



**From the Principal's Desk....**

Welcome to Week 8 everyone,

Every year since 1975, New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate Te Reo Māori and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. This year's theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori or Let's make the Māori language strong.

Yesterday our Year 5 - 8 students had the privilege of performing at the 2019 Cultural Festival at the Horncastle Arena. This year's festival was a mix of traditional and contemporary performances by 70 school groups, representing 10 nationalities from all over Canterbury.



Congratulations to everyone involved in yesterday's performances at the Cultural Festival. From tutors, teachers, parents, whanau and the stars of the show the tamariki, you were all awesome. We hope our Year 1 - 4 students also enjoyed the opportunity to attend and support the senior students and watch all the amazing performances.

We are all so proud of our senior Kapa Haka group, what a fantastic achievement.

**Shamrock Ball Success**

On Saturday evening, the community, staff and parents of St Patrick's School came together at the Great Hall in the Arts Centre for this year's Shamrock Ball.

This is a huge undertaking for our PFA. After the success of the 2017 Shamrock Ball, we were extremely lucky Kate Watson took the lead organiser role on again. Thank you Kate for once again delivering a wonderful evening for all who attended.

Also, to the many people from our school community who contributed to enriching the event, we truly appreciate all your behind the scenes work and support.

On behalf of the staff and students, thank you to the PFA, parents and friends of the school community for your continued support of St Patrick's School.



**Rotary Club of Bishopdale/Burnside Speech Semi Finalists for 2019**

Next Wednesday 18th September our Year 4 - 8 students are representing St Patrick's at the Rotary Club of Bishopdale and Burnside's 2019 Junior Speech Semi Finals being held at Isleworth School.

The students will need to be at school by 8:30am.

A big thank you to Phil Sutcliffe, Gail Agnew, and Mimi Griffiths who are providing transport. Good luck everyone!





2019 School Production 'Where Are You St Patrick?'

Tickets are now on sale for our 2019 School Production 'Where Are You St Patrick?'. 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! 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.

Tickets are priced at \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child and \$20.00 per family with under 5's free. You can purchase your tickets at the office, Eftpos is available. This cost is to help cover buses, venue hire and all the amazing props and costumes the classes are busy preparing.



Students will need to be at the Aurora Centre no later than 5:45pm on the night.

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews:

Student, Parent, Teacher – Three Way Interviews are an opportunity for learning to be discussed between children, their parents, caregivers and teachers. The aim of these interviews is to celebrate successes and discuss areas for improvement. They involve highlighting student strengths, current achievement and next learning steps.

The dates for Three Way Interviews are:

- Monday 23rd September, 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 25th September, 1:30pm – 6:30pm



On Wednesday 25th September, school will finish at 12:30pm. The reason for closing the school early is to allow us to get through the remaining interviews from 1:30pm – 6:30pm.

We would appreciate it if you were able to collect your child/children at 12:30pm so that the Three Way Interviews can begin at 1:30pm. For those parents and caregivers who are unable to collect their children due to work commitments, we will be arranging supervision until 3:00pm for any remaining children over in the Parish Hall.

To make a booking for the Parent-Teacher Interviews, please follow the link below.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=y2ay7>

Important Dates: Term 3, 2019

13th Sept 11:30am Assembly Room 4  
 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  
 27th Sept Year 7 and 8 William Pike Challenge  
 27th Sept Last Day of Term 3

14th Oct First Day of Term 4  
 25th Oct Athletics Day at Villa Maria  
 28th Oct Labour Day  
 15th Nov Show Day  
 1st Dec School Christmas Picnic  
 8th Dec Year 8 Leavers Dinner  
 12th Dec Leavers Mass 6:00pm  
 13th Dec Last Day of Term 4

Kids Artworks, Calendars, Diaries

Don't forget to get your order forms in for the PFA Artwork Fundraiser. All the Artwork is available to view at the School Office

Classes in Years 1 - 8 have been very busy getting their artwork ready and they look amazing. Orders and payments are due by Friday 20th September, at the School Office.

Internet payments can be made to the PFA account 03-1355-0746711-00 and Cheques made out to PFA St Patricks. Sorry there is no Eftpos Available.

