



From the Principal's Desk....

A reminder that next Thursday 29th August St Patrick's class, sibling and individual School Photos will be taken during the morning. If you would like a sibling photo taken, you must fill out a Sibling Photo Request Form. These are available from the school office and must be returned by Wednesday 28th August, before photo day.



Once again this year you will be able to view and purchase your school photos online. When the photos are ready for printing (between 2 to 3 weeks after the photo shoot), students will bring home their own unique shoot key slip with instructions on how to view and order online.

It is important that on the day all students are wearing their correct Winter School uniform, including school shoes and hair ties/bows/bands in navy blue.

Thank you to SBS Bank and the St Patrick's PFA!

Thanks to the PFA we were very fortunate to receive a \$1300 grant from SBS to purchase our very own St Patrick's School Blackhawk Gazebo!

With the slightly longer assistance of my fellow helpers/models we managed to set this up and stage some photos to share with you all.

Thank you from all the staff and students at St Patrick's!



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.

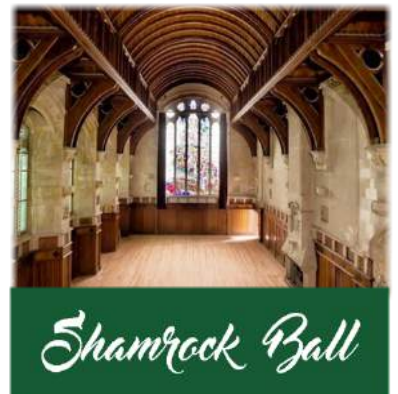
Feel free to invite your friends along, the more the merrier! We hope that many families who have moved on from St Patrick's will join us too.

Our Ball is not a seated dinner, rather a cocktail style event which ensures plenty of mingling so it's a great evening for new parents to meet and make new friends.

The dress code is also relaxed, anything you would wear to a cocktail party or wedding is totally acceptable. There's no precedent of formal ball dresses or a suit. There is absolutely no need to hire or purchase clothing for the Ball as the main focus is on a fun night out with our parent community!

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



Shamrock Ball



Canterbury Hockey Success

Congratulations to Maggie McGoldrick (Year 8), Louie Hall (Year 8), Jack Griffiths (Year 8), Oliver Carter (Year 8) and Luke Brinkhurst (Year 8) who were recently named in their respective Canterbury Primary Hockey Teams.

Louie was selected for the Canterbury Boys A Primary Hockey Team and will head to Palmerston North in the school holidays.

Maggie, Jack, Oliver and Luke were selected for the Canterbury Girls and Boys B Primary Hockey Teams and will travel to the McGrath Tournament in Rotorua in the school holidays for the McGrath Trophy.

We wish them well!



First Holy Communion - Sunday 25th August

The children's First Holy Communion day is fast approaching. There are 43 students who will making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at St Matthews Church. We would like to thank Sarah Strachan who has been working very hard behind the scenes to organise this special day for the children who are making their First Holy Communion. We wish them all the best.



Motor Neurone Disease Foundation, Blue Mufti Day! - Friday 30th August

Next Friday 30th August we are having a special 'Blue' Mufti Day to raise money for the Motor Neurone Foundation at St Patrick's. This Mufti Day is a gold coin donation and is to help raise awareness of the Motor Neurone Foundation and to support Tony Ward (Sam Ward in Room 6's Father) who has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone disease.

At lunchtime the Year 7 and 8 students will be offering a sausage sizzle and flavoured milk at \$2.00 each to raise money for their Otago Rail Trail Camp in November.

Orders will be taken on the day for the sausages and flavoured milk. Eftpos will be available!



Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

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 Friday 23rd August.

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

