



From the Principal's Desk....

Red and Black Mufti Day, next Thursday 8th June

Yes, you have read that correctly. To mark the upcoming British and Irish Lions tour to New Zealand and the game against the Crusaders on Saturday 10th June we will be holding a Red and Black Mufti Day to celebrate this occasion. This is also the beginning of the Junior and Senior Syndicate inquiries into the British Isles, as part of the British and Irish Lions tour to New Zealand.

I personally do not own a Crusaders jersey so will be unable to take part. However, if there is a father (L/XL) out there who is willing to lend me their Crusaders jersey, I will happily acquire it and wear it for the day. Who knows, some of that Highlanders magic may even rub off onto it.

There is no gold coin donation required, however, the Year 8's are asking students to bring a children's book as part of their collection drive for the Paddy's Army.



St Patrick's 'Super Sailors' Boat Race - Thursday 15th June

The race is on at present for the students to build their boats for the upcoming St Patrick's 'Super Sailors' Boat Race on Thursday 15th June at Mona Vale. Mr Wallis has a 'Top Secret' boat being built for this race and, as the rule maker for the event, he has decided that his boat can enter all the student year level races giving him multiple opportunities to win on the day.



The race will be taking place on Thursday 15th June in the Avon River down the Fendalton Road end of Mona Vale. We will be walking the students down to Mona Vale at 1pm. Racing will commence from 1:30pm - 2:00pm. All the students will then walk back to school.

Because water is involved, we do require parent assistance on the day. We will need support with supervision in the water and on land and at the start/finish line of the boats in the water. Mr Brown and Mr Wallis are able to be in the water. Please note that no students will be entering the water. If you are able to assist on the day, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

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

Parents, teachers and friends of the Burnside Learning Cluster 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





The Queen's Tea Party - Friday 2nd June

Everyone will be looking forward to the Queen's Birthday holiday weekend coming up, however, the Junior Syndicate are looking forward to hosting the Queen's Birthday Tea Party on Friday 2nd June at 2pm. All the students will be having a lovely high tea party outside the library under the flag (weather dependent) and, apparently, even the Queen will be popping in for a visit at some stage!

Students are encouraged to bring along some royal attire to change into for the party. They will all be making their own crowns and singing along to 'God Save the Queen'. Parents are welcome to come down for the high tea party celebrations and for an opportunity to see the Queen!

The Junior Syndicate are using this occasion to mark the beginning of their Inquiry into the British Isles, as part of the upcoming British and Irish Lions tour to New Zealand.



Wig Wednesday - Wednesday 21st June

On Wednesday 21st June St Patrick's is going to be supporting Kiwi Kids with cancer and their families by taking part in Wig Wednesday. Students will be asked to participate by making a gold coin donation and wearing their favourite wig to school with their uniform for the day!



Faith Facts - Pentecost

Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. We celebrate Pentecost Sunday on 4th June. In the Gospel reading on Sunday we hear Jesus saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

We are called to bear witness to our faith by being the hands, the feet, the face and the voice of Jesus in our world. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit we have the strength to do this. Some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church. Let's celebrate!



Important Dates: Term 2, 2017

5th June	Queens Birthday Weekend
8th June	Red and Black Mufti Day
8th June	Benediction
12th June	ICAS Week, Writing
15th June	School Boat Race 1:30 - 3:00pm
18th June	9am School Mass and R.E Expo
21st June	Canterbury Cross Country
21st June	Wig Wednesday
28th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
3rd July	Book Week
4th July	BoT Meeting
24th July	Term 3 Begins

Paddy's Army - Children's Book Drive

The Year 8 Paddy's Army are on the hunt for children's books. If your children have outgrown their children's books, the Paddy's Army would love to get hold of these books.

As part of this term's collection drive, Paddy's Army are looking to build a huge collection of children's books that they can then donate to a school whose library is in need of books.



Please drop in your children's books to Room 8.