



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 3 everyone.

Thank you to Miss McDonnell and Miss Quinn for organising a great combined school liturgy at Elmwood Park yesterday to celebrate All Saints Day.

Students in Year 1 – 8, from St Patrick's and St Albans Catholic Schools had a fantastic time at the park and enjoyed hearing from some very famous saints who popped in for a visit.

They were also very lucky to receive ice-blocks from Father Alister and the Holy Trinity Parish!



Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme

This week all the students have been taking part in the Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme delivered by Waimairi Tennis Club. The programme is funded by Canterbury Tennis and aim to give children a taste of tennis and provide some information about their local Club. We hope some of our students take the next step and join a club.



2018 Staffing Announcement.

It is with great pleasure that I can now inform you all that Marcus Beaton has been appointed to the Fixed-term Year 6 Teacher position for 2018.



Marcus, who is from Christchurch originally, has been teaching for a number of years and is currently teaching Year 5 and 6 at St Thomas' Aquinas in Winton, Southland. He is looking forward to returning to Christchurch and joining us all next year.

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

Coffee Morning - Tomorrow Morning

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room when school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat this Friday 3rd November. It's a great way to meet other parents, especially if you are new to the school. Pre-school children are most welcome to come along.





Important Principal's Message

It is with great sadness that I inform you all that I will be stepping down from my role as Principal at St Patrick's School for the remainder of Term 4. My last day will be Wednesday 15th November. To avoid any inconvenience, we will be appointing three new Principals to fulfil my role for the whole day on Thursday 16th November. The Principals will look after a the day-to-day running of the school with Amelia Watson covering Year 1 - 2, Thomas Watson covering Year 3 -5 and George Watson covering Year 6 - 8.



The Watsons combined resumes are outstanding and they know the school well. Amelia, Thomas, George and I have met and they have explained to me that their changes will need to be put into place immediately so that the students at St Patrick's can kick back and relax for the day!

National JUMP JAM Championships 2017

Congratulations to our Senior Jump Jam Team who competed in the National Championship Event at Westlake Boys High School Auditorium in Auckland last weekend.



Mrs Moore has worked extremely hard with this group throughout the year. They had been practising at every opportunity, even after school and in their holidays!

Known as the 'PACE Party Jammers' they had a fantastic time and did the school proud. They finished fourth, received a Distinction in Technical Execution and a Merit Certificate for Presentation and Creativity.

A big thank you also to Mrs McKendry and all the parents who went along to help and support, and to PACE Project Management for their generous donation which contributed to getting the team up to Auckland!



Important Dates: Term 4, 2017

7th Nov	Board Meeting 7pm
9th Nov	West Zone Athletics
16th Nov	PFA Mufti Day
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

Enrolments 2018

If you haven't noticed already, we have a few more feet running around our school than 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.