventure.co.nz to BOOK NOW



School Lunches



Delicious & Local

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

ORDER NOW

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Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of
\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR
The more we collect, the more gear we get!

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

