



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 12 June

It was wonderful to have so many of our students and families attend the Pentecost Sunday Service. I hope you also enjoyed looking at the beautiful artwork on display in the church foyer, we have some very talented artists.

Professional Learning

During the last teacher only day our team was involved in professional learning focussed on writing. As a school we are beginning our journey implementing the SRSD (Self-Regulated Strategy Development) approach to writing. We are excited about its potential and look forward to growing great authors throughout the school.

Mid Year Reports

You will receive your child's report next Wednesday, 18th June. Please enjoy talking through these with your child and having them share with you about the wonderful learning they are engaged in. A reminder too, to book your parent/teacher interview time with their teacher for the following Tuesday, 24th June. The teachers look forward to meeting with you all. Please respect these are 10 minute time slots and that you are always welcome to arrange subsequent times with a teacher if necessary, thank you. Also, a friendly reminder that school will close at 1pm that day so please make arrangements for your child/ren to be picked up accordingly. There will be no buses running in the afternoon. For those children who have only started with us this term, there will not be a written report but we do strongly encourage you to book an interview time to have a chat about how your child has settled into school.

On Leave

From the end of this week I will be on leave until the beginning of September. This was a pre-organised get away prior to being asked to join the team at the beginning of this year. During my absence Cath Daignault will be Acting Principal, and Janine Ramsay will be have increased classroom release to support her. The school is in very safe hands and I will look forward to catching up with everyone upon my return.

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Until then, take care, enjoy the upcoming term break with your children and safe travels for those on the roads!

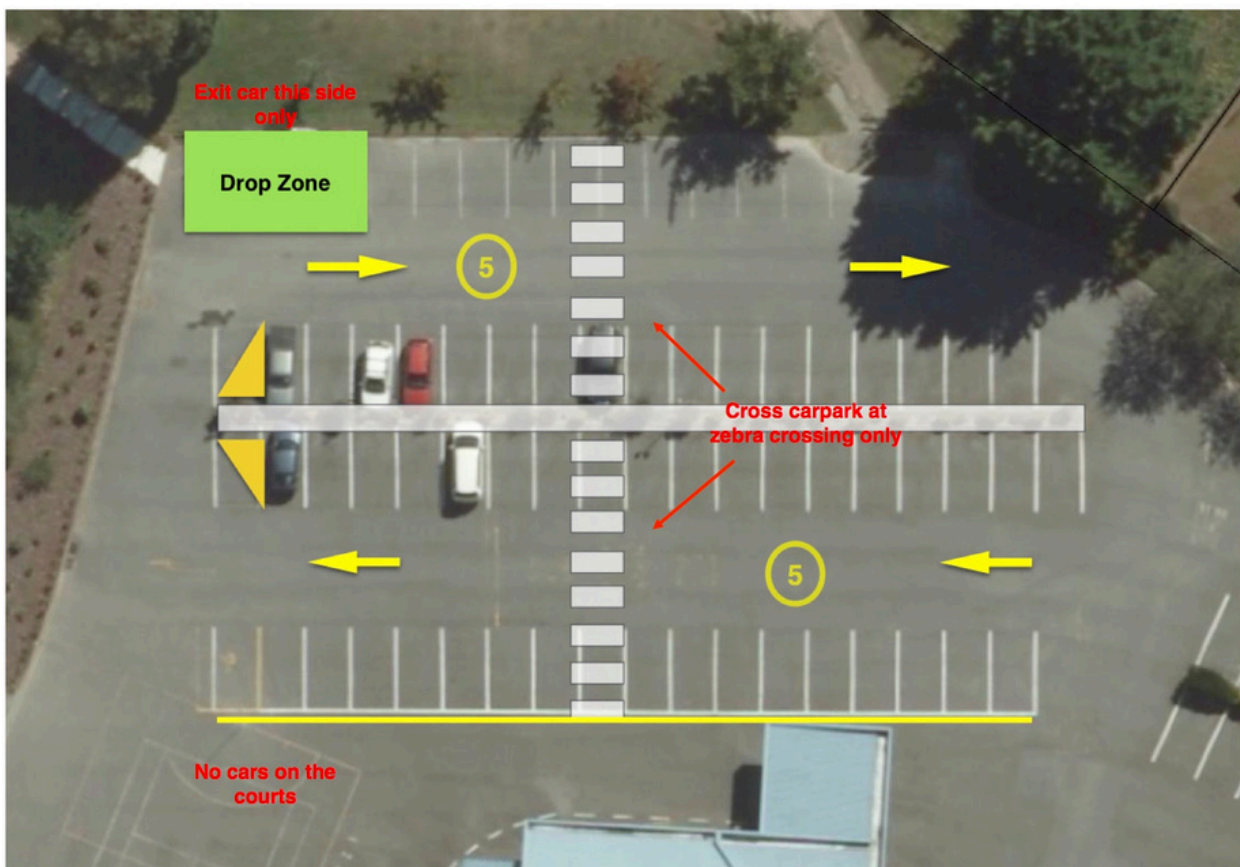
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Principal - Relieving

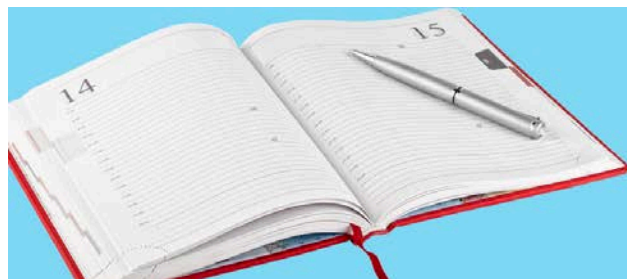
carpark SAFETY

Recently we have noticed many parents / whānau parking and driving in areas where they should not. This is compromising student safety and we ask that you please observe the following:

- Please park in the car park area to the right of the church only
- No parking on the grass area alongside the staff car park area to the left of the church (as you drive in); or along this driveway area.
- Please do not drive onto the court area at the front of the school, this is for pedestrian use only.
- There are two pedestrian crossings marked within the car park area. On wet days the bus children need to use these. Please have the courtesy to stop and let the children and bus teacher cross when it is raining, thank you.

We appreciate and thank you for putting student safety first.





DIARY DATES

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 27 May till Friday 13 June - Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme
- Tuesday 17 June - Koru Hub Biking
- Wednesday 18 June - Mid Year Reports Home
- Thursday 19 June - 5.30pm BOT Meeting, Matariki Celebration & Jumping June Event
- **Friday 20 June - Matariki (School Closed)**
- Tuesday 24 June - Parent / Teacher Interviews, **school closed from 1pm**
- Wednesday 25 June - Orienteering Big Day Out
- Friday 27 June - Term 2 Ends

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025

Book your 10 minute time slot
with your child's class teacher
through the **HERO app**

Click on the 'School Bookings' tab

PLEASE NOTE:

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM ON THIS DAY

R.E. REFLECTION



The Power of **PENTECOST**



Following the Holy Spirit, Catholic's learn to share God's Love everyday:

Pentecost is important to Catholics because it marks the day the Holy Spirit came to the apostles, giving birth to the Church. It reminds us that God's Spirit is with us, guiding and strengthening us in our faith. On this day, we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit to unite people of all languages and cultures.

Pentecost helps us understand the Fruits of the Spirit

1. **The Holy Spirit at Pentecost** gave the apostles the courage, wisdom, and love to spread Jesus' message—this is the beginning of how the fruits started to show in their lives (e.g., **love, joy, peace**).
2. **"God's Spirit is with us"** means that just like the apostles, we can receive the Holy Spirit and grow in the fruits such as **faithfulness, patience, and kindness** in our daily lives.
3. Unity of people of all languages and cultures shows the Spirit's work through gentleness, peace, and self-control, promoting harmony and understanding.
4. Understanding the fruits teaches us how to live like Jesus. The fruits are signs that we are living by the Holy Spirit and acting as true disciples.
5. Sharing God's love through our actions is how the fruits become visible—when we show generosity, kindness, and goodness, we live out Pentecost in the world today.

So, the Pentecost event is not just about what happened to the apostles—it teaches us how to grow and show the Fruits of the Spirit in our own lives.



R.E. REFLECTION



Matariki Liturgy

Matariki, the Māori New Year, can be related to Catholic traditions in several ways. It's a time for reflection, remembrance, and looking forward, aligning with Catholic principles of gratitude, honoring ancestors, and celebrating life.

Please join us as school to celebrate our Matariki Liturgy led by Room 4 and 5 at 2.30pm in the church on Thursday 19 June.



Let us Pray a Catholic Matariki prayer

E te Atua, God of the cycles and patterns of the universe and all living things whose ways we only begin to comprehend, open our hearts to the wonder of the natural world, to your incarnation throughout creation, and to your presence with and in us now.



NOTICE OF ELECTION: 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

Our tri-ennial election for our five elected parent board members will take place on **10 September 2025**. We will be calling for nominations (you can nominate yourself, or be nominated by someone else with your agreement) from **14 July 2025**, with nominations closing at noon, **6 August 2025**.

We need school board members who are focused on supporting teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement. Could this be you, or someone that you know?

WHAT DO BOARD MEMBERS DO?

- Board members work together to make sure every child/ tamariki reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement. As part of that key responsibility, here are some of the things boards do:
- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
 - Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
 - Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
 - Decide how the school's funding will be spent
 - Support the school's principal and support the development of all staff
 - Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

For our board to be the best it can be we need people around the board table with a range of these competencies, skills and personal qualities:

GENERAL COMPETENCIES

- Visionary leadership
- Strategic thinkers
- Analytical thinkers
- Practical people
- People who can communicate well
- Team players

HELPFUL SKILLS

- Strategic expertise
- Financial understanding
- Legal understanding
- Risk management
- People management
- Knowledge of education environment

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Integrity
- Curiosity
- Courage
- Interpersonal skills
- Genuine interest in the school and its students
- Time and commitment
- Willingness to learn

It is not expected that each trustee will have all of these skills, but a range of skills around the board table is essential.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Here are three ways you can learn more about the school board, and what being a school board member involves:

1. **Attend our next school board meeting**, scheduled for **5:30pm 19 June 2025**, to be held in the school board room. If you intend to come along please advise our presiding member by email: fionam@stpatstaupo.school.nz

Please note that if you wish to attend you are welcome to observe the meeting (apart from any publicly excluded business) but you will not have speaking rights on any of the meeting agenda items unless you have sought speaking rights prior to the meeting.

2. **Read Te Whakarōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa (NZ School Boards Association) booklet "Community member guide to the role of school boards"**
https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/05fbf6dda2/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees_Sept-2020-v3.pdf

3. **Complete Kōrari for Community Members:**
<https://www.nzstaresourcecentre.org.nz/learningeventsresources?ald=ka0RF0000008KeHYAU>

This pre-recorded webinar provides members of the public with an opportunity to find out more about what it means to be a school board member, the election process, and the role of the board.

QUESTIONS?

Email our presiding member, Fiona Mannington on fionam@stpatstaupo.school.nz if you have questions or if you wish to attend the next meeting.

Otherwise, keep an eye out for the call for nominations at the start of term 3!



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

Jumping June Kicks off with a Splash

We recently welcomed professional skipper, Sacha Willetts, to our school to launch Jumping June. Braving persistent showers, each class got to participate in a workshop with Sacha, where they picked up fantastic new tricks and skills!

Jump ropes for everyone!

Through our participation in Jumping June, the school has received a jump rope for each child. It's been wonderful seeing so many students eagerly taking advantage of opportunities before school and during breaks to sharpen their skipping skills. They're getting ready to shine at our skip-a-thon next Thursday, which will be a fantastic part of our whole-school Matariki celebration.

Smashing fundraising goals!

Our amazing students have already raised over \$3500 for the Heart Foundation through participation in the Jumping June fundraiser. If you haven't had a chance to set up your child's profile yet, don't worry – there's still time to jump in and contribute to this wonderful cause! Head over to jumpingjune.co.nz to get started. Let's keep that momentum going!





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



We have an action packed day planned for our Matariki Celebration this year! Check out the timetable below, and prepare to join us for all/some of the day.

9-11am Skip-a-thon

11.30-1pm Matariki themed activities in classrooms

1pm Shared kai - We invite each child to bring a plate of food that they enjoy eating at family/cultural celebrations for a shared lunch.

Please note: If your child's dish needs to be served warm, please deliver it to school just before 1pm.

2.20pm Liturgy in the Church led by Rooms 4 & 5

Mānawatia a Matariki | Celebrate Matariki



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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jasmine Abarquez (pictured right) entered a competition at the recent 'Kid's Greening Taupō planting day. Jasmine was the closest in estimating how many pieces of rubbish were in a container. For this she received this very handy tool for picking up rubbish. Well done Jasmine.



WELL DONE!

How cool is this! Elijah Adams (pictured below) recently won a colouring competition held as part of Road Safety Week. He then got to travel to school in a police car! He looks pretty happy! Well done buddy!



INTERSCHOOLS SWIMMING

What a fantastic day yesterday up at the AC Baths! St Pats was well represented and had some fabulous results. More to come but in the meantime check out some of the pics Vicki managed to get yesterday.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Taupo DeBretts
SPA RESORT

2025 TAUPO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

ANNUAL FAMILY PASS SPECIAL



soak@taupodebretts.com

\$295

A 12 month family pass for **ONLY \$295!**
Not only do you save off the normal price
but \$10 will be donated to your child's
school when you send us a completed
application form.

Access includes Outdoor and Indoor Pools,
Cold Pools and Spa Pools.
(Valid for 2 Adults and up to
4 Children under the age of 18).

Hydro slides are an additional cost.

Valid until 31st of July 2025

NO EXTENTIONS



To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser,
you must have children attending a local school

Nominate your
Taupo School



St Patrick's School Taupo - Flyers available from office

ADULT 1

ADULT 2

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

CHILD 3

CHILD 4

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Bank Account: 01-0427-0143377-000
TAUPO HOT SPRINGS LTD



For Payments, use the name of ADULT 1
as reference.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

7s Rugby Tour Movie Fundraiser

12 local Taupo college girls will be heading to Hong Kong on a 7s Rugby Tour at the end of September this year. This is a once in a lifetime experience and for many the first time on a plane and travelling out of Aotearoa. They are fundraising hard to keep costs down. The Movie day is the 29th June at the Great Lake Centre.

The girls thought that as we don't have a movie theatre in town it would be a good chance for people to head to the movies during the school holidays.

Tickets can be purchased online - Kids \$11 and Adults \$16.

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XNE> Paw Patrol

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XNC> Jumanji

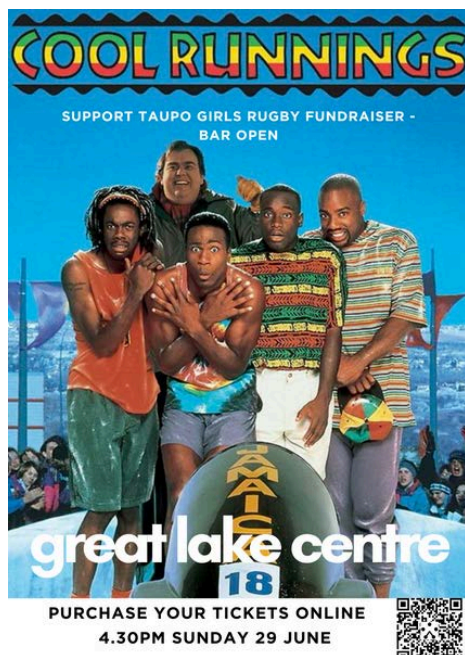
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XND> Transformers

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XNE> Cool Runnings

If you have any questions please get in touch.

Rose Prisk - Manager

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

MALCOLM FLOWERS INSURANCES
TAUPŌ WINTER FESTIVAL
celebrating ten years

WAIRAKEI ESTATE
ICE RINK
27 JUN – 13 JULY
TONGARIRO NORTH DOMAIN

paradice EVENTS

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Saturday 2nd August 2025
NZ Geothermal Week
Contact Energy
Public Open Day

Be among the first to explore the newly commissioned Tauhara Power Station.
Join the team at Contact for a free guided tour and see behind the scenes of this exciting new development.

Get in fast to secure your space by registering at
www.geothermalweek.co.nz

Buses leave from Taupō town centre.

Taupō Kindergartens



When your tamariki step through our gate, they become part of our whānau, and we become part of yours.

Central Kids has five kindergartens in the Taupō area and we're proud to have served many generations of whānau.

- 8am - 3.30pm, open during term breaks.
- Tamariki from 2-6 years of age.
- Low fees + extra support available.
- Māori language, culture and identity valued and thriving.
- Environmental focus with regular excursions within our community.
- Highly experienced, qualified kaiako in every service.
- Child-led, learning through play philosophy.



**NAU MAI
HAERE MAI**

Pop in for a visit
and a look around
any time!

Hinemoa Kindergarten
61 Hinemoa Avenue, Taupō
07 378 7430

Laughton Kindergarten
29 Laughton Street, Taupō
07 378 6401

Kinloch Kindergarten
(Mon/Tue/Fri only)
14 Mata Place, Kinloch
021 198 1935

Waipāhīhi Kindergarten
21 Frederick Street, Taupō
07 378 7993

Northwood Kindergarten
30 Northwood Road, Taupō
07 378 2699

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