



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone.

We hope you all enjoyed a well deserved break and managed to spend some time with friends and family over the school holidays. There are some exciting things happening this term both in and out of the classroom for the students at St Patrick's.

Space will be at a premium this term with the construction of our new senior classroom block to begin in the coming weeks. We hope to share with you shortly the new design and layout as well as a timeline of construction for the new build.



Christchurch School of Gymnastics - Year 1 - 4

For the next six weeks students in Year 1 - 4 will be going down to the Christchurch School of Gymnastics at QEII Park. They promise that the programme offered will 'delight and challenge' whilst also teaching the fundamental physical skills required for today's children.



I am sure all the students are very excited about these days and will really enjoy everything that the Christchurch School of Gymnastics has to offer. Students will be bused to and from the venue with Room 4 and Year 4 students in Room 5 leaving at 12:30 and returning at 1:30 and Room 1 and 2 leaving at 1:30 and returning at 2:30.

All students will need to wear their Sports Uniform to school every Thursday.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for photos!

St Patrick's School Cross Country at Elmwood Park - Wednesday 2nd May

The St Patrick's School Cross Country will take place on Thursday 2nd May 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.



Coffee Morning - Friday 4th May

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am when school starts for coffee and a chat this Friday 4th May. 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.



Parent-Teacher 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 Parent-Teacher Interviews early in Week 3. The Parent-Teacher Interviews is also open for your child to be in attendance so they can 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 Parent-Teacher 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 Parent-Teacher Interview this term will be emailed out to everyone shortly.

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



Important Dates: Term 2, 2018

30th Apr	First day of Term 2
2nd May	Cross Country 1pm
3rd May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
7th May	School Inquiry Trips
10th May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
11th May	Assembly Room 6
13th May	Mothers Day
14th May	Parent-Teacher Interviews
16th May	Parent-Teacher Interviews
17th May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
17th May	West Zone Cross Country
18th May	Winter Sports Begin Year 5 -8
24th May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
25th May	Assembly Room 8
31st May	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
4th June	Queens Birthday Weekend
7th June	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
8th June	Assembly Room 5

Term 2 Inquiry

This term the students inquiry learning is based around the themes 'Canterbury Tales' and 'The Good Old Days' as part of the Social Sciences Curriculum.



To launch our Social Sciences Inquiry Year 1 - 4 students are focusing on 'The Good Old Days'. Next Monday 7th May they will be participating in a series of learning experiences at the Ferrymead Historic Park.

The Year 5 - 8 students are focusing on 'Canterbury Tales'. Next Monday 7th May they will be taking part in a lesson at the Canterbury Museum and participating in a Historical Scavenger Hunt along one of the four main avenues of Christchurch.

We are sure these two 'Tunning In' activities will have all our students hooked for the learning ahead this term!