



**From the Principal's Desk....**

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. We hope you all enjoyed a well deserved break and managed to spend some time with friends and family over the Easter break and school holidays. It has been great listening to the students holiday stories and hearing about the places they have been.

There is some exciting things happening this term that will coincide with the 35th America's Cup being held in Bermuda and the 2017 British & Irish Lions Tour which is coming to New Zealand in June. If there is anyone in our School Community or Christchurch who can assist in anyway to help make these two learning experiences even more meaningful, please let us know.



ANZAC Day was commemorated during the second week of the holidays. This week all the students have been busy exploring and learning about the ANZACS who died in the war and honouring returned servicemen and women. Thank you to our Year 7 and 8's who put together a mini ANZAC Liturgy at Values Assembly on Monday.

**St Patrick's School Cross Country at Elmwood Park - Monday 8th May**

The St Patrick's School Cross Country will now take place on Monday 8th May at 11:30am at Elmwood Park. The postponment day is Wednesday 10th May. 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. 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 out 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. Parents are welcome to stay and take part in the activities.

**Catholic Schools Winter Tournament - Thursday 11th May**

Next Thursday 11th May is the annual Catholic Schools Winter Tournament. It will be held at South Hagley Park and the Netball courts (for students in Year 5 - 8). This Tournament is being held early than usual because of ground availability and to make use of the better weather at the start of term.



Year 5 - 8 students will need their full sports uniform on the day and will be bused to and from the grounds.



### Coffee Morning - Tomorrow Morning!

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room when school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat this Friday 5th May. It's a great way to meet other parents, especially if you are new to the school.

Pre-school children are most welcome to come along.



### Winter Sports - Week 4, Friday 26th May

All students in Year 5 -8 take part in the Primary Sports Canterbury Weekly Sports Programme which is played at South Hagley Park, North Hagley Park and Nunweek Park on a Friday.



Winter Sports will be starting in Week 4 on Friday 26th May. This year we have teams competing in Netball, Rugby, Soccer and Hockey. A big thank you to our parent helpers and coaches who come along every Friday during winter to take one of our sports teams.

It would be greatly appreciated if all students could have the new PE uniform for winter sport so that they are easily identifiable. Our new sports uniform is available from Mainland Uniforms on Ilam Rd.

### Christchurch School of Gymnastics - Year 1 - 4

For the next four weeks students in Year 1 - 4 will be going down to the Christchurch School of Gymnastics at QEII Park. They promise that the programme offerED will 'delight and challenge' whilst also teaching the fundamental physical skills required for today's children.



I am sure all the students are very excited about these days and will really enjoy everything that the Christchurch School of Gymnastics has to offer. Students will be bused to and from the venue with Rooms 1 and 2 leaving at 10:30 and returning at 12:30 and Room 4 leaving at 12:30 and returning at 2:30.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for photos!

### Important Dates: Term 2, 2017

4th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
8th May	Cross Country
10th May	St Bede's Open Day
10th May	Cross Country Postponement Day
11th May	Catholic Schools Winter Tournament
11th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
12th May	Assembly Room 3
18th May	West Zone Cross Country
18th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
25th May	Villa Maria Open Day
25th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
26th May	Assembly Room 4
26th May	Winter Sports Begin Year 5 -8
30th May	National Young Leaders Day
30th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
5th June	Queens Birthday Weekend
15th June	School Boat Race 1:30 - 3:00pm
18th June	9am School Mass
21st June	Canterbury Cross Country
28th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
3rd July	Book Week

### After School Care

After School Care is based in the building beside the senior playground from 3.00pm - 5.30pm, Mon - Fri, 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

### Faith Facts!

What a ground breaking Pope we have! Last week using the power of technology at its best Pope Francis delivered a surprise address at the TED 2017 conference in Vancouver.



In his address, Francis explained, "the more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact." He made reference to the Good Samaritan parable, "the revolution of tenderness" and overcoming the "culture waste." Take a look at this thought provoking presentation at this link. <https://goo.gl/v7H8gn>