



From the Principal's Desk....

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 3 everyone. I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the exciting events that Term 3 has to offer.

A reminder that next Friday 9th August we will be holding the St Patrick's School Disco and Senior Dance in the Parish Hall. It is a great night and is separated into Junior, Middle and Senior Dances. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet together in the School Library for drinks and nibbles.

Junior: Years 1 - 2, from 5 - 6 pm.
 Middle: Years 3 - 6, from 6.15 - 7.15 pm.
 Senior: Years 7 and 8, from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

The cost is \$5 each with a maximum of \$10 per family to be paid upon entry (cash only). Years 1 - 6 will receive a lolly bag and glow bangle upon entry. For the Year 7 - 8 students, there will be a tuck shop available.

2019 ICAS Assessments - Entries close Friday 9th August

In 2019 we will be offering students the opportunity to take part in the 2019 ICAS Assessments. These assessments are not endorsed by the school but are offered to parents who wish for their children to take part.

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

In 2019 all ICAS Assessments will be completed online with paper assessments only available for Years 4 and 5. A google form will be emailed out today for completion. If you enter online, you will need to pay via internet banking, Eftpos or by sending the money to the office in a named envelope.



Coffee Morning - Friday 2nd August

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am when school starts for coffee and a chat this Friday 2nd August. It's a great way to meet other parents, especially if you are new to the school.



Pre-school children are most welcome to come along.

Shamrock Ball - Saturday 7th September

A friendly reminder that the Shamrock Ball has been rescheduled to Saturday 7th September at The Great Hall. For those of you keen to come along who haven't yet bought tickets, more tickets will go on sale in early August.

For those of you who bought tickets for friends and family outside the St Patrick's community please ensure that they are aware that we are locked in for Saturday 7th September and ask that they keep the date free for what will be a fantastic night.





2019 Cultural Festival

All students in Year 5 - 8 have been very busy preparing for the 2019 Cultural Festival to be held at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 11th September from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. All students from Year 1 - 8 will be attending the 2019 Cultural Festival with Year 1 - 4 having the opportunity to watch the performances and seeing the Year 5 - 8 students in action.



This year's event 'Ko te amorangi ki mua - The leader at the front and the workers behind the scenes' will have over 70 school's performing from all over Canterbury. The Cultural Festival has been held annually since 1981 (with the exception of one year).

For parents who pre-purchased their tickets, these will be coming home soon with the students. For parents who still wish to attend this year's event, tickets can still be purchased through Ticketek online.

Year 7 and 8 - Community Service

On the 14th of August our Year 7 and 8 students are heading to Wairarapa Stream to complete between 4 and 5 hours of Community Service for their William Pike Challenge Award. The students will be planting trees as part of the Million Metres of Stream Project.



The project to restore Wairarapa Stream is bringing many groups of people together to make a difference to one of Ōtautahi/Christchurch's local waterways. Their vision at Conservation Volunteers is inspiring change by connecting people with nature; Their Whakatauki 'He rau ringa e oti ai- by many hands the task is completed'.

You can also see more by checking out this link; <https://millionmetres.org.nz/open-project/love-wairarapa-stream>.

Important Dates: Term 2/3, 2019

2nd Aug	PFA Coffee Morning
2nd Aug	11:30am Assembly Room 5
2nd Aug	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
4th Aug	First Holy Communion Games Night
5th Aug	Westzone Winter Tournament Year 5 - 8
9th Aug	School Disco Year 1 - 8
9th Aug	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
14th Aug	William Pike Challenge - Tree Planting
16th Aug	11:30am Assembly Room 6
16th Aug	Winter Sports Year 5 - 8
18th Aug	9:30am Parish, School Mass
20th Aug	7pm Board of Trustees Meeting
21st Aug	Year 7 and 8 Science at St Bedes
22nd Aug	Canterbury Winter Tournament
25th Aug	First Holy Communion
29th Aug	School Photos
30th Aug	11:30am Assembly Room 7
1st Sept	Fathers Day
3rd Sept	Ski Day Year 5 - 8
5th Sept	William Pike Challenge - High Ropes Course
6th Sept	PFA Coffee Morning
7th Sept	Shamrock Ball
11th Sept	Cultural Festival (Day Session)
13th Sept	11:30am Assembly Room 8
18th Sept	Whole School Production
23rd Sept	Three Way Interviews 3:30pm - 6:30pm
24th Sept	7pm Board of Trustees Meeting

School Assembly - Friday 2nd August

A reminder that it is Room 5's School Assembly this Friday 2nd at 11:30am in the 'Senior Hub'. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Pita Pit Year 7 and 8 Camp Fundraiser

Our school community has been offered a great opportunity!

Each time you purchase Pita Pit from the Pita Pit at 501 Wairakei Rd, they will donate 10% of the value of your order to St Patrick's School to help raise funds for the Year 7 & 8 Camp this year.

A special thank you to Andy Christian for organising this for our school.

