



### From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 4 everyone.

Next week we will be holding our Ash Wednesday Mass at 11:30am in the Church. Our students have been very busy preparing for this very special Mass which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent covers the 40 day period before Easter every year. The 40 days reflect the time that Jesus was said to have fasted for "forty days and forty nights" in the wilderness.



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. It is about focusing on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving our time to others.

### Mufti Day - Thank You



A big thank you to all our amazing parents who sent along vouchers and items for the hampers that will be raffled at the Shamrock Ball.

There was a fabulous range of items and the PFA is extremely grateful for your support. Our single biggest PFA fundraiser for this year is the inaugural Shamrock Ball to be held on Saturday 18th March at 7pm at the Great Hall.

### Senior School Swimming Sports 2016



Next Thursday 2nd March the Senior School (Children aged 8 and over on January 1st 2016) will take part in the Senior School Swimming Sports at Jellie Park Pool from 12:00pm - 2:45pm.

The Junior School Swimming Sports will be held in Term 4 as part of the school swimming programme.

### 2017 Enrolments

We have limited places left for 2017, including 2 non-preference spaces available. If you have, or if you know anyone who has, a child who wishes to start at St Patrick's anytime in 2017, please get them to make contact with the office as soon as possible.



### Kiwi Sox Softball

This week we have been very fortunate to have Tessa Metuatini from Canterbury Softball teaching the Year 4 - 8 students some valuable Softball skills.

Kiwi Sox is an exciting product designed by Softball New Zealand to ensure more Kiwi children are able to play the great game of Softball.





### Shamrock Ball - Saturday 18th March

At St Patrick's School we are extremely lucky to have such a supportive parent community. Our single biggest PFA fundraiser for this year is the inaugural Shamrock Ball to be held on Saturday 18th March at 7pm.



Whilst our primary aim is to raise money for the school to benefit our children, we really want to deliver a fantastic night out so haven't opted for the cheapest venue, band or caterer in the market. We are excited and proud to have secured one of Christchurch's top venues, The Great Hall; one of the cities most loved bands, Assembly Required; and top notch caterers, The Catering Department. It is sure to be a night to remember.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include a welcome drink, canapés and supper (in an iconic venue with a great band!) Tickets can be purchased from Selena in the school office - cash or cheque only (please make cheques out to St Patrick's PFA) or you can make an online transfer/deposit into the PFA bank account and we will get your tickets to you. Please ensure you use BALL as the reference and include your surname. Once payment clears, tickets will be made available to you. PFA Bank Account # : 03 1355 0746711 00

The Ball is open to the school community, friends, family, families of past pupils and anyone in Christchurch who is keen to support our school and have a great night out! We have intentionally named it the Shamrock Ball rather than the St Patrick's Ball so that everyone feels welcome.

### Marist Albion Junior Rugby

Marist Albion would like to welcome those wanting to play junior rugby this season. Registrations are open and can be completed online at [www.maristalbion.co.nz](http://www.maristalbion.co.nz) or on February 27 and March 13 (5-7pm) at their clubrooms located at the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.



Our family-friendly club caters for players aged U6-U13. Membership enquiries can be directed to: Brendon Feary 021 226 4003 and Steve Kinder 027 271 6671

### Important Dates: Term 1, 2017

24th Feb	11:30am Assembly Room 6
1st Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass 11:30am
2nd Mar	Senior Swimming Sports 12:00 - 2:45pm
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

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are available at School - limited spaces are available.

Contact Hillary Buckland on 027 3430533

