



From the Principal's Desk....

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy but successful term for everyone at St Patrick's.



Next week on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of April the children are participating in two House days. On Tuesday they will work in their House Groups learning about and participating in activities related to ANZAC Day and the importance of honouring it as New Zealanders. On Wednesday, they will be working in their House Groups again and will do activities related to the Commonwealth Games.

This is a fun and exciting way for the students to finish the term and also provides a great opportunity for staff to plan an exciting range of activities and inquiries for Term 2.

Caritas Challenge - Tomorrow, Friday 6th April

The focus for the 2018 Caritas Challenge is on Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste is located in Southeast Asia, just a few hundred kilometres northwest of Australia. During the early years of independence Timor-Leste experienced internal conflict. Since then there has been significant effort to build a peaceful country with a stable government.



Tomorrow we would like the students to bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards helping the people of Timor-Leste to support the rebuilding of their country after years of war.



Thank you to all our parents for supporting this initiative.

St Patrick's School Cross Country at Elmwood Park - Thursday 12th April

The St Patrick's School Cross Country will take place on Thursday 12th April at 1:00pm at Elmwood Park. This location is partly due to the fact that no students will have to run along the busy streets where the old track used to be and parents will be able to see their child running throughout the whole course.



The first race will commence at 1:00pm. This year we will also be running boys and girls at the same time. All races should be completed by approximately 2:45pm. The distances set below are in line with the West Zone and Canterbury Cross Country distances.

1:00pm	New Entrants	Boys and Girls	Approx 500m
	Year 1/2	Boys and Girls	1 Lap of the full course 730m
	Year 3/4	Boys and Girls	2 Laps of the full course 1.46km
	Year 5/6	Boys and Girls	3 Laps of the full course 2.19km
	Year 7/8	Boys and Girls	4 Laps of the full course 2.92km

Parents are more than welcome to come down and support their children from 1:00pm onwards. At the conclusion of the racing all students will receive an ice-block in recognition of their efforts.

If the event has to be postponed due to weather conditions the Cross Country be held in Term 2.



### Three-Way Interviews

After working our way through the huge response to our 'Reporting to Parents' survey and analysing the responses, we have decided to implement some changes to the way we conduct our Student-Led Conferences and Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Student-Led Conferences won't be held in Term 1 as in previous years. Instead, these will be replaced by Three-Way Interviews early in Term 2. The philosophy behind Three-Way Interviews is for your child to be part of the learning conversation. They will run for 15 minutes to allow for a more indepth conversation to take place. The dates for the Interviews are below.

Monday 14th May, 3:30pm - 6:30pm  
 Wednesday 16th May, 1:30pm - 6:30pm

In 2018, the Three-Way Interviews will take place in Terms 2 and 3 and in 2019 they will move to the end of Terms 1 and 3. The information for booking a Three-Way Interview next term will be emailed out to everyone shortly.

Please make the most of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

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### Term 2 Reminder

Just a reminder that the last day of Term 1 is next Friday 13th April and Term 2 begins on Monday 30th April.



### Christchurch School of Gymnastics - Year 1 - 4

Gymnastics starts next term for all Year 1-4 children. Every Thursday for six weeks starting on Thursday 3rd May, the students will travel by bus to the Christchurch School of Gymnastics for an hour long session with a specialist gymnastics Instructor.

The activity fee will covers the cost of the bus and the six Gymnastics sessions.



### Important Dates: Term 1, 2018

6th Apr	Canterbury Swimming
12th April	School Cross Country
13th Apr	11:30am Assembly Room 7
13th Apr	Last Day of Term 1
30th Apr	First day of Term 2
30th Apr	ANZAC Assembly
3rd May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
10th May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
11th May	Assembly Room 6
14th May	Three Way Interviews
16th May	Three Way Interviews
17th May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
17th May	West Zone Cross Country
18th May	Winter Sports Begin Year 5 -8

### Coffee Morning - Next Friday 13th April

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am when school starts for coffee and a chat next Friday 13th April.

It's a great way to meet other parents, especially if you are new to the school. Pre-school children are most welcome to come along.



### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are available at St Patrick's School. Contact Hillary Buckland on 027 3430533

