



From the Principal's Desk....

If like us you are excited about many of the changes that are happening in and around our school then we need your support. Today we will be sending out a link to our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. A survey that in 2015 was completed by 90% of families in our school community.

This survey is designed to offer you, the parents of our school community an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school. You will be asked to respond to a range of statements about the learning culture and environment of our school.

We would really appreciate 10 - 15 minutes of your time to complete the survey. We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback. Your responses will provide a clear indication of our current strengths and areas for development. Communication leads to community and this is something we want to be continually known for at St Patrick's.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." - Meg Wheatley

Each family that completes the 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey will also go into the draw to receive a \$50 Hoyts Movie Gift Card. There will be one drawn per class!

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you have a relaxing holiday break and if you are going away over the holidays, travel safely on the roads.

We look forward to seeing you back for Term 4 on Monday 14th October.



Board of Trustees, Snapshots - Tuesday 24th September

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank all the Staff at St Patrick's for the hard work that went into preparing our students for this years production. Everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts and it was great to see such an amazing turnout from our school community.

We are excited to announce that our Year 8 students will take part in a Leadership Day on Wednesday 23rd October. Anna Mowat, from the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience, will work with our Year 8's on understanding the importance of character strengths. They will learn about the role character strengths play in developing the skills required to not only have a strong sense of self-worth but also how to use these skills to grow themselves as successful leaders.

The Board have approved Emily Warren to undertake a Landscape Design of our school grounds. Emily has already begun a draft spatial design of the area in and around the new classroom block. In Term 4 we will work with our staff, students and community to gather feedback on what they would like to see within different areas of the school. Thank you to the PFA and the School Community for the committed funds towards this exciting project.

Finally, we encourage everyone to take part in our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. It is a great opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school.

Kind regards - Herman van Herel, St Patrick's School Board Chair





Aanandam Indian Dance Festival

On Saturday evening, three of our St Patrick's students were able to showcase their talents and culture by being involved in the Aanandam Indian Dance Festival held at Cashmere High School.



It was a beautiful celebration of traditional Indian dance. We are very proud of the achievements of Sreya in Year 7, Sneha in Year 4 and Aadhya in Year 2.



Three Way Interviews Success

Thank you to all the families who took part in the Three Way Interviews on Monday and Wednesday.

We had an amazing 87% of families attend, and as a staff, we would like to thank you all for your continued support. We hope the Three Way Interviews enabled you as parents, to feel more comfortable talking about achievement, progress and assessments with staff.




Shamrock Ball
 Together we raised
\$25,083.
 Due to everyone's generosity, we have donated \$2,300 directly to the Christchurch Muslim Community. The remaining proceeds, totalling \$22,783, will go towards outdoor enhancements of our school grounds.
 Thank you!

2019 School Production Video - 'Where Are You St Patrick?'

Congratulations to all our students on an incredible whole school production last Wednesday 18th September at the Aurora Centre. It certainly was a night to remember and all our students should be proud of their efforts.

As you know the production was filmed and these will be available to purchase in early Term 4. We hope to have a special screening on the production for all our student in Term 4.



Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

- 27th Sept Year 7 and 8 William Pike Challenge
- 27th Sept Last Day of Term 3
- 14th Oct First Day of Term 4
- 14th Oct Life Education
- 16th Oct Rotary Speech Finals 7:00pm
- 17th Oct Leaders Lunch
- 23rd Oct Year 8's NZIWR Leadership Day
- 23rd Oct Year 7 and 8 Rail Trail Meeting 6:30pm
- 25th Oct Athletics Day at Villa Maria
- 28th Oct Labour Day

Bishopdale/Burnside Rotary Speech Finals

Congratulations to all of our students who were selected to represent St Patrick's in the Rotary Speech Semi-Finals.

Congratulations to Niamh Murdoch from Year 6, who has been chosen to represent St Patrick's in the Rotary Speech Finals at Breen's Intermediate, on Wednesday 16th October.



Thank-you so much to Phil Sutcliffe, Gail Agnew and Mimi Griffiths, for providing transport to and from Isleworth School on the day.