



From the Principal's Desk....

This week has been Book Week at St Patrick's and all the students have been extremely busy.

A big thank you to Jane Christian who, as part of the Scholastic Book Fair has worked tirelessly in the Library this week. We don't have a final figure yet but thank you to everyone who has made this fundraiser so successful. Also I would like to thank the staff and the PFA who helped organise a very successful Stories by Candlelight for the Room 1 and 2 students. This was a great opportunity for our Junior parents to get together and we hope you all enjoyed the evening.

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you have a relaxing holiday break and if you are going away over the holidays, travel safely on the roads.

We look forward to seeing you back for Term 3 on Monday 24th July.

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 7th July. 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.



Netball Success....



Congratulations to Olivia Morton who has been selected for the Canterbury A Primary Schools Netball Metro Representative team. Olivia has taken part in multiple trials over the term and this is a great achievement. The netball tournament will be held in Dunedin this year.

Singing Success....



Congratulations to Eleanor Burkett who has been selected in the Junior Choir for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival to be held on the 25th - 26th October at the Horncastle Arena. Eleanor was one of 559 students who auditioned for 319 places!

Term 3, Teacher Only Day - Friday 1st September

Next Term the staff at St Patrick's will be spending some time investigating Numicon. Numicon aims to facilitate students understanding and enjoyment of maths by using structured imagery that plays to their strong sense of pattern. This is done through research-based, multisensory teaching activities. As part of this process, staff will be attending a full day workshop which will be held at St Patrick's on Friday 1st September. Please make arrangements for your child/children on this day.





Dark Side Entertainers

If you liked our special visitors from Dark Side Entertainers on Monday, they are available for birthday parties and celebrations. We were very lucky that they gave up their time to come in and be part of our special day. It would be great if you could support them.



Fendalton School PTA Invitation - John Parsons on Cyber Safety for Children and Families.

Parents, teachers and friends of the Burnside Learning Cluster (BLCC) are invited to a talk by John Parsons on Cyber Safety for Children and Families. John Parsons is highly recommended and even harder to book, so please make the most of this opportunity.

He delivers cyber safety workshops to those who work with young people in areas of health, education and safety. John also delivers parent/caregiver cyber safety workshops through school or community based initiatives.

To cover some costs, like the hire of the Aurora Centre, they will be making an admission charge which they hope to keep at or below \$5 per person.

Please add this event to your calendar - The Aurora Centre Monday 18 September at 7.30pm



Nathan Mikaere Wallis, the Developing Brain - Monday 10th July at 7pm

As part of the Burnside Learning Community Cluster (BLCC), all parents and caregivers have the opportunity to spend an evening with Nathan Mikaere Wallis at St Andrew's College Chapel on Monday 10th July at 7pm.

The link for the booking site is: https://nz.patronbase.com/_StAC/Productions. Booking is either online or parents can go in to the main reception at St Andrew's College for tickets.

Early bird pricing is \$10 a ticket.

Please take the time to listen to this interview with Nathan on Radio NZ to hear just how powerful his message is. http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=201844291



Important Dates: Term 2/3, 2017

7th July	11:30 Assembly Room 8
7th July	Last Day of Term 2
24th July	Term 3 Begins
26th July	Westzone Tournament
28th July	Assembly Room 5
28th July	Winter Sports
3rd August	Mt Hutt Ski Trip, Year 5 - 8
4th August	Winter Sports
16th August	Cultural Festival
1st September	Teacher Only Day
14th December	End of Year Mass
15th December	Last Day of Term

Faith Facts - Daily Scripture

Pray-as-you-go is a daily prayer session, designed to help you pray whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. Combining music, scripture and some questions for reflection. The aim is to help you to become more aware of God's presence in your life, listen to and reflect on God's word and to grow in your relationship with God.



Why not download it onto your device!! <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>