



From the Principal's Desk....

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Mercy Day. September 24th is the anniversary of the opening of the first "House of Mercy" in 1827 in Dublin, Ireland. Catherine McAuley, who was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, devoted her life to the poor, sick and uneducated. Room 2 will be holding a very special assembly to celebrate Mercy Day followed by the traditional 'Cup of Tea'. The Sisters of Mercy opened St Patrick's School on the 6th February 1951 with 56 pupils!



Thank you for the kind and positive feedback you gave us about our production 'Don't Wait Till Tomorrow'. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their fantastic talents that are often hidden in the school environment. A big thank you to Mr Zhang who filmed our 2017 School Production. Mr Zhang has put together a small snippet of last week's show for you all on our Facebook page while the editing of the full production is taking place.



Lastly, God Bless you and your families. Have a safe and enjoyable school break.

Life Education Trust Canterbury

In the first week of Term 4, we have Harold and the Life Education Trust visiting St Patrick's.

The Life Education Trust is a charity that educates and empowers children to make good choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Every year they teach over 250,000 children about their body, friendships, their identity, food and nutrition and helpful and harmful substances.



There will be a parent meeting on Monday 16th October from 9:00am - 9:20am for any parents who wish to learn more about the units Life Education will be covering while they are on site for the week.

St Patrick's School Disco - Friday October 27th

On Friday 27th October we will be holding the St Patrick's School Disco and Senior Dance in the Parish Hall. It is a great night and is separated into Junior, Middle and Senior dances. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet together in the School Library for drinks and nibbles.

- Junior: Years 1 - 2, from 5 - 6 pm.
- Middle: Years 3 - 6, from 6.15 - 7.15 pm.
- Senior: Years 7 and 8, from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

The cost is \$5 each with a maximum of \$10 per family. Years 1 - 6 will receive a lolly bag and glow bangle upon entry. For the Year 7 - 8 students, there will be a \$1 tuck shop available. There are Door Sales on the night (cash only).





2018 School Fair - Saturday 18th March

St Patrick's School has a proud history of hosting a bi-annual School Fair and planning has commenced for our next Fair in 2018.



If you are having a clean out over the holidays the PFA would love to get hold of any toys, books, clothes etc. that are in a good condition.

In the first two weeks of Term 4 the PFA Container will be made available to store any items you wish to donate.

Kids Artworks, Calendars, Diaries

Don't forget to get your order forms in for the PFA Artwork Fundraiser. Classes in Years 1 - 8 have been very busy getting their artwork ready and they look amazing.

Orders and payments are due tomorrow, Friday 29th September, in the School Office.



Internet payments can be made to the PFA account 03-1355-0746711-00 and Cheques made out to PFA St Patricks.

Sorry there is no Eftpos Available.

Speech Success



Congratulations to Jack Griffiths in Year 6 who has made it through to the finals of the Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Junior Speech Competition with his speech 'How to Pick a Lock'.

The finals will be held on Wednesday 18th October at Breens Intermediate School at 7pm.

After School Care Raffle



Congratulations to Bethany Sutcliffe in Room 5 who won the After School Care Raffle.

A big thank you from everyone at After School Care for supporting our Annual Fundraiser!

After School Care A.G.M



The After School Care will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th October at 7pm in the After School Room.

Anyone is welcome to come along to the meeting. There will also be light refreshments available.

Important Dates: Term 3/4, 2017

29th September	Mercy Day
29th September	Last Day of Term 3
16th October	First Day of Term 4
23rd October	Labour Day
26th October	School Athletics
9th November	West Zone Athletics
17th November	Show Day
20th November	Year 7 & 8 Camp
22nd November	Year 5 & 6 Camp
27th November	Swimming Starts
12th December	Tough Kids Challenge
12th December	Junior Syndicate Wheels Day
6th December	School Interviews
14th December	End of Year Mass

Faith Facts - Feast of St Matthew

On September 21st, the Church celebrated the Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

In 1953, on this feast day, the young Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, experienced God in his life in a "very special and intimate way. He felt his heart touched by the mercy of God.

In memory of this event Francis chose as his episcopal, and later papal motto, the words, "Miserando atque eligendo" from Saint Bede's homily on the calling of St Matthew.

