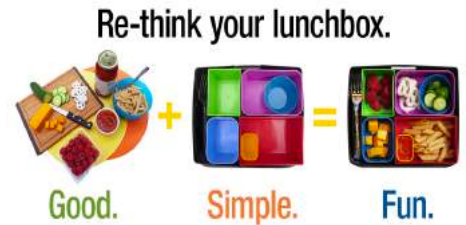




From the Principal's Desk....

This week you may have noticed that all our rubbish bins have been covered up as part of the Caritas Lenten Programme. We have been collecting all the brain break and lunch rubbish so the students can see the impact that our packaging is having on the environment.



Next week as part of our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Common Good we are having a fundraising challenge. From Monday 3rd April we would like the school to become rubbish free for the whole week to reduce our carbon footprint. To do this we ask that the student's lunchboxes have no packaging or plastics in them.

This will be a great way to bring the issue of climate change into your family so that prayer and discussions can bring about change. To help raise funds for Caritas and the work they are doing in the Pacific, we ask that a gold coin be donated during the week.

Kids' Lit Quiz

The Canterbury Kids' Lit Quiz was held on Monday at Cobham Intermediate. Around 64 teams from all over Canterbury took part.

This year St Patrick's School sent along one team who had spent their lunchtimes working hard in preparation. Although the team didn't place they all had a fantastic time and did the school proud!

In the team were Deagan Agnew, Sarah Vogt, Ophelia Staniford and Caitlyn Ring



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.



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 from 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 and 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 2.92km
	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 the weather, we will use the Elmwood Park area for games and activities and parents are more than welcome to stay and take part in the activities.

Congratulations - Police Competency Training Success

Congratulations to our Year 8 PCT team who won back-to-back titles at the PCT challenge on Monday. The Year 8 team finished 1st and won an all expenses paid trip to Wellington to compete in the Nationals in November! Congratulations also to our Year 7 team who also competed.

The PCT Challenge is the annual Bluelight Police Competency Training challenge and is a tough obstacle course. Teams of four must work as a team to navigate the course, lift, carry, climb, balance, run and overcome a range of obstacles.

In the Year 8 team were Bridie James, Lulu McGoldrick, Oliver Lawry and Jack Owens. In the Year 7 team were Keeley Hughes, Rosaria Gibson, TC Lui and George Lawry.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2017

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
11th May	Catholic Schools Tournament

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
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