



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 7 everyone.

Don't forget that tomorrow, Friday 17th March, is St Patrick's Day. It is also our School Feast Day and we will be holding a combined school Mass with St Albans Catholic School beginning at 11:00am in the Church.

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

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green for the day. There is no Fantastic Friday Programme tomorrow so don't worry about bringing your sports uniform.

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!



Shamrock Ball - Silent and Live Auctions

A huge thank you to our very generous families who have sourced and/or donated goods, services and vouchers for our Silent & Live Auctions. We really appreciate your contributions.

Thanks too to those of you who have purchased tickets to the Shamrock Ball and especially those who have sold extra tickets to friends and family.

There are a number of families not attending the Ball who have expressed an interest in supporting our main fundraiser for 2017 through the auctions. The Silent Auction will be open to the school community tomorrow, Friday 17th March.

Bid sheets for the auctions will be available at the St Patrick's Day Parade at 1:15pm and after school outside the School Office.



Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Sports - Thursday 6 April 2017

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the 2017 Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Sports to be held on Thursday 6th April at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Our 11 year olds relay team is also competing!

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 Arcscott, 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





Student-Led Open Night - Tuesday 4th April 2017

Following the same format as 2016, we are excited to invite parents back into the classrooms for our Term 1 Student-Led Open Night. For new families to the school, the Student-Led Open Night is an informal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. At the same time, it allows the students to morph into tour guides as they showcase their learning environment and the work they have been doing throughout the term.



It is an opportunity to have a 'Learning Conversation' with your child using the St Patrick's 'Three Stars and a Wish' for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. It is about celebrating the work they are doing in these three core curriculum areas while at the same time setting a 'Wish' or goal for them to improve on. We also have a 'Wish' for the five Key Competencies of Thinking, Managing Self, Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing and Using Language, Symbols and Text.

We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews again in Term 2. These interviews will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and social needs in a more formal setting.

To book a Student-Led Conference, please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the following code mt3vn Alternatively, you can come into the office to book a time online.

Please make the most of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Holy Trinity Parish Youth Group Info Night

Parents with children in Years 6 - 8 are warmly invited to come to the Parish Hall on Monday 3rd April 7 - 8pm to learn about our Parish Youth Group and hear how you may be able to help.

RSVP 30th March davidorjolloyd@gmail.com
 027-934-1155



Marist Albion Junior Rugby Club

Marist Albion Junior Rugby Club is seeking new members for its Under 6 Ripa rugby teams. This is a winter sport suitable for girls and boys born in 2011 (or earlier). Expressions of interest to

admin@maristalbion.co.nz or Stephen Kinder 027 271 6671



Important Dates: Term 1, 2017

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
4th 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

Paddy's Army Clothing Drive

The Paddy's Army are back up and running for 2017 and have started the year with a clothing drive.



Paddy's Army would love you to drop off any clothing that is saleable and clean to Room 7 by the end of next Friday 24th March to give to St Vincent De Paul.