



From the Principal's Desk....

As many of you will be aware, we had the Education Review Office (ERO) at our school in Term Three. ERO is the New Zealand government department that evaluates and reports on the education and care of students in schools and early childhood services. This report is now available to view online.

New Zealand's Education System has gone through incredible change over the last four to five years. Even today we are still seeing the impact that these changes are having on our schools throughout the country. The Board of Trustees are really thrilled to see that the significant changes, hard work and professional learning carried out by the staff since the last review has been recognised and noted by the ERO team.

The following statements from the report are particularly pleasing to both the BOT and the school. "For sustained improvement and future learner success, the school can draw on existing strengths in."

- Leaders and teachers who promote a caring, positive culture for learning, which builds a strong sense of belonging
- Outcomes for children that show consistently good levels of achievement for most groups of learners in the school
- The ongoing promotion of parents as valued partners in children's learning.



School Christmas Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday evening to support our 2018 School Christmas Picnic.

We hope you all enjoyed the evening and we are glad the weather didn't put you off. Hopefully you grabbed something amazing from the PFA's Mini Christmas Market or just enjoyed the sausage sizzle and lolly scramble for the students.

A big thank you to all of the PFA, Staff and volunteers who helped make the evening such a successful one.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all.



Primary School Athletics Championships

Good luck to our St Patrick's students who are competing at the Primary School Athletics Championships today at the new Nga Puna Wai sports facility in Halswell. The students are part of the West Zone competing at this Primary Athletics Championship and we wish them all the very best in their selected fields.

We look forward to hearing of your successes!





Linc-ed Online School Reports

On Friday 7th December your child's Linc-ed Online Digital Report will be made available for you to view. This online report contains all the information you need to keep you informed of your child's learning progress at school.



There are five core areas the report covers. Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Religious Education and the Key Competencies. When you click on one of these areas it will take you to that particular homepage. In 2018 with the introduction of Learning Goals we have moved away from writing individual comments for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

If you are new to the school or have not logged into Linc-ed for some time, do not panic. We will be sending home a letter today that will give you all the login details you need to view your child's online report.

End of Year Mass - Thursday 13th December

Our final School Mass will be at the Holy Trinity Parish on Thursday 13th December at 6pm

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 5:40pm. Each year the children are asked to bring along a wrapped present labelled boy or girl and the approximate age level the gift is for.



There will be baskets in the foyer of the church for the presents to be placed in as the children arrive. The gifts will be taken up with the offertory during Mass and delivered to St Vincent de Paul.

After Mass we will be presenting the Catherine McAuley Christian Leadership Trophy to a Year 8 student who has continually displayed and role modelled our Sisters of Mercy Values of Compassion, Hospitality, Respect, Service, Excellence and Social Justice.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Important Dates: Term 4, 2018

7th Dec	School Reports Home
9th Dec	Year 8's Leavers Dinner
13th Dec	Final School Mass 6pm
14th Dec	Final Assembly Room 8
14th Dec	Last Day Term 4
29th Jan	First Day Term 1, 2019
16th March	Shamrock Ball

Year 8's Leavers Assembly - Friday 14th December at 11:00am

A reminder that the Year 8's Leavers Assembly will begin at 11:00am and that school will finish at 12:30pm on Friday 14th December. This is to allow for staff to have an opportunity to say their farewells to their students.



2019 Term Dates

Next year, Monday 28th January will be our Teacher Only Day. This day is going to be spent with the schools that make up the Waimairi-iri Community of Learning which we are a part of. School will be closed on this day.

- Term 1, Tuesday 29th January - Friday 12th April
- Term 2, Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- Term 3, Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- Term 4, Monday 14th October - Friday 13th December

