



From the Principal's Desk....

Last Thursday there was no newsletter because I joined 62 students and parent helpers on our annual ski trip to Mt Hutt. Despite rain when we left at 6:30am, it was a beautiful day on the mountain and all the students had a wonderful time.

For many students it was their first time skiing and I would like to thank all our parent helpers who looked after our students on the ski field last week!

Thank You



Junior and Senior Jump Jam Success!

If you weren't aware, both our Junior and Senior Jump Jam teams qualified recently for the Jump Jam Nationals in Auckland. After deciding it would be a huge undertaking for both teams to attend the Auckland event, Mrs Moore has been very busy looking at the logistics of how we could get our Senior Jump Jam team to Auckland.

We can now inform you that our Senior Jump Jam Team, the St Pat's Gatsby's, will be attending the Jump Jam Nationals in Auckland on Saturday 28th October 2017. This is largely due to a very generous donation of \$2000 from PACE Project Management. We thank them for their support!



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.



Hockey Success



Congratulations to Keeley Hughes and Cara Morrison. Keeley has been named in the Canterbury Primary A Girls Hockey team while Cara has been selected to trial for the Canterbury Primary Girls Development team. We wish them the best of luck with their respective tournaments in the school holidays.

Canterbury Rugby Success



Congratulations to Oliver and George Lawry who have both been named in the Canterbury Metro U48kg rugby team. Oliver and George were two of around 120 boys who took part across four trials before the team was named. They will attend the South Island Tournament in Dunedin during the school holidays.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring along a can of Reduced Cream for the Year 7 and 8 School trip to the Central Otago Rail Trail fundraising. We ended up with a total of 158 cans!

The cheese rolls will be made towards the end of Term 3. Notices and order forms will be sent out nearer the time.

Start making room in your freezer!



2017 Cultural Festival



All students in Year 5 - 8 have been very busy preparing for the 2017 Cultural Festival to be held at the Horncastle Arena next Wednesday 16th August.

This year's event will have over 70 school's performing from all over Canterbury. The Cultural Festival has been held annually since 1981 (with the exception of one year).

For parents who pre-purchased their tickets, these will be coming home on Friday with the students. For parents who still wish to attend this year's event tickets can still be purchased through Ticketek.

2018 Student Enrolments



If you haven't noticed already, we have a few more feet running around our school compared to this time last year. By the end of the year, our school roll will be full.

If you have, or if you know anyone who has, a child who is due to start at St Patrick's any time during 2018, we request that their enrolment information comes into the office as soon as possible.

This is very important for any families who have siblings who they are wanting to enrol at St Patrick's in 2018 or beyond.

Important Dates: Term 3, 2017

11th August	Winter Sports
11th August	11:30am Assembly Room 7
16th August	Cultural Festival
18th August	Winter Sports
22nd August	Year 1 - 4 Art Trip
22nd August	BoT Meeting
23rd August	Cantermath Competition
24th August	Canterbury Winter Tournament
25th August	11:30am Assembly Room 6
26th August	Room 4 'What Now' Canter math
30th August	St Patrick's Speech Finals Year 3 - 8
1st September	Teacher Only Day
3rd September	Whole School Mass
4th September	Tennis Lessons begin
7th September	PFA Mufti Day
8th September	11:30am Assembly Room 4
14th September	Student-Led Conferences
20th September	School Photos
21st September	School Production

Faith Facts - "Miserando atque eligendo"

What is Pope Francis' motto and what can we learn from it?

Pope Francis' motto, "Miserando atque eligendo", means "lowly but chosen"; literally in Latin 'by having mercy, by choosing him'. We are all called to show mercy by living out the Gospel values shown to us by Jesus.

