



From the Principal's Desk....

Thank you to all the families and students who took part in the Student-Led Open Night on Tuesday night. We had just on 80% of our families attend the Open Night and it was great to see parents and students discussing the learning that had been taking place over the course of this term.



We hope you made the most of the St Patrick's 'Three Stars and a Wish' for Reading, Writing and Mathematics and, if you took these home, it would be great if they could come back to school completed. Next term we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews will give you an opportunity to discuss anything you may like but in a more formal setting.

Caritas Challenge

This week, as part of our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Common Good, we have been having rubbish free lunches to reduce our carbon footprint. It has been great to see so many of our students take up this challenge and there has also been very little rubbish in and around the school.



Thank you to all our parents for supporting this initiative. Please remember that to raise funds for Caritas and the work they are doing in the Pacific, we ask that a gold coin be donated during the week.

We look forward to making the school 100% waste free in the future.

St Patrick's School Cross Country at Elmwood Park - Thursday 13th April

The St Patrick's School Cross Country will take place on Thursday 13 April at 11:30am at Elmwood Park. This location is partly due to the fact that no students will have to run along the busy streets where the old track used to be and parents will be able to see their child running throughout the whole course.



The first race will commence at 11:30am. This year we will also be running boys and girls at the same time. All races should be completed by approximately 12:45pm. The distances set below are in line with the West Zone and Canterbury Cross Country distances.

11:30am	Year 7/8	Boys and Girls	4 Laps of the full course 2.920km
	Year 5/6	Boys and Girls	3 Laps of the full course 2.09km
	Year 3/4	Boys and Girls	2 Laps of the full course 1.46km
	Year 1/2	Boys and Girls	1 Lap of the full course 730m
	New Entrants	Boys and Girls	Approx 500m

At the conclusion of the St Patrick's School Cross Country, parents are more than welcome to join us for a shared lunch and a sausage sizzle. After lunch, depending on weather, we will use the Elmwood Park area for games and activities. Parents are more than welcome to stay and take part in the activities.

Note: If the weather forecast does not improve for next week Cross Country will be held early in Term 2.



### St Patrick's School Alumni

All past pupils and staff of St Patrick's School are warmly welcomed to register for our past pupils network – St Patrick's Alumni. We will endeavour to maintain close links with you via email, our website, newsletters and the school Facebook page.

We envisage our Alumni will be a great way of reconnecting and strengthening the connection between past pupils, organising functions, and keeping in touch with the school community.

If you have any news about past pupils and teachers or memories of your time at St Patrick's School, please let us know so we can share it with everyone. This will be a great opportunity to catch up and find out what you've all been up to.

We will have a link with registration details available on our school website soon, In the mean time, you can contact Catherine Small by email at [reconnect@stpatricks.school.nz](mailto:reconnect@stpatricks.school.nz).



### Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Sports - Thursday 6 April 2017

Good luck to the following students competing at the 2017 Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Sports at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre today!

- Brianna Hill, 9 year old girls backstroke
- Louie Hall, 9 year old boys backstroke
- Jack Griffiths, 10 year old boys freestyle and breaststroke
- Keeley Hughes, 11 year old girls freestyle and backstroke
- Ben Sutherland, 11 year old boys freestyle and breaststroke
- William Arscott, 11 year old boys backstroke
- Bridie James, 12 year old girls freestyle and breaststroke
- Ciaran Glubb, 12 year old boys freestyle
- Deagan Agnew, 12 year old boys backstroke



### Important Dates: Term 1/2, 2017

6th Apr	Canterbury Swimming
7th Apr	11:30am Assembly Room 2
10th Apr	Senior Syndicate Room Shift
11th Apr	BOT Meeting 7pm
12 Apr	Stations of the Cross
13th Apr	School Cross Country
13th Apr	Last day of Term 1
14th Apr	Good Friday
1st May	First day of Term 2
4th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
11th May	Catholic Schools Tournament
11th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
12th May	Assembly Room 3
18th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
25th may	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
26th May	Assembly Room 4
26th May	Winter Sports Begin Year 5 - 8
30th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
5th june	Queens Birthday Weekend
18th June	9am School Mass
28th June	School Interviews
3rd July	Book Week

### 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 7th April. 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.