



From the Principal's Desk....

You may already be aware that NZEI Union meetings are scheduled for Christchurch teachers next week. To minimise disruption to learning, these meetings are being offered to us at a variety of times so that all staff can attend without our school having to close.

The meetings are to discuss the latest offer from the Government and to decide what steps NZEI Union members will take.

Next Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March our staff will be attending these meetings from 1:30pm onwards.

To accommodate these meetings classes will be combining across the afternoons. Year 1 - 4 students will work with their buddy classes on Wednesday afternoon and Year 5 - 8 students will work with their buddy classes on Thursday afternoon.

While strike action is looking increasingly likely, we thank you for your continued support in our endeavour to secure a successful conclusion to this campaign.



St Patrick's Day at St Patrick's! - Tomorrow, Friday 15th March

Don't forget that tomorrow we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. It is also our School Feast Day and to celebrate we will be holding a Mass at 9:00am at St Matthews Church. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to join us.

This year the senior students in the Thevenet House are very excited to be organising our school St Patrick's Day celebrations. The students will be participating in a number of fun St Patrick's Day activities throughout the day organised by our House Leaders.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green for the day. We want you to be as creative as you can be, so start hunting out your green wigs, socks, blankets and anything green!

Once again a big thank you to the PFA who are very kindly organising a sausage sizzle and an ice-block for the students.



Raffle Tickets (Stubs and Money)

Thank you to everyone who has sold and returned their raffle tickets (stubs and money) for the Hampers that are being drawn at the Shamrock Ball this weekend.

A reminder that raffle tickets (stubs and money) need to be in no later than tomorrow, Friday 15th March. There are some great prizes including Camelbak drink bottles and Powerade sports bags for the families/children who sell the most tickets. Extra tickets are available from Selena in the office. For those not attending the Ball selling raffle tickets is a great way to help support the event.





### Year 5 Touch Ruby Success

Congratulations to our Year 5 Touch Team!

On Tuesday night our Year 5 touch Team played and won their final against the Isleworth Tigers, winning nine tries to two.

The Year 5 team had been unbeaten all season.

At St Patrick's all our teams are organised and coached by parents. Thank you to all the parents who took on this responsibility this season and congratulations to all our teams who took part for the 2018/2019 season.



### Villa Maria College Evening - Thursday 4th April at 7:00pm

Deborah Brosnahan, the Principal of Villa Maria College will be holding an information evening for Year 7 and 8 girls and their parents on Thursday 4th April from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at St Patrick's School.



The information evening will also cover important information around applications and supporting documentation that needs to be received by the closing date of 26th June 2019. While applications received later are still considered, they are not considered until all those received before the closing date are processed.

The choice of secondary school is so important and we would prefer to meet with girls and their parents. We are aware that parents of Year 7 girls may be considering secondary school options (for Year 9) at this time and we would like to extend this invitation to girls and parents at this level to join this meeting.

Please RSVP by 1st April to trishmckendry@stpatricks.school.nz

### Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

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| 14th 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                           |
| 27th Mar | William Pike - Year 7 and 8 to Cave Stream |
| 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                        |

### Year 4 - 6 Football Coaching

Thank you to JD and Stephen Hoyle from Nomads United who have been in over the last four Tuesdays to run football coaching sessions with our Year 4 - 6 students.

The students have really benefited from the skill sessions these two have run. It was fantastic to see the kids getting to run around with the current Canterbury United striker (Hoyle) especially as he is building towards the finals campaign against Auckland City, Team Wellington and Eastern Suburbs.

We also really appreciate the 20 footballs they donated to us yesterday!

