



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. We hope you all enjoyed a well deserved break and managed to spend some time with friends and family over the school holidays.

The PFA have a couple of important dates for you to put into your diaries this term. On Thursday 8th November the PFA have organised a 'Community Thank You Evening' to be held at the Library Bar at No.4 at 7pm. This is to thank our wonderful school community for their generous support at our School Fair and for all of you who give up your precious time to support the school in anyway throughout the year.



This term is also our School Christmas Picnic which will be held on Sunday December 2nd from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. This is a lovely way to finish the year together as a school community so please save the date now.

Athletics - Tomorrow, Friday 19th 2017

A reminder that this Friday is our school Athletics Day at Villa Maria College. Please ensure all students in Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are at school by 8:30am. Buses leave at 8:40am. Senior students will begin their events at 9:15am while the Juniors start their events at 12:30pm.

We require parent helpers for the day to assist with the rotation of field events. You do not have to know anything about the events as there will be a teacher organising each event. You may need to help with measuring or raking the long jump pit or recording results.

If the weather is wet, a decision will be made on the morning and parents will be emailed and a post put up on our Facebook page.



St Patrick's School Disco - Friday 2nd November

On Friday 2nd November we will be holding the St Patrick's School Disco and Senior Dance in the Parish Hall. It is a great night and is separated into Junior, Middle and Senior Dances. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet together in the School Library for drinks and nibbles.

Junior: Years 1 - 2, from 5 - 6 pm.
 Middle: Years 3 - 6, from 6.15 - 7.15 pm.
 Senior: Years 7 and 8, from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

The cost is \$5 each with a maximum of \$10 per family. Years 1 - 6 will receive a lolly bag and glow bangle upon entry. For the Year 7 - 8 students, there will be a \$1 tuck shop available. There are Door Sales on the night (cash only).



Sun Hats

In Term 4 the sun is out and about so please remember to pack your children's sun hats and some extra sunscreen. Sun-hats are compulsory in Term 4. Students who do not have their sun hats will be required to stay in the shade during brain breaks and lunchtimes.





St Patrick's School Staffing for 2019

In 2019 our roll at St Patrick's will be at full capacity. This means we are in a position to operate eight classrooms covering eight year levels. This is possible because our maximum roll generates increased funding from the Ministry of Education. Over the last three years the Board of Trustees has continued to thoughtfully fund a part-time teacher.

In 2019 the Board of Trustees is in a position to increase this staffing in order to provide our eighth classroom. This will continue to keep our class sizes as low as possible, continuing to provide an excellent learning environment for our students.

Room 1, Year 1	- Jan Wood
Room 2, Year 2	- Francine Tohill
Room 3, Year 3	- Petrea Hibbs and Karen Clarke
Room 4, Year 4	- Robyn Moore
Room 5, Year 5	- Marcus Beaton
Room 6, Year 6	- Felicity McDonnell
Room 7, Year 7	- Rosie Sorenson and Trish McKendry
Room 8, Year 8	- Hamish McIntyre



Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary, Junior Speech Competition

Last night at Breens Intermediate School the Finals of the Burnside Rotary Junior Speech Competition were held.

Niamh McNeill in Year 4 was one of five students competing for a position with her speech 'Why Greek history and mythology should be taught in schools.'

Niamh McNeill certainly impressed the judges with her speech and was rewarded with a 3rd placing. On behalf of the staff and students, congratulations Niamh on this fantastic achievement!



Important Dates: Term 4, 2018

19th Oct	Athletics Day at Villa
22nd Oct	Labour Day (No School)
24th Oct	Year 8 Confirmation
1st Nov	West Zone Athletics
2nd Nov	Combined Liturgy
2nd Nov	Disco
5th - 8th Nov	Tennis Lessons
6th Nov	BOT Meeting
8th Nov	Community Evening
16th Nov	Show Day (No School)
20th Nov	Year 5 - 8 Camp Week
26th - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming
2nd Dec	School Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	BOT Meeting
9th Dec	Year 8's Leavers Dinner
13th Dec	Final School Mass 6pm
14th Dec	Last Day Term 4
29th Jan	First Day Term 1, 2019
16th March	Shamrock Ball

Congratulations

Congratulations to Keeley Hughes (Year 8) and Cara Morrison (Year 8) who travelled to North Harbour as part of the Canterbury Girls A Primary Hockey Team during the holidays. They both competed and won gold, retaining the Collier Cup for 2018.



Congratulations also to Louie Hall (Year 7) whose team finished 3rd. Louie Hall played in the Canterbury Boys B Primary Hockey Team and travelled to the McGrath Tournament in Rotorua in the school holidays.

Congratulations also to Jayla Agnew and Luke Brinkhurst who played in their respective Canterbury Development Teams in Cromwell during the holidays. Jayla Agnew's team finished 1st and Luke Brinkhurst's team 5th.