



From the Principal's Desk....

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through Term 2.

From all the staff at St Patrick's we hope you all enjoy a very pleasant and safe Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 4th June 2018.



Numicon at St Patrick's

Numicon is a teaching resource designed to help children visualise patterns and numbers. It offers children multi-sensory activities with patterned shapes, rods, number lines, and a broad range of everyday experiences and contexts so that their understanding of number ideas is very richly varied.



On Tuesday 5th June you are invited to attend one of two presentations on Numicon and what it looks like at St Patrick's. The first session will be at 2:00pm and then repeated at 7:00pm in Room 8.

Both sessions will be run by Margi Leech (Director of Numicon NZ) to talk about the pedagogy behind Numicon and see some of the resources in action.

To register your interest please go to - <https://goo.gl/forms/dwdFJeVVUhlFyBt52>

Three Way Interviews Feedback

Thank you to all the families who took part in the Three Way Interviews.

We have had about 43% of our families fill out the Three Way Interviews Feedback form. We understand that there will still be questions or wonderings and would appreciate you taking the time to respond about how the Three Way Interviews went for you and your family. Please take the time to answer the following seven questions about Three Way Interviews. The link to the survey is below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/KOfkElQGBDgt8A1O2>

Once again all completed surveys will go in to the draw to win one of two \$50 Westfield Vouchers!

Handy Tips for Parenting - Coffee Morning

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am after school starts for coffee and a chat tomorrow, Friday 1st June. It's a great way to meet other parents, especially if you are new to the school.

Maree Grant our RTL (Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour) is going to be sharing some 'Handy Tips for Parenting'. We promise it will be informative, interesting and humorous!

Don't forget, pre-school children are most welcome to come along.





2018 National Young Leaders Day

Yesterday all our Year 8 students attended the 2018 National Young Leaders Day at Horncastle Arena. The theme for this years event was 'Me Whakaro Rangatira' - Think Like a Leader! The students (and staff) all had a wonderful time.

National Young Leaders Day is an annual leadership event held in major cities around New Zealand. Since 2001 over 110,000 students have been empowered to become leaders.

The day aims to develop student leadership and be both inspirational and practical. Today's young people are the future leaders of our nation – equip them with the skills and values to lead well.



Whole School, Parish Mass - Sunday 10th June at 9am

On Sunday 10th June we have our whole school Parish Mass for all our students and their families in the Church at 9:00am.

For this special Mass, we would like all the students to attend in their School Uniform and meet on the lawn in front of the Church no later than 8:45am. The students will be sitting together with the staff at the front of the Church for Mass.

After Mass there will be a morning tea in the Parish Hall. As per tradition, we would appreciate anyone who is in Houses Joyce and Harrison to bring a plate of food to share. Please deliver this to the Parish Hall kitchen before Mass begins.

We look forward to seeing all our students and their families there!



Important Dates: Term 2, 2018

5th June	Numicon Parents Sessions
6th June	ICAS - Spelling
7th June	Gymnastics Year 1 - 4
7th June	ICAS - Writing
8th June	Assembly Room 5
8th June	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
10th June	Parish, School Mass - 9am
15th June	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
22nd June	Assembly Room 1
22nd June	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
29th June	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
3rd July	BOT Meeting 7pm
6th July	Assembly Room 2
6th July	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
31st August	Teacher Only Day

Plynlimon Road Entrance Closure

Next week the Plynlimon street entrance will be closed for the remainder of the school year. Farrell Construction will be beginning to set up their construction site with work to begin on Monday 11th June.



Next week will share with you the design and layout of our new senior classroom block, as well as an overview of the timeline for construction and alternative court space arrangements while construction is taking place. We apologise for the delay of information, however this is outside of our control.