



From the Principal's Desk....

A reminder that tomorrow 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.

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

This 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 chocolate milk at \$2.00 each to raise money for their Otago Rail Trail Camp in November.

Each classroom teacher will collect orders and money for the sausages and flavoured milk in the morning before school.

Year 5 - 8 Ski Trip - Tuesday 3rd September,

A reminder that students will need to be at school for roll call at 6:30am at the latest. We will be departing school by bus at 6:45am. We need to be through ski hire and ready for a 9:00am lesson. Each child will hire ski gear on the day (this is included in the cost) which includes skis, boots, poles and helmets.

Your child will require the following :

- Waterproof gloves and a warm hat
- Sunscreen and sunglasses or ski goggles
- At least 3 layers of warm clothing (that can be removed if necessary)
- Warm, waterproof ski trousers and a waterproof, warm ski jacket
- Warm, woollen socks and a spare pair if they get wet



A large morning tea and lunch with a filled water bottle (Children will not be able to use the cafe to buy food)

We are planning to return to school between 5.30-6pm, but we will keep you updated via facebook and email. Please email trishmckendry@stpatricks.school.nz or felicitymcdonnell@stpatricks.school.nz if you have any questions or require further information about the trip.



### Year 8 Cantamaths Team

Good luck to our Year 8 students who are taking part in the 48th Annual Cantamath Competition at the Horncastle Arena tonight.

The Cantamath Competition has been running since 1972! The theme this year is 'Maths Across Cultures'.



### Year 7 Assembly and Sir Peter Blake Award

A reminder that on Friday it is Room 7's Assembly at 11:30am in the Learning Studio. This is a special school Assembly where one of our student's will be receiving the Sir Peter Blake Award.

This award recognises and celebrates people whose leadership has delivered high impact results and contributed to a more sustainable future for New Zealand.



### 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.

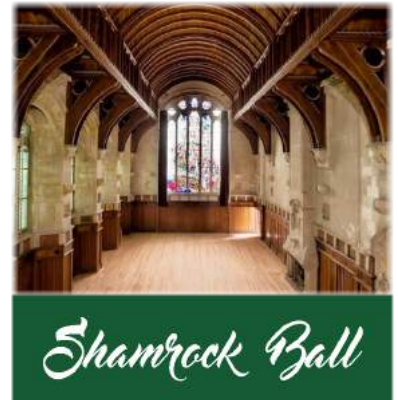
Feel free to invite your friends along, the more the merrier! We hope that many families who have moved on from St Patrick's will join us too.

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



### Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

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

### Coffee Morning - Friday 6th September

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room at 9:00am when school starts for coffee and a chat next Friday 6th September.

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.

