

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAUPO

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

It has been great being back at school since last week. To see the happy faces of our children at the liturgy last Monday when I spoke to the school, was heartwarming and made me realise the importance of my role. Having to leave so suddenly when my health deteriorated so quickly was not ideal but I am back with renewed energy and look forward to continuing the great work that is happening in our school.

I really appreciated Vicki and Matt stepping up at such short notice and doing a wonderful job in my absence. Sadly, Vicki lost her beloved mother due to a heart attack last week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Teacher only day

Just a reminder that there is a Taupō school teacher only day on Friday. The school will be closed. All the Taupō schools' staff will be gathering at Tauhara College to hear Jase Williams talking about what trauma informed practice looks like in schools.

Pentecost Mass

Many thanks to the families who came to the School/Parish Mass last Sunday. It was a beautiful Mass and it was wonderful to see our children taking part in the prayers and readings etc. Just a reminder that we only have a school Mass once a term and being a Catholic school, there is an expectation that all families try to make it to this Mass. This is usually pointed out when children are enrolled. I know that there will be circumstances where families cannot attend but it would be great if it can be marked in your calendars as an important event. Our next School/Parish Mass will be on **Sunday 15 September**.



Lockdown

Thank you to the many parents who sent messages to the school to thank us for the keeping the children safe during the lockdown a week and half ago. We have had a brand new emergency bell and alarm system from the Diocese which only became live at the beginning of this term. We have termly practises of emergency procedures but unfortunately had not had time for any since the new system was introduced. The staff and children did very well in the emergency and as a staff we have looked at tweaking our procedures after a review. Once it is finalised, we will share with the school community.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are happening this week and next week. If your child is involved, please remember to pack their swimsuits and towels each day. If for any reason your child cannot swim, a note must be sent to the teacher explaining the reason.

Have a great week.

Manaaki te Atua / God bless

Maureen



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



As part of the study happening in this term 'The Heat beneath my Feet', classes have been walking to the museum and surrounding area to look at the geothermal activity of our town.

These little 5 and 6 year olds made the trek there and back on Wednesday and were still feeling very positive after the hike up the hill.

I have talked to children who have great knowledge about what they have learnt.

Take time to have a chat with your child about what they know.

Hopefully the trip postponed on Tuesday will be rescheduled soon.



Classes working in the STEAM room have been learning about using the power of wind to power a vehicle.

Have a look at the results on the next page!



Wind vehicles
almost finished.

Time to take
them outside to
test drive.

Hopefully there
will be some
wind to get them
moving!



Success!

It was great seeing the
vehicles racing around
the courtyard.



DIARY DATES -TERM 2

27 May - 7 June	Junior Swimming (every day)
31 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
3 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 June	Greening Taupo Day 2024
18 June	Koru Junior Hub Biking
19 June	Interschool Swimming
27 June	5.30pm BOT Meeting
28 June	MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED
3 July	Interschool Ukulele Jam Orienteering Day
5 July	Term 2 Ends



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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 Mihi Powerstation.

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



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY MATTERS

Coming to school everyday is really important if children are to achieve and succeed. As parents are caregivers, it is up to you to make sure your child attends school every day.

NOTIFY

Sometimes your child may need to be away from school because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral. If your child is going to be away, let us know as soon as possible. Remember to tell us why and for how long your child will be away from school.

ARRANGE

Arrange appointments and trips outside school hours or during school holidays where possible. Holidays should be taken outside of term time. Events like a birthday are not justified reasons for being away from school.

CALL TO ACTION

If your child is away from school and you have not contacted us to let us know why, we will contact you by text and/or phone. We need to know the reason that your child is away and that they are safe. If your child has 5 days of unjustified absence within a term, you will receive a letter, alerting you to this and reminding you that your child must attend school regularly.

Regular Attendance = 90% or above
5 days absent in a term = 90%

NZ GEOTHERMAL WEEK 2024
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LITURGIES AND MASS TIMES

LITURGIES @ 10:30AM MONDAY

3 JUNE: NO LITURGY

10 JUNE: ROOM 3

FRIDAY MASSES @12PM

31 May: No class at Mass-
Teacher Only Day

7 June: No class at Mass

FAITH IN ACTION

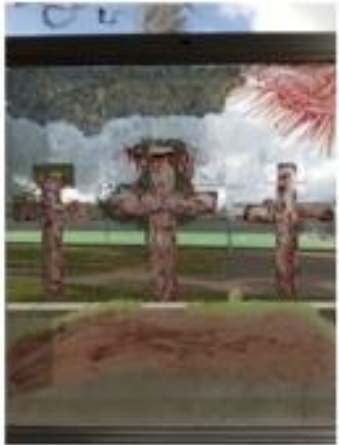
LAUDATO SI

Laudato Si from Pope Francis calls us to care for our common home. By participating in our upcoming planting days, students actively contribute to preserving and nurturing our environment, embodying the spirit of ecological stewardship and community action. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in hands-on activities that promote sustainability and respect for nature. Let's cultivate a greener future and demonstrate our commitment to protecting the Earth.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

ALL-POWERFUL GOD,
YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AND IN THE SMALLEST OF YOUR CREATURES.
YOU EMBRACE WITH YOUR TENDERNESS ALL THAT EXISTS. POUR OUT UPON US THE POWER
OF YOUR LOVE, THAT WE MAY PROTECT LIFE AND BEAUTY. FILL US WITH PEACE, THAT WE
MAY LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HARMING NO ONE.
O GOD OF THE POOR, HELP US TO RESCUE THE ABANDONED AND FORGOTTEN OF THIS
EARTH, SO PRECIOUS IN YOUR EYES. BRING HEALING TO OUR LIVES, THAT WE MAY PROTECT
THE WORLD AND NOT PREY ON IT, THAT WE MAY SOW BEAUTY, NOT POLLUTION AND
DESTRUCTION. TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LOOK ONLY FOR GAIN AT THE EXPENSE
OF THE POOR AND THE EARTH. TEACH US TO DISCOVER THE WORTH OF EACH THING, TO BE
FILLED WITH AWE AND CONTEMPLATION, TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE PROFOUNDLY UNITED
WITH EVERY CREATURE AS WE JOURNEY TOWARDS YOUR INFINITE LIGHT.
WE THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US EACH DAY. ENCOURAGE US, WE PRAY, IN OUR
STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, LOVE, AND PEACE.
AMEN.

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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.



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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
15 hours per week (negotiable)

We're HIRING

Are you a compassionate communicator with a passion for community, organisation and tracking finances?

If you're ready to bring your administrative talents to the Parish of Tongariro Catholic and contribute to our mission to be a community where people encounter God's Irresistible Grace, we'd love to hear from you! Apply now and join us in building a vibrant and connected parish community.

Email us for a job description or send through your up-to-date CV together with the names and contact details of two referees.
Applications close on 30 May 2024.

E: office@tongarirocatholic.nz

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 1pm

88 Acacia Bay Rd



PRAISE & WORSHIP
FRIDAY 21 JUNE 6PM



MONDAY CAFE

MONDAY, 3 JUNE

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER 7PM MASS



Whats Happening?

Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm to explore faith through 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.




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



This Sunday we explored how God guides us. We made prayer rocks reminding us to "Love one another as I have loved you!" We were excited to share the creations we made during our "Faith at Home" sessions! Check these out:





Tech Week!

Tutored Coding Activities

BEGINNER TO ADVANCED ABILITY LEVELS WELCOME

AGES 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15+
WEEKDAYS @ 4PM, 5PM OR 6PM
ATTEND ONLINE FROM HOME
JOIN US FOR A FUN SPACE
THEMED HOUR MAKING WEBSITES
& GAMES!

In sessions students learn how to
give technology instructions in a
language it understands, enabling
them to create instead of just
consume technology! A valuable skill
in our increasingly digital world.

SIGN UP FOR A FREE SESSION AT [CODINGNZ.COM](https://codingnz.com)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUNG PIONEERS

"Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders, One Skill at a Time"



Program Structure:

- Introduction to Self-Sufficiency:
- Gardening & Agriculture
- Animal Husbandry
- Basic Cooking and Nutrition
- DIY Skills
- Bush Craft & Skills
- Renewable Energy and Conservation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy
- Community Engagement
- Culminating Projects and Celebrations

Afterschool

7-10 year olds 3.30 - 4.30 Tuesdays & Wednesdays \$10 per child

To book email us at
info@taupotimebank.org



Young Pioneers is a hands-on programme designed to empower kids and young adults with essential life skills and foster self-sufficiency from a young age. Through engaging activities and practical lessons, children will learn valuable techniques for sustainability, resourcefulness, and independence. Our curriculum blends fun with learning, inspiring kids to become confident and capable individuals. Young Pioneers is set at our beautiful community gardens next to Spa Park - the perfect classroom!

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