



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome to Week 5 everyone.

Next week we will be holding our Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:00pm in the Church. Our students have been very busy preparing for this very special Mass which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent covers the 40 day period before Easter every year. The 40 days reflect the time that Jesus was said to have fasted for “ forty days and forty nights” in the wilderness.



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. It is about focusing on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving our time to others.

### Shamrock Ball - Saturday 16th March 2019

At St Patrick's School we are extremely lucky to have such a supportive parent community. Our single biggest PFA fundraiser for this year is the Shamrock Ball to be held on Saturday 16th March at 7pm.



Whilst our primary aim is to raise money for the school to benefit our children, we really want to deliver a fantastic night out. We are excited and proud to have secured one of Christchurch's top venues, The Great Hall; one of the cities most loved bands, Assembly Required; and top notch caterers, The Catering Department. It is sure to be a night to remember.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include a welcome drink, canapés (in an iconic venue with a great band!) Tickets can be purchased from Selena in the school office - cash or cheque only (please make cheques out to St Patrick's PFA) or you can make an online transfer/deposit into the PFA bank account and we will get your tickets to you. Please ensure you use BALL as the reference and include your surname. Once payment clears, tickets will be made available to you. PFA Bank Account # : 03 1355 0746711 00

The Ball is open to the school community, friends, family, families of past pupils and anyone in Christchurch who is keen to support our school and have a great night out! We have intentionally named it the Shamrock Ball rather than the St Patrick's Ball so that everyone feels welcome.

### Mufti Day - Tomorrow, Friday 1st March

Tomorrow, Friday 1st March, Honour in Room 5 and Olive in Room 2 will be taking up an exciting new role as the Acting Principals of St Patrick's School for the day. As part of the day they have organised a Mufti Day.

Honour and Olive would like you to dress as a famous athlete or someone who you want to be when you are older!

The Mufti-Day will also be an opportunity for students to bring an item to school for use in luxury food hampers, which will be raffled at the Shamrock Ball. (see facebook or your email for details).

The profits from the Ball will fund upcoming outdoor enhancements to our school grounds.





## Mana Ake

The Canterbury District Health Board, in conjunction with the Canterbury Primary Principals Association are pleased to be able to offer school communities a new wellbeing initiative called Mana Ake.



Mana Ake is a new service that provides early intervention for children in years 1-8 and their families/wānau, to support their wellbeing.

The Mana Ake service is provided by people with a range of skills including social workers, whānau ora kaimahi, counsellors, youth workers, nurses and psychologists. They are available to support children and their families/whānau at school and at home, and they will be in our school regularly.

Our liaison person is AJ Van Dam and he is going to be available at school every Tuesday morning at 9am for parent drop ins outside if it is fine or in Mrs McKendry's office if it is wet.

The drop in service provides support for teachers, families and whānau when children are experiencing ongoing issues that are impacting their wellbeing or have mental health concerns.

## Year 7 and 8 Christchurch Art Gallery Trip

Last Wednesday 20th February our Year 7 and 8 students had an exciting trip to the Christchurch Art Gallery where they explored the art of Gordon Walters.

They learnt about geometric abstraction and explored the artist's notebooks and the research that was part of his creative process when he made his famous koru paintings. They then went to the Education Centre, where they created their own geometric designs and then painted their creations in bright colours.



## Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

1st Mar	11:30am School Assembly Room 6
1st Mar	Honor and Olive Principal for the Day
6th Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm
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
8th Apr	11:30am School Assembly Room 8
11th Apr	Year 1 - 4 Tuahiwi Marae Visti
12th Apr	Year 5 - 8 Tuahiwi Marae Visit
12th Apr	Last Day of Term 1
29th Apr	First Day of Term 2

## Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Congratulations to our St Patrick's team who took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon at Jellie Park Pool last Sunday. They were very lucky with the weather and it was great to see the amazing support our triathletes received during their swim, bike and run. A special thank you to all of the parents who helped especially Kirsty Mahoney for organising our school team.

