



From the Principal's Desk....

Tomorrow our Fantastic Friday Programme starts back up for 2017 for both the Junior and Senior Syndicates. At 11:30 our first School Assembly of the year has been organised by Room 5. It will be held outside next to our recently renovated sandpit. We will officially bless and cut the ribbon for the opening of the sandpit.

We will also be taking this time to thank the great group of parents who helped with the sandpit extension.



Online Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs)

Next week students from Year 3 - 8 will be taking part in the Online Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs). One of the tests, Listening Comprehension, will require that your child has headphones. Could you please send a set of headphones along to school with your child by Monday 13th February. This is the only test that requires headphones.

This year we will upload the Student and Parent PAT Reports into Linc-ed so that you will be able to view these reports once they are completed. PATs provide a snapshot of a student's performance in aspects of the curriculum. The PAT is not a definitive diagnostic test but just one test of many that will build a picture of your child for their teacher throughout the year.



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

The PFA are organising something a little different for this year's 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.





Fantastic Friday 2017

This year we have made some changes to our Fantastic Friday Programme. We have broken Fantastic Friday into a Junior and Senior Programme so that our Juniors can enjoy more Fantastic Friday options.



The Junior Syndicate, Year 1 - 4, will take part in Impact Dance, Drama, Kapa Haka and Music Mary. The Senior Syndicate, Year 5 - 8, will take part in Visual Arts, Ukulele, Musical Theatre, Robotics, Drama, French and Japanese throughout the year.

Mufti Day - Thursday 23rd February

As part of the preparations for the Shamrock Ball, we will be holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 23rd February. Students will be asked to bring a luxury item. A list of ideas will be sent home early next week which will go towards the raffles and auctions available on the night.



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 to school 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

10th Feb	11:30am Assembly Room 5
14th Feb	Cycle Safe
15th Feb	9am Opening Mass
15th Feb	Cycle Safe
16th Feb	5pm Fish'n Chip Evening
20th Feb	Kiwi Sox Softball Skills
23rd Feb	Mufti Day
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 Apr	Caritas Challenge
5th Apr	Student-Led Conferences
6th Apr	Canterbury Swimming
7th Apr	11:30am Assembly Room 2
12 Apr	Stations of the Cross
13th Apr	School Cross Country
14th Apr	Good Friday
1st May	First day of Term 2

Afterschool Care

Afterschool care is based in Room 8 from 3.00pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, for New Entrants to Year 8 students.

You can book a permanent day(s) or when space allows, book casually; knowing that your child is safe, nurtured and entertained.

Please contact Fay on – 03 351 9190

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

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

Contact Andy on 027 214 1821 or
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