



### From the Principal's Desk....

This Sunday, 3rd December from 4pm - 6pm is the St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic. It will be held on the field behind the Junior playground.

The Picnic is a lovely opportunity for the community to get together before Christmas. Bring a blanket, chairs and some refreshments and sit back and enjoy the musical entertainment from our very own Michael Thwaites and their family band, The Clan.

There will be a sausage sizzle, musical items from Room 1 and 2 and a lolly scramble for all the children. There will also be some pre-fair raffles, so bring along any loose change you have to be into win. There are some great prizes, including two tickets to the Electric Avenue Music Festival, two tickets to Live in the Park and a Crusaders Rugby Jersey. The weather forecast is looking great, so come on down and enjoy a lovely evening together!



### Linc-ed Online School Reports

This Friday, 1st December your child's Linc-ed Online School Report we will be made available for you to view. This online report contains all the information you need to keep you informed of your child's learning progress at school prior to the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

The report is broken into three main parts, 1) an overview of the curriculum with useful links to how you can help your child at home, 2) a Progress Graph and Achievement Statement which indicates how your child is achieving in relation to the National Standards, 3) a comment which informs you of your child's current curriculum levels. A general comment on your child's overall progress at school is also included.

If you are new to the school or have not logged into Linc-ed for some time, do not panic. We will be sending home a letter that will give you all the login details you need to view your child's online report.



### Parent-Teacher Interviews - Thursday 7th December 2017

On Monday evening an email was sent home informing you that we will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday 7th December. Time slots are already filling up fast.

School will finish at 12:30pm. The reason for closing the school early is to allow us to get through all the interviews in one day.

We would appreciate it if you were able to collect your child/children at 12:30pm so that the Parent-Teacher Interviews can begin at 1:30pm.

For those parents and caregivers who are unable to collect their children due to work commitments, we will be arranging supervision until 3pm for any remaining children.

The 2017 Parent-Teacher Interviews will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and social needs in a more formal setting. To make a booking for the Parent-Teacher Interviews, please cut and paste the following link.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=tpw7n>





**Farewell for Mr Brown - Tuesday 5th December at 5:30pm**

We will be having farewell drinks and nibbles for Mr Brown on Tuesday 5th December at 5:30pm at Misceo Cafe & Bar.

This is an open invitation to any parents or former parents who may wish to come along and celebrate Mr Brown's time at St Patrick's School. It will be a nice informal way to thank Mr Brown and for anyone to share a story or twenty of his time at the school.

There will be a more formal farewell for Mr Brown at our End of Year Mass and Year 8's Leavers Assembly where the students will also have an opportunity to say their goodbyes.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**A Christmas Story - Monday 11th December at 2pm.**

Instead of a School Assembly next Friday 8th December, Room 1 and 2 will be holding a full school Assembly in the Church on Monday 11th December at 2pm.

The students in Room 1 and 2 have all been very busy practising their carols to share with everyone and we think the Parish Hall may not be big enough!

All parent's are welcome to attend Room 1 and 2's Assembly.



**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 1st December.

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 Dates: Term 4, 2017**

1st Dec	Reports Published Online
3rd Dec	Christmas Picnic 4pm - 6pm
4th Dec	Swimming Continues
6th Dec	Canterbury Athletics
7th Dec	No Swimming
7th Dec	School Interviews
8th Dec	No Assembly
10th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
11th Dec	Room 1 and 2 Assembly
12th Dec	Tough Kids Challenge
12th Dec	BoT Meeting
12th Dec	Junior Syndicate Wheels Day
14th Dec	End of Year Mass 6pm
15th Dec	Room 8 Final Assembly 11:30am
15th Dec	Last Day 12:30pm finish
29th Jan	Term 1 starts

**Sibling Enrolments - 2018 and Beyond**

We are very fortunate to have a full role for the remainder of this year and for 2018.

If you have, or if you know anyone who has, a child who is due to start at St Patrick's any time in the future, 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 2019 or beyond.

