



From the Principal's Desk....

A huge thank you to all the parents, families, students and community who came along and supported the School Fair last Sunday. Thank you to our sponsors, those who gave fabulous donations and the PFA and parent helpers who made the day so successful.

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.

Once again, it showcases how wonderful our school community is and all the staff, children, PFA and Board of Trustees are very grateful for your tremendous support. While we are yet to deduct expenses the PFA has indicated that together we have raised almost \$65,500, which is quite extraordinary for a school of our size.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support!

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Touch Rugby

Congratulation to the Year 4 Mixed St Patrick's Touch Team who played in the final at Nunweek Park on Tuesday evening. There were 13 teams in their grade so finishing 2nd for a school of our size is a fantastic result. We look forward to seeing this team in action in the future!



Reporting to Parents Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our 'Reporting to Parents' survey. We really appreciate 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. Please see the handout attached.



Easter and Easter Tuesday

Just a reminder that there will be no school on the following days: Friday 30th March, Monday 2nd April and Tuesday 1st April.

For over 60 years now Easter Tuesday has been a school holiday for children who go to state and state integrated schools in NZ. By law, schools must be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday as they are public holidays, and Easter Tuesday which is a school holiday.

When Easter falls in April this school holiday often goes unnoticed by parents. This is because, where possible, the Ministry tries to align the start of the April school holidays with Easter.

When Easter falls early, like this year where Good Friday is on 30th March, the end of term can't be aligned so there is a 5 day Easter break during term time.

This means if you plan to work on Easter Tuesday, 2nd April, you will need to make some childcare arrangements.





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Plants - Gold coin donation

There is quite a number of plants left over from the School Fair. The PFA would like to offer these to families for a gold coin donation.

The plants will be available in front of the office window as you come into school.



Palm Sunday - 25th March

Palm Sunday is this Sunday, and marks the first day of Holy Week.

The day is called 'Palm Sunday' because the people of Jerusalem threw palm leaves on the ground as a greeting when Jesus arrived.

Palm Sunday is always the Sunday before Easter and is also the final day of Lent.



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.



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 Brosnahan, 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



Important Dates: Term 1, 2018

23rd Mar	11:30am Assembly Room 4
25th Mar	Palm Sunday
27th Mar	Villa Evening 7:00 - 8:30pm
28th Mar	HPV Vaccinations
29th Mar	Stations of the Cross
29th Mar	Small Sticks Hockey
30th Mar	Good Friday - No School
2nd Apr	Easter Monday - No School
3rd Apr	Easter Tuesday - No School
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.

