

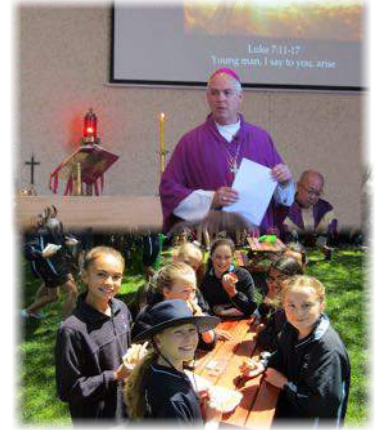


From the Principal's Desk....

Last Friday St Patrick's and St Albans Catholic Schools held a joint Mass to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day.

We were very fortunate that this Mass was celebrated by Bishop Paul Martin. Following Mass, the students had a sausage sizzle lunch then headed over to Plynlimon Park to take part in some fun activities organised by the Year 8 students.

A big thank you to Bishop Paul Martin and to the Parents who came along to help out with the BBQ.



Community Thank You Evening

Tonight, 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!



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.



Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme

This week all the students in Year 1 - 8 have been taking part in the Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme delivered by the Waimairi Tennis Club. This program is funded by Canterbury Tennis with the aim of the programme being to give children a taste of tennis. It also provides some information about their local Club, in case the children would like to take the next step and join a club.





West Zone Athletics - Tuesday 13th November

Congratulations to the 42 students who are competing at the West Zone Athletics next Tuesday 13th November. The West Zone Athletics will now be held at the new Nga Puna Wai sports facility in Halswell instead of at Burnside High School. While it is exciting that the students will get the chance to experience competing in the new facility, it is unfortunate that November 13th is also Cup Day.

It is safe to assume that many of you will be unavailable on that day, but we desperately require 2-3 parents to assist us in both taking care of our athletes and performing a marshalling role at the event.

If any of you can help out on the day, then please email Mr McIntyre, hamishmcintyre@stpatricks.school.nz.



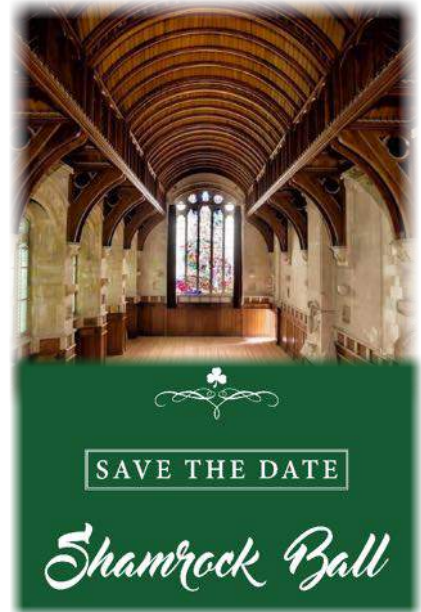
Shamrock Ball - Saturday 16th March 2019

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Shamrock Ball

Important Dates: Term 4, 2018

8th Nov	Community Evening
9th Nov	Assembly Room 5
13th Nov	West Zone Sports Day
14th Nov	Strike Action Day
16th Nov	Show Day (No School)
20th Nov	Year 5 - 8 Camp Week
21st Nov	Year 3 - 4 Tough Kids
26th - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming
30 Nov	Assembly Room 2
2nd Dec	School Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	BOT Meeting
7th Dec	Reports Home
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

St Bede's College, Head Boy 2019

Congratulations to Dominic Gardiner, an ex St Patrick's student, who was named Head Boy for 2019 at the St Bede's Prize giving last Thursday evening.

Congratulations to all the former St Patrick's students who received awards on Thursday night. It is great recognition for all the hardwork you have put in to your time at school.



Dominic Gardiner pictured in the 2014 St Patrick's School PCT Challenge Team. Front Row, Dominic Gardiner, George Baker, Joe Morrison, Sam Lawry. Back Row, Alexandra Lynch, Niamh Kilpatrick, Maddy Logan and Niamh Hughes.