



### From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 3 everyone. I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the exciting events that Term 3 has to offer. This Term, is all about science and awakening our students awareness and curiosity of the world, and the role science plays in it.

Primary teachers and principals made their voices heard at union meetings in late June, where they voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry's offer. There is currently a ballot taking place by primary teachers and principals to decide whether to turn the proposed 3-hour strike into a full-day strike on Wednesday 15th August. This decision should be known by Tuesday 31st July. Members felt the offer did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We will keep you informed of any strike action that may take place.



### West Zone Winter Sports Tournament - Monday 30th July

Next Monday 30th July is the West Zone Winter Sports Tournament, which is being held at South Hagley Park. All students in Year 5 - 8 will be participating and the games will run from 12:00pm - 2:30pm. Students will be bused to and from South Hagley Park and must wear their sports uniform to school on this day. The postponement date is Monday 6th August.



### 'Everyone is a Scientist' - Tuning In Day

What a fabulous day we had yesterday for our Term 3 Inquiry 'Everyone is a Scientist'. Many valuable science concepts were explored, discussed and discovered through many hands on, interactive activities and experiments.

We made connections with our wider science community and utilised their expert scientific knowledge and skills to empower our students. A special thank you to Mr Dave Litton (Physics Teacher at St Bede's College and Rocket Scientist) for launching a rocket for us at Plynlimon Park. We also participated in an amazing presentation from Paco Uybarreta (Ella's Dad in Room 7) who is a category one experimental test pilot and a lecturer at the Engineering Department at the University of Canterbury.

Thank you also to our amazing teachers for helping to make this such a successful day for our students.



### Coffee Morning - Friday 10th August

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room after school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat on Friday 10th August. 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.





### Sir Peter Blake Trust Young Leader Award

Congratulations to Finn Callaghan who received the Sir Peter Blake Trust Young Leader Award last term.

Sir Peter Blake believed in the incredible potential of young kiwis to achieve great things. He knew that inspiring leaders of any age could be found in every corner of New Zealand.

In partnership with Westpac, the Young Leaders Awards celebrate young people whose leadership stands out in their schools and communities.

Thank you to Jacki from Westpac for presenting this award during our Fantastic Friday celebration last term.



### Thank you to SBS Bank and the PFA!

A big thank you to SBS and the PFA for purchasing some brand new sports gear for all of our students at St Patrick's. We were very fortunate to receive a \$1000 grant from SBS and together with the PFA we have purchased a huge range of sports gear for the students.

A big thank you to Mrs Tohill and her son for helping with the collecting and construction of the hoops in the holidays.



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### Important Dates: Term 3, 2018

27th July	Winter Sports
30th July	West Zone Winter Tournament
31st July	ICAS English
2nd Aug	Benediction 12pm
3rd Aug	Coffee Morning
3rd Aug	Winter Sports
3rd Aug	Room 2 Assembly
6th Aug	ERO Arrives
9th Aug	ERO Departs
10th Aug	Winter Sports
14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics
17th Aug	Assembly Room 4
17th Aug	Winter Sports
22nd Aug	Ski Day Mt Hutt
26th Aug	1st Holy Communion
31st Aug	Teacher Only Day

### St Patrick's After School Care

After School Care is based in Room 5 from 3.00pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, for Year 1 to Year 8 students.

You can book a permanent day(s) or when space allows, book casually; knowing that your child is safe, nurtured and entertained. Regular activities include outdoor and indoor games, sport, arts and crafts, self-directed homework, free play and movie sessions.

If you are interested in After School Care please contact Fay on 351-9190. An enrolment sheet must be filled in before attending.

