



From the Principal's Desk....

On Sunday 18th August we have our whole School, Parish Mass for school families in the Church at 9:30am.

For this special Mass, we would like all the students to attend in their School Uniform and meet on the lawn in front of the Church no later than 9:15am. The students will be sitting together with the staff at the front of the Church for Mass.

After Mass there will be a morning tea in the Parish Hall. As per tradition, we would appreciate anyone who is in Houses Joyce and Harrison to please bring a plate of food to share. Please deliver this to the Parish Hall kitchen before Mass begins.

The theme of our School, Parish Mass is 'Faith in Action' and acknowledging the act of giving. We would appreciate it if everyone could bring a non-perishable item to donate to St Vincent de Paul. We will have baskets available in the reception area of the Church.

We look forward to seeing all students and their families there!



Shamrock Ball - Saturday 7th September

Shamrock Ball Tickets are now available in the school office. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a welcome drink, canapés (in an iconic venue with a great band!) This is our major fundraiser for 2019 and all proceeds are going towards outdoor enhancements to the school grounds.

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



Year 7 and 8 - William Pike Challenge, Community Service

Yesterday our Year 7 and 8 students worked with Hamish and Brigid from the Million Metres Stream Programme at Wairapa Stream to complete between 4 and 5 hours of Community Service for their William Pike Challenge Award. The students learnt about the ecology of our waterways, how interdependent the life is within them and how planting trees and keeping waterways pollution free can make a huge difference to the survival of many things. Our students planted 200 metres of trees along the Wairapa Stream.

A big thank you to Mr McIntyre, Mrs Sorenson and Mrs Jackson for their support and to Mr Beaton for organising the trip





2019 School Production 'Where Are You St Patrick?'

Tickets will be going on sale for our 2019 School Production 'Where Are You St Patrick?' very soon. This year we are very fortunate to be able to have our production at the Aurora Centre which means there are plenty of seats available for the wider family!



Tickets will be priced at \$10.00 per ticket with under 5's free. This cost is to help cover buses, venue hire and all the amazing props and costumes the classes are busy preparing. This is going to be a show to remember as we work towards our Performance at the Aurora Centre on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm.

Year 5 and 6 Games Night - Postponed

Due to illness the Year 5 and 6 Games Night that was due to be held tonight, Thursday 15th August has been postponed until September.

We will let you know when the new date is decided.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Ward Family who are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.



Disco - Thank You

A special thank you to our PFA, staff and parents for making our Disco such a special event for our students. Thank you to the PFA for supplying the drinks and nibbles for the parents. We had a great turn out and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as your children did at the disco!

A big thank you to Mrs McKendry and our Year 8's who took the time to decorate the Parish Hall for our 'Under the Sea' theme. It looked fantastic. We definitely have some great dancers and groovers in our school community!



Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

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
30th Aug	Blue Mufti Day
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
25th Sept	Three Way Interviews 1:30pm - 6:30pm

Year 5 - 8 Ski Trip - Tuesday 3rd September



Notices and permission forms have been sent home this week for the Year 5 - 8 Ski Trip to Mt Hutt on Tuesday 3rd September. Please make sure the completed permission form is returned to your child's teacher by Monday 19th August.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help on the day!