



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. I hope you all managed to have a relaxing break.

This term is going to be a very busy one. We have school camps for our years 5 - 8 students coming up as well as tennis and swimming lessons. Our annual School Christmas Picnic is also this term. It will be held on Sunday December 3rd from 4pm - 6pm so save the date now.



We have two important staffing announcements to make for 2018.

Congratulations to Robyn Moore in Room 6 who has been awarded a Primary Principals' and Teachers' Study Award for 2018. The award comes with paid leave for 32 school weeks and will enable Robyn to complete papers she has been doing towards her Masters.

It is also with great pleasure that I can now inform you all that Hamish McIntyre has been appointed to the Year 8 Teacher position for 2018. Hamish has recently graduated from the University of Canterbury and has been teaching students in Years 9 and 10 at St Bede's College. He also brings a wealth of experience after teaching students English in South Korea for the last 13 years.

I know you will all welcome him into the St Patrick's School Community and we look forward to him starting in Term 1, 2018.



Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary, Junior Speech Competition

Last night the finals of the Burnside Rotary Junior Speech Competition were held at Breens Intermediate School. Jack Griffiths in Year 6 was one of five students competing for a position with his speech 'How to Pick a Lock'.

Each year Jack has been a strong contender with his speeches and creative writing ability. Last night he was rewarded, and was placed 3rd overall for his Year group.

Congratulations Jack on this fantastic achievement!



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).

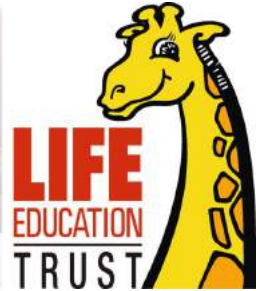




Life Education Trust Canterbury

This week we have had Harold and the Life Education Trust visiting St Patrick's.

The students have really enjoyed the Life Education Trust visit and we would like to extend our thanks to Amanda and Nigel for the fantastic programmes that have delivered to our students. We all look forward to seeing Harold and the team again next year!



Athletics - Thursday 26th October 2017

A reminder that next Thursday is our school Athletics Day at Villa Maria College. Please ensure all students in Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are at school by 8:30am for the buses. Senior students will begin their events at 9:15am while the Juniors start their events at 11:00am.

We require parent helpers for the day to assist with the rotation of field events. You do not have to know anything about the events as there will be a teacher organising each event. You may need to help with measuring or raking the long jump pit or recording results.



Lunch will be at 12:30. Parents are more than welcome to come along and join us for lunch.

If the weather is wet, a decision will be on the morning and parents will be emailed and a post put up on our Facebook page.

Important Dates: Term 4, 2017

23rd Oct	Labour Day
26th Oct	School Athletics
27th Oct	KOS Parents Meeting 2:30pm
27th Oct	School Disco
28th Oct	Jump Jam Nationals
30th Oct	Tennis begins
1st Nov	Combined School Liturgy at Elmwood Park
9th Nov	West Zone Athletics
17th Nov	Show Day
20th Nov	Year 7 & 8 Camp
22nd Nov	Year 5 & 6 Camp
27th Nov	Swimming Starts
3rd Dec	Christmas Picnic
10th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
12th Dec	Tough Kids Challenge
12th Dec	Junior Syndicate Wheels Day
7th Dec	School Interviews
14th Dec	End of Year Mass
15th Dec	Last Day 12:30pm finish

Sun Hats and Bullrush

Please remember it is compulsory in Term 4 for all students to have their sun hats at school. Students who do not have their sun hats will be required to stay in the shade during brain breaks and lunchtimes.



For senior students who wish to play bullrush over at the park during lunchtimes in Term 4, they will be required to bring an old t-shirt or top to play in. No old t-shirt or top equals no bullrush.