



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPŌ

TE WHAKAPONO ME ANA MAHI - FAITH IN ACTION



ATAWHAI | KINDNESS



TAPATAHI | INTEGRITY



HIRINGA | DETERMINATION



KOTAHITANGA | UNITY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thursday 1 May

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to term 2 and a special welcome to our new families and whānau who have recently joined us.

New Playground

Yesterday we officially blessed and opened our new playground, what an exciting time this was and what an amazing space it is! A huge thank you to our PTFA whose fundraising efforts helped considerably and to the Board of Trustees for supporting and also contributing to the cost. The students have helped design an initial timetable for use to ensure it is not overcrowded in these early days, the playground is designated for our Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 students.

We thank Father Danny for conducting the blessing and Matua Grant for leading our karakia and waiata. Enjoy the photos further on in this newsletter.

Refreshed Curriculum and Reporting

As you will be aware all schools are now implementing the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. There are aspects of this that are yet to be developed and we are being updated from the Ministry of Education as updates are confirmed and changes are being implemented.

To support you as parents we are introducing a regular piece in our newsletter to support you in understanding how these changes will affect how we report to you and the new terminology. Please look out for these from our next newsletter.

Staff Professional Learning

In the previous newsletter I spoke about our focus for term 2 being mathematics. While this does continue we also have a dedicated focus on Literacy - Writing. This is our focus for our next Teacher Only Day - a reminder this is on Friday May 30th.

Winter Sport

Winter sports are getting underway for many this weekend. As always we thank everyone who makes this possible for the children - coaches, managers, staff and all supporters. We wish all those participating this year all the very best. We know you will make St. Patrick's School proud!

Monster Mountain Bike Event

This is only just over two weeks away, and what an exciting event it will be. Entries are still being received at www.monstermtb.org.nz, it's going to be a lot of fun on Saturday May 17th, see you there!

Thanks for your continued support, keep warm as these lower temperatures take hold!

Manaaki te Atua / God Bless
Vicki and team

Continued below . . .

From the Diocese . . .

E te iwi whakapono, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa,
Attendance Dues Update

We would like to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, we are currently experiencing delays in processing times for financial assistance applications. Please rest assured that we have received your applications, and they are safely in our system.

Our Attendance Dues team at the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton is working diligently to ensure that all applications are processed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Please be reminded that, unless otherwise agreed, we do require a small regular payment to start before the application can be processed.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.
Kia whakapaingia koe e te Karaiti,

Attendance Dues Team
Catholic Diocese of Hamilton - Te Rohe Pihopa o Kirikiriroa

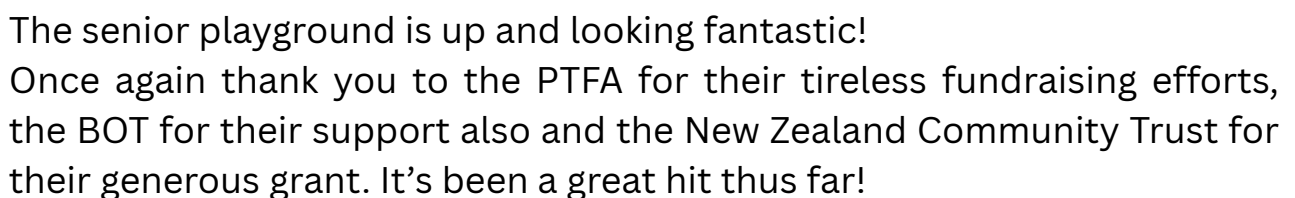


Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 6 May - 9.15am Koru Hub Biking
- Monday 12 - Sunday 18 May - Road Safety Week
- Thursday 15 May - 5.30pm BOT Meeting
- **Friday 16 May - Pink Shirt Day**
- Saturday 17 May - Monster Mountain Bike Event
- Friday 30 May - Teacher Only Day (**School Closed**)
- Monday 2 June - Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 3 June - Monday 9 June - Life Education
- Thursday 5 June - Greening Taupo Day
- Sunday 8 June - School Mass Pentecost
- Tuesday 17 June - Koru Hub Biking
- Thursday 19 June - 5.30pm BOT Meeting, Matariki Celebration, Mid Year Reports Home
- Tuesday 24 June - Parent Interviews/Whanau Hui
- Friday 27 June - Term 2 Ends





No donation required,
just come dressed in pink.

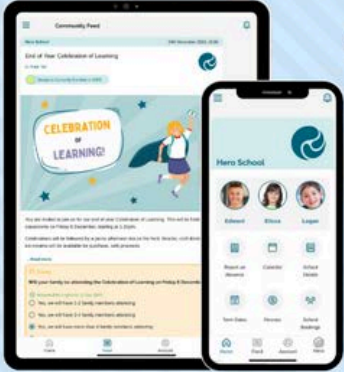




WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAT'S...

**Welcome to our
new communication
platform**



How to log into the HERO by Linc-Ed app

from the app store/play store

Download the Hero by LINC-ED app

Alternatively open your browser and enter go.linc-ed.com

Enter the email address supplied to the school > next

Click New User > you will be sent an email to create a password

(8 characters or more) > submit

Parents and Caregivers can currently :

- Report an absence ~ View term dates ~ Email your child's teacher
- View your financial account ~ Read the Community Feed Notices

In the future we will be adding school reports and curriculum assessments

Do you have our new communication app downloaded? We are no longer using Skool Loop to communicate with our school community. Don't miss out on important information, download Hero now!



Book Club

May is National Family Reading Month, and it's all about what we believe in most: helping kids build a love of reading that lasts a lifetime. Keep an eye out for the catalogue coming home this week.

This May, we're encouraging families to take the 31-Day Challenge. By reading together for just 10 minutes a day, they'll build powerful reading habits for life.

Families will also receive a \$5 promo code when they place any LOOP order this Issue, which they can use on Issue 4

2025 SPORTS FEES - NOW DUE

Winter sports start up this weekend. If your child plays Netball or Hockey, fees are now due and must be paid before the season starts.

Payment can be made at the school office or into the following bank account:

St Patrick's School Board of Trustees

ANZ Taupo 06-0429-0258960-00

You can see all your child's fees under the 'Finance' tab in the Hero app



St Patrick's School
FUN RAISING TEAM



MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT FOR UNDER 13 YEAR OLDS!

- Three courses- **one for any ability!**
- **Medal for all riders**, trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd on each course
- **PĀMU Monster Interschool Challenge**- Cash prizes for the schools that complete the most km's!
- Held in the awesome **Craters Mountain Bike Park**
- **Total Sport Micro Monster Mash**- untimed event just for preschoolers, all proceeds from this course will go to the incredible Kids Bike Taupō!

**HEAPS
OF SPOT
PRIZES!**

SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025

enter online at www.monstermtb.org.nz

LIMITED NUMBERS – GET IN QUICKLY!



**FIND OUT MORE
& ENTER HERE:**



R.E. REFLECTION



Pope Francis RIP 1936-2025



He was a kind and gentle leader who loved God, loved people, and loved the Earth. He reminded us to look after each other, especially people who are sad, sick, or lonely. He told us to care for the planet and always choose kindness. Now Pope Francis has gone to be with God in heaven, but we still carry his message in our hearts.

He believed you can do great things, even small things, to make the world better. Things like saying sorry, helping a friend, or standing up for someone who's left out. Now Pope Francis is with God in heaven. But we can keep his mission going – by being kind, brave, joyful, and full of love, just like he was.

Pope Francis Reflection

God of mercy and mission, We thank you for Pope Francis, a teacher of truth, a friend of the poor, a shepherd who walked with courage and joy. As educators, give us a heart like his: Open to wonder, brave in justice, ready to listen, slow to judge, and always leaning toward love. May his legacy echo in our classrooms and staff rooms, not just in words, but in the way we teach, serve, and lead. Amen.

Scripture Micah 6:8 “This is what the Lord asks of you: Only this – to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.”

This verse cries so much of what Pope Francis lived and taught: justice with compassion, love without condition, and humility grounded in deep faith.

The Pope Who Chose Simplicity

He could've had gold shoes. He chose black ones – worn, practical, and ordinary. He could've lived in a palace. He chose a small apartment, ate in the staff dining room, and carried his own bag. He could've stayed behind the scenes. He stepped into prisons, refugee camps, and slums.

He bent low to wash feet – of the poor, of women, of people society forgets. Pope Francis showed the world that leadership is service.

That faith is action - Our School Motto

R.E. REFLECTION



Value Focus for Term 2 is Integrity

In the Bible, integrity is often described as moral wholeness, sincerity, and honesty. It's about living a life that is consistent with one's beliefs and values, both in thought and action. The concept is not about perfection, but about aligning one's life with God's truth and doing good works, even when it's difficult.

Upcoming Events:

Senior Hub Friday Mass - 16th May

Middle Hub Friday Mass - 23 May

Junior Hub Friday Mass 6th June



SAVE THE DATE! - Parish/School Mass Pentecost Sunday 8th June. All children are expected to attend, classes will have artwork on display in the foyer, please come along and celebrate as a community.

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

ON
**SATURDAY
3RD MAY**

Upflow is joining forces with **Greening Taupo** again to plant even more native trees along **Wairakei Drive**

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Bring your gumboots, gardening gloves, a spade if you want — we'll have holes ready to go.
Don't forget wet weather gear if needed — we're planting rain or shine.

There will be a sausage sizzle and a hot drink afterwards for all planters.

SEE YOU THERE!

For more information, visit our website and like us on Facebook.

 www.greeningtaupo.org.nz



**GREENING
TAUPO**

Kia tangi ai te tini parirau
to hear the sound of many wings

**JOIN US FROM
11AM**

at Wairakei Drive,
Taupo

Planting is 1.5km along
Wairakei Drive
from the 80k sign
(heading north).

Look out for the new
Greening Taupo Flags!

Listen to More FM 93.6
for postponement & live updates

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Taupo-nui-a-Tia
COLLEGE

Become a host family!!

Your spare room can earn
\$320 per week, hosting an
international student!!

Students arriving
in July from
Germany, Japan,
Italy and
The Netherlands!!



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information please contact:

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— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

ABSENTEES

If your child is absent, for whatever reason, please contact the school before 9am. We do not presume for any reason why a student is absent and they will be marked Truant if we do not hear from anyone. You can let the office know by the following, School App - send an absentee notification via Hero, email - office@stpatstaupo.school.nz, Text - 027 756 4498