



From the Principal's Desk....

Thank you to those who attended our Community Picnic and Meet the Teachers Evening on Wednesday. It was a nice way to bring our school community together and to welcome our new families and children to the school.

We hope you found the meet the teachers evening informative and engaging and are as excited about the year as we are. For those who weren't able to make the evening you are more than welcome to make a time to meet with your teacher at a time that suits .



Swimming Sports Success!

Congratulations to all our Year 4 - 8 students who competed in the 2019 School Swimming Sports. It was great to see so many of you stepping up and giving it a go!

A big thank you to Mr McIntyre for organising the Swimming Sports this year and to all the staff and parent helpers who made the afternoon run so smoothly.

Thank you also to those who were able to come down and support all the students on the day.



Shamrock Ball - Saturday 16th March 2019

Tickets are now on sale for our major fundraiser for 2019, the Shamrock Ball on Saturday 16th March 2019 from 7pm - Midnight.

We are thrilled to have once again secured the Great Hall as the venue and Assembly Required as our band, so it'll be another night to remember. Please do join us for a fantastic night of great tunes, delicious food and good times.

Feel free to invite your friends along, the more the merrier! We hope that many families who have moved on from St Patrick's will join us too.

Our Ball is not a seated dinner, rather a cocktail style event which ensures plenty of mingling so it's a great evening for new parents to meet and make new friends.

Tickets are \$100 per person and payment can be made in cash at the office or via online transfer into the PFA account 03 1355 0746711 00 Please use 'BALL' as the reference and allow a couple of days for your funds to clear prior to collecting your tickets from Selena in the office.

If you are able to source or donate items for the silent auction please contact Deb Love 021 144 4087, Vicki Menzies 021 243 4546 or Anita Munn 021 619 126. For the live auction contact Kate Watson 021 593 692.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





### Healthy Body - Healthy Mind - Couch to 5K Programme

The Year 5 - 8 students and their teachers are participating in a Fitness programme called 'Couch to 5K,' 3 x 30 minutes sessions, 3 afternoons a week, (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).



It is a graduated programme starting with walking, then interval training of walking and running, then after some weeks being able to run 5 kilometres. Children have been asked to bring sports clothes and shoes on Mondays & Wednesdays and bring a water bottle. Fitness and stamina is an important part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. This will also give them a great base fitness for the Cross Country and other Sports they participate in this year.

### Tennis Success!

Congratualtions to Caitlyn Ring and Sarah Vogt who won the Waimari Tennis Club Girls Doubles - Club Champs.

They did incredibly well after being down four sets to one to fight back to win. Caitlyn Ring and Sarah Vogt credited their win to some of the work the students had been doing with Mr McIntyre on having a Growth Mindset.

Congratulations to you both!



### PFA Meeting - Wednesday 20th February

The first PFA meeting for 2019 will take place next Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm upstairs in the school staffroom. The PFA welcome all existing and new members along to the meeting.

Joining the PFA is a great way to get involved in our lovely community.

Any questions please contact Kate Watson on 021 593 692.



### Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

15th Feb	Fantastic Friday begins
15th Feb	11:30am School Assembly Room 5
20th Feb	PFA Meeting 7:30pm
24th Feb	Weetbix Tryathlon
26th Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
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

### Weet-Bix Tryathlon - Sunday 24th February

Year 3 - 8 students who have registered for this event can now link to the school through their registration dashboard, if they would like to be part of a school team on the day.

There will be a meeting for all St Patrick's students who are registered in the Tryathlon on Friday 22nd February in the new building (Learning Studio) at 12.30pm with Mrs McKendry and Mrs Mahoney.

St Patrick's has a designated area on the day - look for our school flag and gazebo.

