



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 6 everyone.

We have our first whole school Parish Mass for school families in the Church this Sunday 12th March at 9:00am.

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 8:45am. The students will be sitting together with the staff at the front of the Church for Mass.

After Mass there will be a morning tea in the Parish Hall. As per tradition, we would appreciate anyone who is in Harrison and Joyce Houses to bring a plate of food to share and deliver it to the Parish Hall kitchen before Mass begins.

We look forward to seeing all students and their families there!



Shamrock Ball - Sales Close Monday 13th 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.



Ticket sales have gained momentum over the past few days so this is a friendly reminder to those who are keen to come along but haven't yet purchased tickets to please do so at your earliest convenience. Ticket sales will close on the evening of Monday 13th March so catering can be confirmed.

A couple of points to clarify:

- There is no expectation for males who don't own suits to hire them. Black pants and a shirt will be fine
- Ladies who are wondering what to wear- please don't feel any pressure to purchase a new dress (unless of course you want to!). There'll be a great mix of longer lengths and shorter cocktail dresses. The emphasis is on a fun night out!
- Alcohol pricing will be very reasonable. There's a welcome drink on arrival and we're aiming for quality wines priced at around \$20-\$25 per bottle and bottled beer for \$5.

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

A huge thank you to those of you who have already purchased tickets to the Shamrock Ball. We really value your support!

2017 Enrolments

We have limited places left for 2017, including 2 non-preference spaces. 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.





**Shamrock Ball - Flowers needed!**

Rebecca Brinkhurst is on the hunt for any green and white flowers for decorating the Great Hall next week in preparation for the Shamrock Ball. If you have hydrangeas, any colour agapanthus and foliage with big green leaves like canna lily, ligularia or aspidistra, could you please make contact with Rebecca on 027 8142071.



**St Patrick's Day - Friday 17th March**



Next Friday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. It is also our School Feast Day.

This is a very special day at St Patrick's and we are very lucky to be sharing this day with St Albans Catholic School.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green. Spot prizes will be handed out during our parade.

In the afternoon the PFA are very kindly putting on a sausage sizzle for the children followed by an ice block. At approximately 1:15pm we will be having the annual St Patrick's Day Parade followed by games organised by our Year 8 children over at Plynlimon Park.

We welcome you all to come and watch the parade and games in the afternoon!

**Important Dates: Term 1, 2017**

12th Mar	9am School Mass
13th 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
13th Apr	Last day of Term 1
14th Apr	Good Friday
1st May	First day of Term 2



**West Zone Swimming Sports  
 Next Monday 13th March**



Congratulations to all those students who have qualified for the West Zone Swimming Sports next Monday 13th March from 1pm - 3pm at Jellie Park Pool.

Students who qualify at this event will then go on to compete at the Primary School Swimming Championships at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Thursday 6th April.