



From the Principal's Desk....

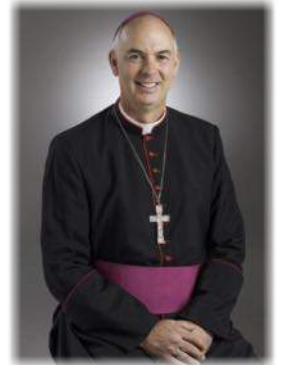
This week the scaffolding has come down on the new senior classroom block and preparation is now underway for the decking to begin. At this stage things are on track for the building to be completed by the end of the school year. However, we are unsure at this stage if the students will get to occupy this building in 2018. Fingers crossed!

This modern and flexible learning environment keeps with our traditional single cellular classrooms which we know work best for our small class sizes, while also offering the ability to open up into fantastic shared spaces.



Combined School Mass - Friday 2nd November at 11:30am

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd November at 11:30am, St Patrick's and St Albans Catholic School's are holding a joint Mass to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. Parents and the Parish community are most welcome to attend the Mass and we are very fortunate that this Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Martin.



All Saints' Day is celebrated the day after Halloween. It is celebrated on the 1st November to remember all Saints and Martyrs. All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November, directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity to commemorate the faithful departed.

Following Mass at 12:30pm the students will be having a sausage sizzle lunch before heading over to Plynlimon Park, to take part in some fun activities organised by the Year 8 students.

St Patrick's School Disco - Friday 2nd November

Tomorrow, 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 to be paid upon entry (cash only). 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.



Coffee Morning - Tomorrow Morning

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room when school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat this Friday 2nd November. 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.





Community Thank You Evening

On Thursday 8th November the PFA have organised a 'Community Thank You Evening' to be held at the No.4 Bar and Restaurant, 4 Mansfield Ave, Merivale, Christchurch at 7:00pm.

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.

Look forward to seeing you all there!



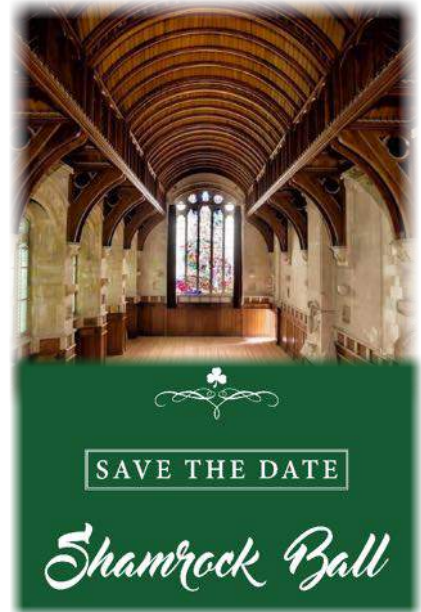
Shamrock Ball - Saturday 16th March 2019

After the success of our first Shamrock Ball in 2017 the PFA are once again organising our second St Patrick's Shamrock Ball for Saturday 16th March 2019.

The 2017 Shamrock Ball was held in a truly amazing venue and was a great opportunity for so many members of our school community to come together to enjoy a night out with great food and entertainment.

The Shamrock Ball will be held on Saturday 16th March 2019 (the day before St Patrick's Day) at the Great Hall, in the Arts Centre. They have also confirmed live entertainment by Assembly Required.

More information will be out soon, but in the meantime please let your friends know and save the date in your diaries.



Important Dates: Term 4, 2018

2nd Nov	Combined Liturgy
2nd Nov	Disco
5th - 8th Nov	Tennis Lessons
6th Nov	BOT Meeting
8th Nov	Community Evening
9th Nov	Assembly Room 2
13th Nov	West Zone Sports Day
14th Nov	Strike Action Day
16th Nov	Show Day (No School)
20th Nov	Year 5 - 8 Camp Week
26th - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming
30 Nov	Assembly Room 5
2nd Dec	School Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	BOT Meeting
9th Dec	Year 8's Leavers Dinner
13th Dec	Final School Mass 6pm
14th Dec	Assembly Room 8
14th Dec	Last Day Term 4
29th Jan	First Day Term 1, 2019
16th March	Shamrock Ball

Full-day Strike Action - Wednesday 14th November

As you might be aware, New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis. 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. Our school will be closed on that date.

