



From the Principal's Desk....

Every year since 1975, New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate Te Reo Māori and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week began on Monday and runs until Sunday 16th September. This year's theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori or Let's make the Māori language strong.

We hope the students have enjoyed some of the Te Reo they have been doing in class this week and you have been practicing your Te Reo at home!



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.



Year 7 and 8 Cake Stall

St Patrick's Year 7 and 8 students are holding a Cake Stall after this Sunday's 9am School Mass. All the hard work has been done for you. Buy something freshly baked for Sunday lunch or grab some treats for next week's lunch box. All proceeds will go towards the students' November Camp at Glentui Meadows. You will find us in the Church Hall. Eftpos will be available!



Education Perfect Success!

Congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Education Perfect Maths Championships for 2018. Education Perfect is an online platform that our Year 7 and 8 students use to assist and extend their mathematical thinking. The competition is an added extra and our students did a fantastic job earning themselves 43 certificates. This included 15 Credit Awards, 16 Bronze Awards, 8 Silver Awards and 4 Gold Awards.

As well as individual awards, the school received 1st overall in the 51-100 students category (out of 107 schools). 62nd overall globally (out of 1,454 schools). 1st in New Zealand for the 51-100 students category (out of 34 schools) and 29th overall in New Zealand (out of 355 schools).





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.

Social Justice Week Challenge - Move It, Live It, Sweat It!

This week is Social Justice week at St Patrick's. However, on the 26th and 27th of September students in Year 1 - 8 will take part in a Social Justice Challenge called 'Move It, Live It, Sweat It!' Students will team up with other students in their 'Houses' and complete a small challenge around the school grounds. The rest of the day will be made up of Social Justice themed activities/lessons that will hopefully make us even more aware of the responsibility we all have to make sure everyone has a part to play in society.



Important Dates: Term 3, 2018

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	Last Day of Term 3
15th Oct	First Day of Term 4
15th Oct	Life Education Van
19th Oct	Athletics Day at Villa
22nd Oct	Labour Day
24th Oct	Year 8 Confirmation
1st Nov	West Zone Athletics
2nd Nov	St Albans Catholic Liturgy
2nd Nov	Disco
16th Nov	Show Day (No School)
13th Dec	Final School Mass 6pm

Kids Artworks, Calendars, Diaries

Don't forget to get your order forms in for the PFA Artwork Fundraiser. All the Artwork is available to view at the School Office

Classes in Years 1 - 8 have been very busy getting their artwork ready and they look amazing.

Orders and payments are due on Monday 24th September, at the School Office.

Internet payments can be made to the PFA account 03-1355-0746711-00 and Cheques made out to PFA St Patricks. Sorry there is no Eftpos Available.

