



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to all the students and parents from all the staff at St Patrick's Bryndwr. We hope that you all enjoyed the holiday break and are as excited about the year ahead as we are. A special welcome to Trish McKendry, our new DP, Junior Team Leader, and to all our new students and families. We hope that the students and their families enjoy the lovely school environment we have here at St Patrick's.



A big thank you to the great group of parents who helped get the sandpit extension project completed in time for the first day of school. A special mention and thanks to Dominic and Kirsty Mahoney for leading the project, to Craig Inder from JPM Contracting for organising and delivering the sand and to Andrew Smith from Mitre 10 Mega Papanui who provided and delivered the sandpit materials at trade cost.



If you have any sandpit toys that are no longer of use at home, please feel free to bring them along to school.

Fish'n Chip Evening - Thursday 16th February @ 5pm

Make sure you keep Thursday 16th February at 5:00pm free for our Fish'n Chip Evening. This is a great way to bring our school community together and to welcome new families and children to the school.



Families are invited to bring fish'n chips, or any tea they would like, to school from 5:00pm onwards.

Shamrock Ball - Saturday 18th March

This year the PFA are organising something a little different for a fundraiser by holding the first ever Shamrock Ball. For those of you unable to celebrate St Patrick's Day on the Friday or for those who wish to continue with their St Patrick's festivities, this will be a great evening of entertainment in an amazing venue.

The Shamrock Ball will be held on Saturday 18th March 2017 (the day after St Patrick's Day) at the Great Hall, 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.



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 3rd February. 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.



Mainland Uniforms on Ilam Road



In 2017 students in Years 5 - 8 can purchase their own sports jacket. It can be worn all year round but, most importantly, for Winter Sports and Tournaments.

We would like all students to wear the new PE uniform top and navy shorts for any school team events they participate in.

Crunchtime



A number of parents registered their interest in Crunchtime as an everyday option for lunch at St Patrick's. Crunchtime will be available online to St Patrick's beginning next week.

This Friday 3rd of February at 3pm, Crunchtime will be setting up a stall at school so you can come and meet the team and see what CrunchTime is all about. In the meantime, please visit their website to register your child for morning tea and lunch packs: <https://www.crunchtime.co.nz/how-it-works>.

Year 6 Cycle Safety

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February the Year 6 students will be taking part in Cycle Safety. The students will need to bring their bikes along for the two days. The Cycle Safe programme is aligned with NZ Transport Agency's national cyclist skills training guidelines.

Christchurch's Cycle Safe Programme is considered one of the best in the country and is used as a leading delivery model. All participants receive a personalised certificate highlighting their achievements.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2017

6th Feb	Waitangi Day
9th Feb	9am Opening Mass
10th Feb	11:30am Assembly Room 5
14th Feb	Cycle Safe
15th Feb	Cycle Safe
16th Feb	5pm Fish'n Chip Evening
20th Feb	Kiwi Sox Softball Skills
24th Feb	11:30am Assembly Room 6
1st Mar	Ash Wednesday
2nd Mar	Swimming Sports
10th Mar	11:30am Assembly Room 7
12th Mar	9am School Mass
14th Mar	Westzone Swimming Sports
17th Mar	St Patrick's Day
18th Mar	Shamrock Ball
20th Mar	Small Sticks Hockey
24th Mar	11:30am Assembly Room 1
3rd Mar	Caritas Challenge
5th Mar	Student-Led Conferences
6th Mar	Canterbury Swimming
7th Mar	11:30am Assembly Room 2
12 Mar	Stations of the Cross
13th Mar	School Cross Country
14th Mar	Good Friday
1st May	First day of Term 2

2017 School Assemblies



This year our School Assemblies will be held at 11:30am. Room 5 (Year 2) will be holding the first Assembly of the year next Friday 10th February. Fantastic Friday begins in Week 2 this term.

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons at School - Limited spaces are available.

Contact Andy on 027 214 1821 or Andrew-marra@hotmail.co.nz

