



From the Principal's Desk....

A big thank you to our parent community for supporting the Teacher Strike yesterday. We understand that for some of you yesterdays disruption would have been hard to manage and we appreciate your ongoing support. Below is a small extract from NZEI.



This is about choices. A 16% increase in primary teacher salaries would cost \$300 million a year. This is equivalent to 4km of the \$1.9 billion Warkworth to Wellsford motorway. Or approximately one cockpit of one of the four new military planes the Government has purchased. Yes, 91% of NZers want more money to be spent on education. And 83% think teachers need a pay increase. The vast majority of them think teachers need a decent pay increase, and 67% even thought double digits.

Year 1 – 4, Te Hononga - Cluster Cultural Festival, tonight at the Aurora Centre

Good luck to all our Year 1 – 4 students taking part in the Te Hononga - Cluster Cultural Festival at the Aurora Centre tonight. The focus is on having fun, participation and sharing their learning with other local schools and we know you will all do St Patrick's proud.



Some reminders for the night:

- Please drop off your child at the back of the main Burnside High car park area no later than 5:30pm. Look for the St Patrick's School flag. Year 1-4 teachers will be there to look after them and take them to a waiting room inside.
- Pick up is at the same point after the show. We will bring the children back out to the same area once they have shoes and polar fleeces back on. Your child's teacher will mark them off once picked up. Please make sure they have been checked off before leaving.
- Expected finish time is between 7:15pm - 7:30pm If you have not purchased a ticket and can't stay to watch the show please make sure your child's teacher knows, in case we finish earlier.
- Children are to wear their school sports uniform - sports tops, and navy or white shorts. Please make sure they do not have coloured singlets, thermals underneath. It gets hot with the lights on the stage.
- Wear polar fleeces/jackets and shoes to the show and have a named bag for your child to put these in while performing. We have a room to keep these in until the end.
- If your child uses an inhaler please bring it in their named bag

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

We would like to thank Matua Sonny and Whaea Tui (our Kapa Haka Tutors) for their support and helping to prepare both our Senior and Junior Kapa Haka groups for their respective festivals.



Term 3, Teacher Only Day - Friday 30th August

We understand that our Teacher Only Day is unfortunate timing with the recent Teachers Strikes and we acknowledge that this will be an inconvenience for some.

Our Teacher Only Day has been organised with Interlead Consultants since late 2017. At St Patrick's we have been using Interlead's Appraisal Connector since the beginning of 2016.





St Vincent de Paul's Commissioning Mass

On Thursday the 5th of August several children from the After School Care Programme were invited to the St Vincent de Paul's Commissioning Mass at the Pro-Cathedral on Manchester Street.

Earlier in the year the children had made Easter parcels for another After School Care Programme on the other side of Christchurch. The children that they made them for, in many cases, would have received nothing for Easter if not for the kindness and empathy these children showed. This was faith in action and as young Christians the Bishop awarded them with badges and a certificate recognising that they were living their faith.

The children involved were Eva Wood, Sam Ward, Keeva Stott, Heidi and Alfie Molloy, and Ailsa and Odette Knight. Congratulations to all these amazing students!



First Holy Communion - Sunday 26th August

The children's First Holy Communion day is fast approaching. We would like to thank Lisa De Maudave Bestel, Loren Fitzgerald and Anna Marshal who have been working very hard behind the scenes to organise this special day for the children who are making their First Holy Communion.



The First Holy Communion is a Catholic ceremony, which marks a child or adult's first reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is an extremely important event in a Catholic family's life and is marked with celebrations, family gatherings and festive parties as well as gift-giving and special white clothes. The white symbolises purity and newness while gifts are mainly religious in nature.

We would love to to come along and help celebrate this occasion on Sunday 26th August at 1:00pm

Important Dates: Term 3, 2018

17th Aug	Assembly Room 4
17th Aug	Winter Sports
22nd Aug	Ski Day Mt Hutt
23rd Aug	Centrals Winter Tournament
24th Aug	Winter Sports (Last Day)
26th Aug	1st Holy Communion
31st Aug	Teacher Only Day
5th Sep	Year 5 -8 Cultural Festival
7th Sep	Parenting Tips 3 Coffee Morning
7th Sep	Assembly Room 7
10th Sep	Social Justice Week
16th Sep	Parish School Mass
17th Sep	Three Way Interviews
19th Sep	Three Way Interviews
19th Sep	9:15am Rotary Speech Semi-Finals
21st Sep	Assembly Room 6
26th Sep	HPV Vaccinations
28th Sep	Mercy Day
28th Sep	Lat Day of Term 3

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 have been sent home and are available from the office

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

