



From the Principal's Desk....

'Ka maru koe i töku püreke, he kahu pītongatonga'
 'You shall be sheltered by my rain cape, an impervious garment.'

As a staff at St Patrick's we have adopted 'Seven Key Roles of Leadership' which have been adapted from two documents, the Educational Leadership Capability Framework and Tū Rangatira, a Māori Medium Educational Leadership Framework.

One of the 'Seven Key Roles of Leadership' we have is 'He Kaitiaki - Guardian'. The Whakatauki or proverb above reminds us of our duty of care about being a guardian, caregiver and protector of all aspects of our school.

This week we have seen the importance of everyone, young and old becoming a Kaitiaki. As Kaitiaki it is our responsibility to focus on the protection and preservation of positive human relationships. We are all leaders for our children and it is up to us all to focus on this role and lead. Providing a caring environment where people and ideas are valued, health, safety and well-being are enhanced and relationships are strong, regardless of ethnicity or faith.

I would once again like to thank you all for your patience on Friday while we were in lockdown. As a parent myself we have to put our faith in those with whom we send our children to on a daily basis when a crisis such as this occurs.

All our staff were amazing and kept the children occupied and engaged while the events unfolded around Christchurch. A big thank you also to those parents who were onsite and were sent into the classroom hubs. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and certainly helped to keep the children calm throughout.

Our deepest regrets and sympathy go out to the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March in our community and across Christchurch. We will continue to keep all those affected in our thoughts and prayers.



St Patrick's School PFA - Raffle Announcement

In consultation with the School the PFA has made the decision to donate all the money raised from the Shamrock Ball Raffle, to the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

To date we have raised just over \$1800..... We will delay drawing the raffle for another week so that people can return any outstanding raffle tickets (stubs and money). We also have more raffle ticket booklets that families are welcome to collect and sell, from the office over the next week.



Your support is greatly appreciated!



Primary Schools Swimming Championships - Thursday 4th April

Well done to all those students who took part in the West Zone Swimming Sports last Wednesday at Jellie Park Pool. We had about 30 students who took part in events across the day and they all did extremely well. A big thank you to Mr McIntyre and all the parents who provided transport to and from Jellie Park.

Congratulations also to the following students who have all qualified for the Primary Schools Swimming Championships on Thursday 4th April at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Year 5: Caitlin Petersen, Year 7: Hugo van Herel, Year 8: Douglas Yi, Jack Griffiths, Louie Hall, Jayla Agnew, Maggie McGoldrick and Sarah Vogt



Having 8 students qualify for this event in such a small school is a great achievement. We wish them all the best for the Primary Schools Swimming Championships!

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews are an opportunity for learning to be discussed between children, their parents and caregivers and teachers. The aim of these interviews is to celebrate successes and discuss areas for improvement. They involve highlighting student strengths, current achievement and next learning steps.



The dates for Three Way Interviews are Monday 1st April, 3:30pm – 6:00pm and Wednesday 3rd April, 1:30pm – 6:30pm. On Wednesday 3rd April, school will finish at 12:30pm. The reason for closing the school early is to allow us to get through the remaining interviews from 1:30pm – 6:00pm.

The link for booking Parent-Teacher Interviews will be made available soon. Thank you for making the most of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Important Dates: Term 1, 2019

22nd Mar	11:30am School Assembly Room 7
27th Mar	Year 7 and 8 to Cave Stream
1st Apr	3-Way Interviews 3:30pm - 6:00pm
3rd Apr	3-Way Interviews 1:30pm - 6:00pm
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

Villa Maria College Evening

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 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