



From the Principal's Desk....

A big thank you to the PFA and all the families who ventured out to the School Community Christmas Picnic on Sunday. We hope you all had a lovely time and enjoyed the chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

Thank you to Kate Watson for organising the PFA Christmas Picnic raffle. Through your support, we raised over \$300!

The lucky winners were:

- Catherine Gill (Champagne Hamper)
- Guy Gibson (Electric Avenue Music Festival tickets)
- Ardan Stott (Crusaders rugby jersey)



Tough Kids Christchurch 2017

On Tuesday 12th December, students in Years 3 - 8 from St Patrick's will be taking part in the annual Sport Canterbury Tough Kids Challenge again this year.

St Patrick's will join around 2,000 primary and intermediate students from across Greater Christchurch who will come together for the 5th year of the event.

We have entered all students in Year 3 - 8. The children will be racing in Race 2 starting at 1:00pm. All students are encouraged to dress up in green on the day to represent the school. They will get wet so a towel and change of clothing is important.

The Sport Canterbury Tough Kid Challenge will be held at South New Brighton Domain and involves several inflatable obstacles, a water slide and a mud pit. This event is about fun and participation. It is not a competition.



End of Year Mass - Thursday 14th December

Our final School Mass will be at the Holy Trinity Parish on Thursday 14th December at 6pm

All children are expected to attend in school uniform and to be seated by 5:45pm. Each year the children are asked to bring along a wrapped present labelled boy or girl and the approximate age level the gift is for.

There will be baskets in the foyer of the church for the presents to be placed in as the children arrive. The gifts will be taken up with the offertory during Mass and delivered to St Vincent de Paul.

After Mass we will be presenting the Catherine McAuley Christian Leadership Trophy to a Year 8 student who has continually displayed and role modelled our Sisters of Mercy Values of Compassion, Hospitality, Respect, Service, Excellence and Social Justice.

We look forward to seeing you all 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 special 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 parents are welcome to attend Room 1 and 2's Assembly.



Canterbury Athletics Day

Yesterday we had 15 students participate at the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Ashburton.

This was a great opportunity for our students to test themselves alongside some of Canterbury's top young athletes.

Thank you to Mr Brown and all our parents for helping at this event.



Year 8's Leavers Assembly - Friday 15th December at 11:00am

A reminder that the Year 8's Leavers Assembly will begin at 11:00am and that school will finish at 12:30pm on Friday 15th December. This is to allow for the students to have an opportunity to say their farewell to Mr Brown.



Important Dates: Term 4, 2017

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
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 roll 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.

