



From the Principal's Desk....

A big thank you to those families who have completed our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. We have had just over 40% respond so far but we need to hear from more of you. The survey takes about 10 - 15 minutes of your time and is vital to help provide future direction and development of our school for your children.

A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday and school will be closed. The weather for the long weekend looks excellent. Finally, good luck to the All Blacks on Saturday night against England!



Athletics Day tomorrow has been postponed

We have made the decision to postpone Athletics Day until next Friday 1st November. While the conditions for tomorrow are improving we have concerns about the ground conditions after the week of rain we have had and the rain forecast for later today. This isn't ideal for the sprints or for our students when sitting on the grass. It makes it a miserable day for everyone and that's not what we want.

Next Friday 1st November our school Athletics Day will be at Villa Maria College. All students in Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will need to be at school by 8:30am. Buses leave at 8:40am. Senior students will begin their events at 9:15am while the Juniors start their events at 12:30pm.

The weather forecast is looking great all week and we want our Athletics Day to be an enjoyable day for our students and for our parental community who comes down to help and support on the day.



We require parent helpers for the day to assist with the rotation of field events. You do not have to know anything about the events as there will be a teacher organising each event. You may need to help with measuring or raking the long jump pit or recording results. If you are able to help please email Mr McIntyre at hamishmcintyre@stpatricks.school.nz

We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Year 7 and 8 Leaders Lunch

Every term we recognise Year 7 and 8 students who have shown outstanding leadership in everything they think, say and do at St Patrick's. These are students who teachers recognise have worked incredibly hard in class, around school or continually display and showcase our schools Mercy Values on a daily basis.

Congratulations to Caitlyn, Jack, Daniel, Rose, Lydia, Jayla and Niamh who were chosen for our Year 7 and 8 Leaders Lunch last week at Misceos Restaurant.



Since 2016 students have attended Misceo Cafe and Bar where they join their teachers for a lovely Pizza and Hot Chip Lunch. The students are very fortunate Mike Pero Fendalton sponsors this event to the amount of \$100 per term.



2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey

Don't forget to complete the 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. Each family that completes the 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey will also go into the draw to receive a \$50 Hoyts Movie Gift Card. There will be one drawn per class!

If like us you are excited about many of the changes that are happening in and around our school then we need your support. Today we will be sending out a link to our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. A survey that in 2015 was completed by 90% of families in our school community.

This survey is designed to offer you, the parents of our school community an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school. You will be asked to respond to a range of statements about the learning culture and environment of our school.

We would really appreciate 10 - 15 minutes of your time to complete the survey. We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback. Your responses will provide a clear indication of our current strengths and areas for development. Communication leads to community and this is something we want to be continually known for at St Patrick's.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." - Meg Wheatley



Coffee Morning - Friday 8th November

We welcome you to come up to the Staff Room after school starts at 9.00am for coffee and a chat on Friday 8th November.

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.

Fair Mufti Day - Friday 8th November

On Friday 8th November Year 1 - 8 are asked to bring a 'Jolly Jar'. A jolly jar is a jar (plastic or glass, big or small) filled with treats for children.

Ideas for fillings include stickers, bouncy balls, marbles, hair ties, pencils, felt pens, lollies, art supplies, mini notepads, craft projects, whistles, party poppers, bubbles etc.

The \$2.00 Shops & K-Mart have a great selection of suitable goodies. Children are encouraged to decorate their jars with stickers and bows or whatever takes their fancy!

Thank you for your support!



A reminder that the container doors are open every Monday at 2:45pm - 3:15pm and Tuesday 8:15am - 9:00am. Please drop in any good quality toys, clothing, books and homeware for the 2020 St Patrick's School Fair.

Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

28th Oct	Labour Day - No School
29th Oct	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
1st Nov	Year 1 - 8 Athletics Day
4th Nov	Year 1 - 8 Tennis Lessons
5th Nov	Choir Music Festival 7:00pm
8th Nov	PFA Coffee Morning
8th Nov	School Assembly, Room 3 11:30am
15th Nov	Christchurch Show Day - No School
18th - 21st Nov,	Year 7 and 8 Camp
18th - 20th Nov,	Year 5 and 6 Camp
25th Nov - 6th Dec,	Year 1 - 6 Swimming Lessons
1st Dec	St Patrick's Christmas Picnic
6th Dec	PFA Coffee Morning
8th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
10th Dec	BoT Meeting
12th Dec	End of Year Mass 6:00pm
13th Dec	School Finishes 12:30pm