



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

Last night our Year 5 - 8 students had the privilege of performing at the 2018 Cultural Festival at the Horncastle Arena. This years festival was a mix of traditional and contemporary performances by 70 children's groups, representing 10 nationalities from all over Canterbury.

Congratulations to everyone involved in last nights performances at the Cultural Festival. From tutors, teachers, parents, whanau and the stars of the show the tamariki, you were all awesome.

We are all so proud of our senior Kapa Haka group, what a fantastic achievement.



### St Patrick's School, 2018 Speeches

Over the last few weeks all of our Year 1 - 8 students wrote, prepared and presented speeches. Our students have been learning about the importance of speech content, speech structure, language, pronunciation, enunciation, voice and stage presence. Standing up and speaking in front of an audience isn't an easy thing to do, so congratulations to all our students for giving it a go!

The school speech finals were held last week. A special thank you to our Judges, Year 4 - 6: Ms Moffatt, Mr McIntyre and Mr Wallis. Year 7 - 8: Father Kevin Wei, Ms Baines and Miss Barrett.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Patrick's School, at the semi-finals of the Rotary Speech Competition at Isleworth School, on Wednesday 19th September.

**Year 4:**

- Francesca Burkett - 'Why Balloons Are Bad For the Environment'
- Niamh McNeill - 'Why Greek History and Myths Should Be Taught In School'

**Year 5:**

- Sophia Adamson - 'What Really Happens at Nana's House'
- Niamh Murdoch - 'Why We Should Show Stewardship'

**Year 6:**

- Hugo van Herel - 'My Imaginary Friend'
- Rose Kelly - 'Emotions'

**Year 7:**

- Jayla Agnew - 'Fundraising',
- Molly Fitzgerald - 'Why Riddles Make You Smarter',
- George Watson - 'Fortnite-The Game'

**Year 8:**

- Imogen McCormack - 'Socks have Feelings',
- Susie Hruba - 'How to Write a Speech',
- Kate Gonzales - 'Being Short'



### Coffee Morning - Friday 7th September

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room after school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat on Friday 7th September. 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.





Whole School, Parish Mass - Sunday 16th September at 9am

On Sunday 16th September we have our whole School Parish Mass for school 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 McAuley and Thevenet to please bring a plate of food to share. Please deliver this to the Parish Hall kitchen before Mass begins.

School Photos – Thursday 13th September 2018

Class and Individual School Photos are next Thursday 13th September.

Once again this year you will be able to view and purchase your school photos online. When the photos are ready for printing, students will bring home their own unique shoot key slip and instructions on how to view and order online.



Sibling photos will also be available again this year. A sibling photo request form will be sent home today with the newsletter. Please return this form to the office before Thursday 13th September if you want a sibling photo. There are spare forms in the office.

It is important that all students are wearing their correct uniform, including school shoes next Thursday.

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews are an opportunity for learning to be discussed between children, their parents and caregivers and teachers. The aim of these interviews is to celebrate successes and discuss areas for improvement. They involve highlighting student strengths, current achievement and next learning steps.



The dates for Three Way Interviews are Monday 17th September, 3:30pm – 6:30pm and Wednesday 19th September, 1:30pm – 6:30pm.

On Wednesday 19th September, school will finish at 12:30pm. The reason for closing the school early is to allow us to get through the remaining interviews from 1:30pm – 6:30pm.

We would appreciate it if you were able to collect your child/children at 12:30pm so that the Three Way Interviews can begin at 1:30pm. For those parents and caregivers who are unable to collect their children due to work commitments, we will be arranging supervision until 3:00pm for any remaining children.

To make a booking for the Parent-Teacher Interviews, please follow the link below.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=89p3f>

Thank you for making the most of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.