



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 9 everyone.

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 in early 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.

We hope all families have a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 3rd April.



Primary School Swimming Championships - Thursday 4th April

Congratulations to all the students who have qualified to compete at the Primary School Swimming Championships at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Thursday 4th April.



We wish you all the best for your events next week!

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 3rd 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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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.

Coffee Morning - Next Friday 6th April

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am when school starts for coffee and a chat next Friday 6th 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.




The BLCC and Hereora Cluster Present...
Dr Lester Flockton

Reconnecting with our NZ Curriculum
ENABLING CHANGE

The removal of National Standards creates an exciting opportunity for schools to reconnect with the NZ Curriculum. New Zealand is renowned worldwide for providing a Curriculum that aims to create young people who are confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners.


We welcome you to join Dr Lester Flockton for an empowering evening that enables you to be part of this exciting journey and continue to create successful home-school partnerships.



WHEN:
 Wednesday 4th April
 7:00 - 8:00pm

WHERE:
 Waimairi School Hall
 1 Tillman Avenue
 Christchurch

COST:
 This is a free event!



Dr Flockton is a leading NZ educator...teacher, principal, school inspector, Ministry official, and academic. He was awarded the NZ Order of Merit and played a prominent part in the development and introduction of the New Zealand Curriculum. He was also one of the designers of New Zealand's nationally and internationally recognised National Education Monitoring Project. He was until recently the emeritus director of the Educational Assessment Research Unit at the University of Otago and the National Education Monitoring Project.

- A Burnside Learning Community and Hereora Cluster Event -

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. Unfortunately the handout last week was of poor quality so the results will be published online.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2018

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
4th Apr	Enabling Change Evening
6th Apr	Canterbury Swimming
12th Apr	School Cross Country
13th Apr	11:30am Assembly Room 7
13th Apr	Last Day of Term 1
30th Apr	First day of Term 2
14th May	Three Way Interviews
16th May	Three Way Interviews

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.

