



From the Principal's Desk....

Last night I had the privilege of attending the 2017 Cultural Festival.

This festival has been held annually since 1981. This year the festival involved over 70 primary and intermediate schools from across Canterbury.

All the students who took part in last night's performance should be extremely proud of themselves. Performing on stage, in front of such a large audience, is a fantastic way to reward yourselves for all the time and effort you have put in throughout the year to represent the school at this prestigious event.

A big thank you to our Kapa Haka tutors who come in each week as part of our Fantastic Friday Programme to work with both the Junior and Senior Kapa Haka groups.

We also have to thank Mr Brown and Miss McDonnell for all the organisation that goes on behind the scenes for an event like this, and to all the staff that helped make last night so successful.

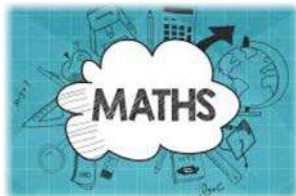


### Term 3, Teacher Only Day - Friday 1st September

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.



### Cantamaths -Wednesday 23rd August



Next week our Year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in the 47th Annual Cantamath Competition at the Horncastle Arena. The competition has been running since 1972 and the theme this year is 'Maths Across the Curriculum'.

Cantamath is an important and exciting part of the school calendar for many teachers and students. Each year there are always new and fresh ideas, along with top quality work and careful presentation.

### Year 1 - 4 Art Trip - Tuesday 22nd August



Next Tuesday 22nd August the Junior Team, as part of their Inquiry Learning, are visiting the Christchurch Art Gallery.

While there they will be participating in a lesson at the Gallery and seeing work by renowned artist Matisse, alongside New Zealand artist Richard Killeen and two Tivaevae pieces from Rarotonga.




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Marist Albion Under 12 Final



Good luck to William Arscott, Noah Cunningham, George Lawry and Ben Sutherland who are playing in the Under 12 rugby final at 11:45am against New Brighton this weekend at Rawhiti Park.

The boys all play for the Marist Albion Under 12 team. It would be great if anyone is free to come down and support the team this weekend.

From all the staff and students at St Patrick's, we wish you all the best!

Paddy's Army



Last term the Year 8's asked all families at school to donate a children's book as part of their collection drive for Paddy's Army. They received hundreds of books which they wanted to give to another school.

On Tuesday morning a small group of students delivered the books to the pupils of St James in Aranui. The response from the school was overwhelming. We hope they enjoy the range of books they received thanks to the kind generosity of the St Patrick's families.

Important Dates: Term 3, 2017

18th August	Winter Sports
22nd August	Year 1 - 4 Art Trip
22nd August	BoT Meeting
23rd August	Cantamath Competition
24th August	Canterbury Winter Tournament
25th August	11:30am Assembly Room 6
26th August	Room 4 'What Now'
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
26th September	BoT Meeting

Faith Facts - The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Aotearoa New Zealand's national patronal feast day.

On this feast of Mary we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother.



The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven, not only with her soul but also with her body.