



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 3 everyone. I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the exciting events that Term 3 has to offer. This term, it is all about the 'Arts' at St Patrick's. As well as our School Production and Speech Competition, we will also be holding our first St Patrick's School 'ShamRock Factor'.

This week we welcome seven new families to our school community. We hope that the children and their families enjoy the lovely school environment we have here at St Patrick's. If you haven't noticed, we have plenty of little feet running around the school grounds. Once again we are at capacity for the school year.



West Zone Winter Sports Tournament - next Wednesday 2nd August

Unfortunately the West Zone Winter Sports Tournament was postponed this week due to ground conditions. The new date for the tournament is next Wednesday 2nd August. All students in Year 5 -8 participate and the games are held down at Hagley Park from 12pm - 2pm. Students must wear their sports uniform to school on this day.



'The Deceptive Track'



Congratulations to Noah Cunningham who has had his work published in Toitoti, a Journal for Young Writers and Artists. Noah's work has been published in Toitoti Issue 8 after he wrote a fantastic story called 'The Deceptive Track'.

Waste Free Lunches



If you haven't already noticed our rubbish bins have been removed from the school grounds. We are trialling this to see if it reduces the amount of rubbish left lying around the school grounds, particularly after Brain Breaks. We would encourage parents to take up the waste free lunch concept, where possible, in order to reduce the amount of waste we have at school.

Term 3, Teacher Only Day - Friday 1st September

This 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.





Mufti Day - Thursday 10th August

As part of our fundraising efforts for the Year 7 and 8 School trip to the Central Otago Rail Trail, we will be making and selling cheese rolls.

In preparation, there will be a mufti day on Thursday 10th August. The students are all asked to bring a can of Reduced Cream instead of a gold coin donation. The cheese rolls will be made towards the end of Term 3. Notices and order forms sent out nearer to the time.



Lotto Bonus Number Fundraiser

Lisa De Maudave Bestel is running a 'Lotto Bonus Number Fundraiser' for ten weeks this term to raise funds for the Year 7 and 8 Otago Rail Trail Camp. There are still a few numbers left for this fundraiser which we would love to fill.



The fundraiser works as follows:

1. 40 people opt in and pick a number (between 1 and 40) which they will have for ten weeks.
2. The cost is \$50 per number.
3. The person who picks the correct Lotto Bonus Number from the Saturday Lotto draw will win \$100.
4. When all numbers are sold we will have collected \$2,000.00. This will pay out \$1,000.00 in prize money and \$1,000.00 will go towards the Year 7 and 8 Camp.

All you need to do is purchase a number. Once all numbers are allocated, Lisa will send a sheet out with the names and numbers for you to follow over Term 3. The first draw will be Saturday on 29 July and the final draw will be Saturday 30 September.

Please note that this is not limited to school families, so please ask your friends...the more the merrier! Lisa will supply you with her bank account details when you opt in for a number. The \$50 fee must be paid to Lisa prior to 28th July.

Lisa's address is bestels@me.com and her mobile number is 021-391972.

Important Dates: Term 3, 2017

28th July	Assembly Room 5
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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 - Feast of St Mary Magdalene

On Saturday 22nd July it was the Feast of St Mary Magdalene. Pope Francis in discussing Saint Mary Magdalene said she became "the apostle of the new and greatest hope." Her life was changed because she had "seen the Lord...Mary's experience is an example for us, too."



Pope Francis is saying. 'If we place Jesus at the centre of all that we do, Jesus, who is our strength, and our hope will change our lives too'.