



**From the Principal's Desk....**

School will be very quiet this week with students in Year 5 - 8 away at camp. The Year 5 and 6 students are out at Woodend Camp and the Year 7 and 8 students are up at Glentui Meadows.

Despite the weather the Year 7 and 8 students have had a fantastic time and have had the opportunity to tick off two of their William Pike Challenges. On Wednesday it was an action packed day of abseiling, river safety, bubble soccer, rogain and archery to name a few! Meanwhile the Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a trip to the beach, and took part in some exciting activities in the afternoon including the somewhat 'scary' rope course.

The Year 5 - 8 students will all be returning from camp tomorrow where they (and the teachers and parents) can rest up as we get closer and closer to the end of term!



**St Patrick's School Christmas Picnic - Sunday 2nd December 4pm - 6pm**

Next Sunday, 2nd December from 4pm - 6pm is the St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic. It will be held on the field behind the Junior playground.

At this years Christmas Picnic the PFA are hosting a Christmas Mini-Market and will be selling some great Christmas stocking fillers including Christmas decorations, lucky dips, lunch box notes and more. Tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be available to purchase, before being drawn at the picnic. All funds raised will go towards our new school sign so please bring along your loose change and support this fundraiser.



The Picnic is a lovely opportunity for the community to get together before Christmas. Bring a blanket, chairs and some refreshments and sit back and enjoy the musical entertainment. There will be a sausage sizzle, musical items and a lolly scramble for all the children.

**Swimming Reminder - Monday 26th November 2018**

This Term St Patrick's School will provide compulsory swimming lessons for all Year 1-6 students. The cost is \$50.00 per child for 9 lessons. This includes the bus fare and the lesson. As well as standard swimming lessons, experienced swimmers will have the opportunity to participate in the Swimsafe Programme. Please send your payment to the office as soon as possible.



Could your child please have their named swimming togs, named towel and named goggles in a named waterproof bag (not their school bag).





**West Zone Success!**

The West Zone Athletic Sports were held last Tuesday at the new Nga Puna Wai sports facility in Halswell.

All of our St Patrick's athletes tried their best and some have qualified for the Primary School Athletics Championships, which will be held at the same venue on Wednesday 5th December.

A big thank you to Mr McIntyre, Mr Beaton and our four Year 8 students who helped out on the day. Once again we are also very grateful for our wonderful Parents who gave up their time to help, we hope you enjoyed the day.



**Year 8 2019 School Based Vaccination Programme**

We are pleased to inform you that the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. The programme will also include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term 1. The child's parent/caregiver will need to complete and return the consent form to school.



**Important Dates: Term 4, 2018**

20th Nov	Year 5 - 8 Camp Week
26th - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming
7th Dec	No Swimming
30 Nov	Assembly Room 2
2nd Dec	School Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	BOT Meeting
5th Dec	Athletics Championship
7th Dec	School 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

**Christmas Picnic Raffle - Thank you!**

A big thank to everyone for the generous items that came in for the 2018 Christmas Picnic Raffle. We know this is a busy time of the year and we really do appreciate everyone's support. There is a wonderful selection of Hamper items that are going to make fantastic prizes!



The money raised from the raffle will help raise funds for our new school signs, will be going onto our new classroom block. The school signs, which will be illuminated at night and will feature our school logo and become a feature of our new classroom block.