



From the Principal's Desk....

Thank you to all our staff and students who provided Anna Davidson and Shelley Wylie from the Education Review Office (ERO) with such a warm welcome to St Patrick's this week. Anna and Shelley will present their preliminary findings to the Board of Trustees tonight. We will share the final published report, to our school community once it is made available.

Today we held a Red and Black Day to celebrate the Canterbury Crusaders winning their 9th Super Rugby Title. Make sure you check out the students photos on our school Facebook page. Thank you to Kate Watson who organised Canterbury Crusaders flags and posters, which were given out to the students today.



Parenting Tips 2, Coffee Morning - Friday 10th August

Come along this Friday 10th August at 9am, to the Staffroom and meet our Resource Teacher, Maree Grant. Over coffee and a chat she is going to be sharing some 'Handy Tips for Parenting' (Session 2). It will be informative, interesting and humorous! Pre-schoolers are welcome.



William Pike Evening - Tuesday 14th August

William knows firsthand the value of life skills, resilience and relationships for facing big challenges. He was one of two young climbers caught in a volcanic eruption on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu, in 2007. Pike suffered numerous life threatening injuries, and as a result, his right leg was amputated below the knee, needing extensive recovery and rehabilitation.

By adopting an explorer mindset, William was once again, able to embrace his love of the outdoors and education, which now he now passes on to a new generation of kiwi students through the William Pike Challenge Award.



Our William Pike Challenge Award launch will take place next Tuesday 14th August at 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. While the William Pike Challenge is for our Year 7 and 8 students this event is open to our School Community to attend and listen to William Pike's amazing story and why the William Pike Challenge is so important to him.

Full-day Strike Action - Wednesday 15th August

A strike of all teaching staff who are members of NZEI will take place on Wednesday 15th August. St Patrick's will be closed on this day. "Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994. We now face a growing and unprecedented crisis in our schools, with teacher shortages, stress, workload and under-resourcing putting the quality of teaching and learning for our children on the line." (NZEI)



We know that strike action is really challenging for families and it is a decision that we take very seriously. The crisis in teaching has been growing over several years and is at a critical stage. We ask for your support in making this monumental statement about education.



Te Hononga, Cluster Cultural Festival - Thursday 16th August

On Thursday 16th August, the Year 1 - 4 St Patrick's School Kapa Haka group will be performing at the Te Hononga, Cluster Cultural Festival at the Aurora Centre.



This is an evening performance. Information regarding this was sent home on Monday. All students in Year 1 - 4 are expected to attend.

Tickets for the festival are on sale at the school office. Tickets are to be paid by cash or Eftpos please and are \$5.00 each.

Canterbury Hockey

Congratulations to Keeley Hughes (Year 8), Cara Morrison (Year 8) and Louie Hall (Year 7) who were recently named in their respective Canterbury Primary Hockey Teams.

Keeley and Cara were selected for the Canterbury Girls A Primary Hockey Team and will head to North Harbour to defend the Collier Trophy in the school holidays.

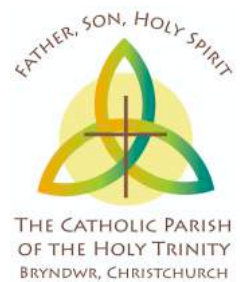
Louie Hall was selected for the Canterbury Boys B Primary Hockey Team and will travel to the McGrath Tournament in Rotorua in the school holidays.



2018 Holy Trinity Confirmation Programme - Wednesday 24th October

Planning is underway for the 2018 Holy Trinity Parish Confirmation Programme. All Year 8 students and older, including adults who have not already been confirmed are invited to attend the programme. Enrolment forms will be sent home today.

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 24th October in the St Matthew's Church at 7:00pm



Important Dates: Term 3, 2018

10th Aug	Coffee Morning
10th Aug	Winter Sports
14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics
14th Aug	William Pike 6:30pm
15th Aug	NZEI Strike Action Day
16th Aug	Year 7/8 visit Rutherford Den
16th Aug	Year 1/4 Cultural Festival
17th Aug	Assembly Room 4
17th Aug	Winter Sports
22nd Aug	Ski Day Mt Hutt
23rd Aug	Centrals Winter Tournament
24th Aug	Winter Sports
26th Aug	1st Holy Communion
31st Aug	Teacher Only Day
5th Sep	Year 5/8 Cultural Festival
7th Sep	Assembly Room 7

School Banking with SBS Bank

If you missed the SBS Banking Open Day yesterday, you can still register by collecting an application pack from Selena in the school office.

Please bring: Identification, Address Verification & Children's IRD No.

Children: Passport or Birth Certificate.
Parents: Passport, Drivers Licence and a NZ Bank Name Embossed Card/Bank Statement
Address Verification: Utility Bill, Rates Bill, Bank Statement.

School Banking Bags are to be deposited in the SBS House in the school office before school starts (8.50am) each Thursday and returned to school Friday.

If you have any questions please phone feel free to contact Tracey Hughes on 3750844.

