



From the Principal's Desk....

Thank you to the many generous families, businesses, supporters and friends of the community who have given up their precious time and energy sourcing and donating goods, services and vouchers for the School Fair on Sunday 18th March.

We are all very excited about the School Fair this Sunday. It will be a fabulous day and we look forward to seeing everyone coming along to celebrate what has traditionally been a fantastic community event.

There is something for everyone including auctions, toys, books, clothing, up cycling, flowers, plants, bake sale, craft, Devonshire teas, a delicious array of food, BBQ and a Pimms Lawn & Bar. For the children there is everything from a bouncy castle to bubble soccer, jolly jars, face painting, pamper parlour, DIY jelly, games and much more!

A special thank you to Kate Watson, Maria McGoldrick and everyone on the PFA who has worked tirelessly over the last few months planning and organising the School Fair. This is a big commitment and one which we, as a school community, are incredibly grateful for.



St Patrick's Day - Friday 16th March

Don't forget that tomorrow we are celebrating St Patrick's Day. It is also our School Feast Day and we will be holding a combined school Mass with St Albans Catholic School beginning at 11:00am in the Church.

This is a very special day at St Patrick's and we are lucky to be sharing the day with St Albans Catholic School.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green for the day. There is NO Fantastic Friday Programme tomorrow so don't worry about bringing your sports uniform.

In the afternoon the PFA are very kindly putting on a sausage sizzle for the students. At approximately 1:15pm we will be having the annual St Patrick's Day Parade and games over at Plynlimon Park followed by an ice block from St Albans Catholic School.

We welcome you all to come and watch the parade and games in the afternoon!



Reporting to Parents Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our 'Reporting to Parents' survey. We really appreciated you taking the time to respond to gauge how we will structure our reporting to you on your child's learning, now and in the future. We were hoping to get a 70% response to our survey so were extremely happy to close the survey this week knowing 85% of our school community has responded!





Villa Maria College Presentation - Tuesday 27th March, 7:00pm - 8.30pm

We wish to ensure that all girls in Year 8 in our Catholic contributing schools have the opportunity to attend Villa Maria College in 2019. We are aware that parents of Year 7 girls may also be considering secondary school options (for Year 9) at this time and we would like to extend this invitation to girls and parents at this level to join this meeting.

We have arranged for Deborah Brrosnahan, the Principal of Villa Maria to meet with our Year 7 & 8 students and their parents on Tuesday 27th March, 7:00pm - 8.30pm, in the St Patrick's School Library.

Please RSVP by Monday 26th March via email: trishmckendry@stpatricks.school.nz



Villa Maria College

Marist Hockey

Marist Hockey Club have restructured their Fun Sticks Programme (Years 0-2) to meet the needs of the children and encourage the parents to be actively involved in their children's winter sports. Mini Sticks (Yr3-4) is now looking for new and returning players. It is a great way for children to play a winter sport with their peers and create a bond that lasts a lifetime.

The children can still register the same way at maristhockey.co.nz, click on the register here link. If children would like to set up a school team, please forward the names of the children and their team name to our club. If you are unable to set up a school team, please register and we will place children in a team.

Please contact Ellen Crofts at maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com for any questions.



School Banking with SBS

Every Thursday at St Patrick's Tracey Hughes from SBS is on site to collect our school banking from the office. Anyone who is interested in opening a school bank account for their child can collect information on how to do this from the School Office. The SBS Bank Incentive Saver is designed specifically for your child to help them understand how money grows and to encourage regular saving.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2018

16th Mar	St Patrick's Day
18th Mar	School Fair
20th Mar	Small Sticks Hockey
22nd Mar	Small Sticks Hockey
23rd Mar	11:30am Assembly Room 4
25th Mar	Palm Sunday
28th Mar	Stations of the Cross
29th Mar	Small Sticks Hockey
30th Mar	Good Friday
2nd Apr	Easter Monday - No School
3rd Apr	Easter Tuesday - No School
4th Apr	Student-Led Open Night
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

School Facebook Page

Don't forget to like and Share our School Facebook page. Our Facebook Page is great for sharing the happenings throughout the week at St Patrick's School.

Please help us by spreading the word!



Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports will be running a one day Holiday Programme on Easter Tuesday as there is no school on this day. If this is something that interests you please contact Braedon Gurden on 027 2737773 or email braedon@kellysports.co.nz for more information.

