



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to the end of Week 3 everyone.

This week I have had the privilege of being part of the St Mary's Primary School Catholic Education Review with Mark Gregory, the former Principal of St Josephs Papanui. It was a great way to see our Catholic faith in action at another school. The school has been through an incredible journey post earthquakes. St Mary's should be very proud of their Catholic Special Character and the way their Home, School and Parish work so closely together to offer the best possible environment for their students.

It was also great to reaffirm our own Catholic Special Character here at St Patrick's and highlighted similarities between the two schools which both have 'Community' at the heart of everything they think, say and do.



Catholic Schools Winter Tournament

A big thank you to our parent coaches and staff and all the supporters who came along to the 2017 Catholic Winter Tournament last Thursday. It was very wet in parts but all the students had a great day.

Mr Zhang took some great photos (in the rain) of our students in action. Head along to the school's Facebook to view them.



Cross Country Success

Well done to all our students who took part in the Cross Country on Monday 8th May. A big thank you to our parent helpers on the BBQ and all our Year 8 students who ran activities in the afternoon. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the 2017 Zone Cross Country Races at Halswell Quarry next Thursday 25th May at 1pm.

Year 4: Jimmy Jackson, Finn Callaghan, Noah McIntyre and Heidi Molloy

Year 5: Daniel Milicich, Hugo van Herel, Kealan Bailey, Jack Sparrow, Georgina Gibson, Rose Kelly and Bethany Sutcliffe

Year 6: Jack Griffiths, Louie Hall, Callum Moore, Luke Brinkhurst, Shivan Bailey, George Watson, Genevieve Christian, Maggie McGoldrick and Niamh Jackson

Year 7: Noah Shaskey, George Lawry, Luke Shearman, Rosaria Gibson and Keeley Hughes

Year 8: Jack Owens, Oliver Lawry, William Condon, Jack Grant, Lulu McGoldrick and Bridie James





Entertainment Books

Thank you to those of you who have successfully managed to sell or purchase the 2017/2018 Entertainment Book. This year our goal is to raise \$2000 towards new reading books for the school. Last Friday each family received a book to look through to either sell to a family member or friend, or purchase yourself.



Please note you are not obligated to purchase this book. If you do not wish to purchase an Entertainment Book, please return the book to the School Office by 23rd May in the personalised envelope provided, clearly marked with your child's name.

Thank you for supporting this St Patrick's fundraiser!

Winter Sports - This Friday 19th May

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

Winter Sports will be starting in Week 3 on Friday 19th 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.

Faith Facts! - Two more Saints for the Church

Celebrating Mass last week on May 13th was the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the 100th anniversary of the date when Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three young children.

Pope Francis canonized two of the three young shepherds, Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

In announcing their canonization back in March, Pope Francis said we must all "listen attentively to the Mother of God and ask for peace in our world."



Important Dates: Term 2, 2017

19th May	Winter Sports Begin Year 5 -8
23rd May	ICAS, Digital Technology
25th May	Villa Maria Open Day
25th May	West Zone Cross Country
25th May	Junior Syndicate, Gym Year 1 - 4
26th May	Assembly Room 4
26th May	America's Cup Starts
30th May	National Young Leaders Day
30th May	ICAS, Science
30th May	BOT Meeting 7pm
5th June	Queens Birthday Weekend
8th June	Benediction
12th June	ICAS, Writing
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
24th July	Term 3 Begins

Canterbury Champs Judo Competition

Last Sunday Mac Templeton and Hugo van Herel competed in the Canterbury Champs Judo Competition held in Lincoln.

They each had three matches (fights) in their weight categories, and showed the Mercy Values of Excellence and Respect by doing their very best and having a positive attitude.



They were both really excited about this day.