



From the Principal's Desk....

Tomorrow, Friday 8th February at 9:00am we will officially welcome our new students and their parents into our school community with a Mihi Whakatau. We would also like to warmly welcome any existing parents in our community to join us. It will be a lovely way to welcome our new students and their parents together.

At the conclusion of the Mihi Whakatau we will have a short Blessing over our Students and new school Building. There will be a more formal opening and Blessing of the new building at a later date.

After the Mihi Whakatau and Blessing we warmly invite our new parent community and any parents to join us for morning tea over in the Parish Hall.



Community Picnic and Meet the Teachers Evening - Wednesday 13th February

Make sure you keep next Wednesday 13th February at 5:00pm free for our Community Picnic and Meet the Teachers Evening. This is a great way to bring our school community together and to welcome new families and children to the school.

This year we have spread out our meet the teacher times to allow you to come and enjoy the evening. This is an informal meeting to meet the teacher and hear about how the week and year will operate in your child's class. If you have children in more than one class that clashes with the times below you are more than welcome to make a time to meet with them at a time that suits.



Families are invited to bring a tea of their choice to school from 5:00pm onwards to the grass area behind the Junior Playground. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

- 5:00 - 5:30pm, Rooms 1 and 2
- 5:30 - 6:00pm, Rooms 3 and 4
- 6:00 - 6:30pm, Rooms 5 and 6
- 6:30 - 7:00pm, Rooms 7 and 8



Rooms 7 and 8 also hope to have a brief discussion about fundraising for the 2019 school camp.

Shamrock Ball - Saturday 16th March 2019

Start spreading the word about attending the 2019 Shamrock Ball and inviting your friends to join us, it would be much appreciated.

At our inaugural 2017 Ball we had a large number of attendees who didn't have children at St Patrick's and we'd love to welcome them back again. To all our new parents the Ball is a great way to meet the school community whilst enjoying a fantastic night out at an iconic venue, The Great Hall.





Senior School Swimming Sports 2019 - Thursday 14th February

Next Thursday 14th February the Senior School (Year 4 - 8) will take part in the Senior School Swimming Sports at Jellie Park Pool from 12:00pm - 2:45pm. Students are to wear their sports uniform on the day, and bring 2 towels, their togs, goggles and a plastic bag for wet gear.

A reminder that swimming entries are due tomorrow, so please send these to your class teacher as soon as possible. We still desperately require two more parent helpers on the day. Please email hamishmcintyre@stpatricks.school.nz if you are able to help.

Parents are welcome to come and support their children on the day!



Weet-Bix Tryathlon - Sunday 24th February

The Weet-Bix Tryathlon is on Sunday 24th February at Jellie Park. This is for children 7 years - 15 Years.

If you have already entered the Weetbix Tryathlon morning or afternoon event, you can now link to the St Patrick's School Bryndwr school team. If you are keen to enter and have not yet entered, the afternoon event is still open, and you can link to the school team when you enter. The link is <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch>

Any queries, please contact Kirsty Mahoney (kirsty.mahoney@gmail.com)

We will have a meeting of all children who want to be part of the St Patrick's Team on Thursday 21st February @12.30pm.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

8th Feb	Mihi Whakatau - Official Welcome and Blessing
13th Feb	Community Picnic and Meet the Teacher Evening
14th Feb	Swimming Sports
15th Feb	Fantastic Friday begins
15th Feb	11:30am School Assembly Room 5
24th Feb	Weetbix Tryathlon
1st Mar	11:30am School Assembly Room 6
6th Mar	Ash Wednesday
13 Mar	Westzone Swimming Sports
15th Mar	St Patrick's Day Celebrations (Wear Green)
16th Mar	Shamrock Ball
20th Mar	HPV Vaccinations
22nd Mar	11:30am School Assembly Room 7
25th Mar	Primary Duathlon
1st Apr	3-Way Interviews 1:30pm - 6:00pm
3rd Apr	3-Way Interviews 1:30pm - 4:00pm
12th Apr	11:30am School Assembly Room 8
12th Apr	Last Day of Term 1
29th Apr	First Day of Term 2

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

Lessons are available at school. In Term 1 there are 8 spaces are available. Contact Andy on 027 214 1821 or email Andrew-marra@hotmail.co.nz

Year 8 2019 School Based Vaccination Programme

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2019 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term one, Parent/Caregivers will need to complete and return the consent form to school.