



Farewell from the Principal's Desk....

It is with great sadness that I inform you all that I will be stepping down from my role as Principal at St Patrick's School for the day. My last day will be next Thursday 7th November. To avoid any inconvenience Ava Kingston, Conor Kingston and Noah Kingston will be my replacements for the whole day on Friday 8th November.

The Kingston's resume is outstanding and they will all do a fantastic job. Ava, Conor, Noah and I have met and together and we have worked through the following changes. These changes are to be put in place immediately so that the students at St Patrick's can kick back, relax and enjoy the day!



They would love everyone to dress up in their 'House' colours next Friday 8th November as part of the Fair 'Jolly Jar' Mufti Day. They want to see the brightest and most creative 'House' costumes on display and participants will be rewarded with prizes and MVP's for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.



The Kingston's also feel that we have not had enough 'House' competitions throughout the year so they wish to run 'House' tournaments for each class next Friday afternoon at 1:30pm. The details of the class tournaments are still classified but they promise to be fun and exciting and at the end of the day a new 'House' will be named champion!



Ice-Blocks for everyone! The Kingston's have decided that what better way to enjoy the end of the day than with a nice cold ice-block. So, of course, there will be ice-blocks for everyone including teachers if they have been well behaved!

The Kingston's have signalled they want a fun, actioned-packed Friday and so this really will be the ultimate 'Fantastic Friday'. As well as these events, they will also be doing the Special end of Term 3 MVP draw (which was missed) at Assembly. They will also be helping to hand out the Student Awards with the teachers and handing out their own Teacher Awards.

I am sure that the Kingstons will do a wonderful job in their new role as 'Principal for the Day'.

Athletics Day Tomorrow, Friday 1st November

Our school Athletics Day is at Villa Maria College tomorrow. 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. Please ensure that students bring extra water and food to eat throughout the day and that they come with their sun-hats and sunscreen. They will need to be wearing their sun-hats when they are not competing in events.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help on the day, it is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone who can come along and support the students on the day.





2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey.

A big thank you to those families who have completed our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey.

We have had just over 65% respond to our survey. Room 2 has now taken the lead for family responses. We have 119 families in our school so we really do need and value your input.

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.

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

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!



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 next 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.



Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

1st Nov	Athletics Day. Year 1 - 8
4th Nov	Tennis Lessons, Year 1 - 8
5th Nov	Choir Music Festival 7:00pm
8th Nov	PFA Coffee Morning
8th Nov	Fair Mufti Day - 'Jolly Jars'
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
3rd Feb	Term 1 Begins for 2020

Camp Medical Forms and Permission Slips



A reminder that all Camp Medical Forms and Permission Slips need to be returned asap please for all the Year 5 -8 camps.



In 2019 our Year 5 - 6 students are off to Living Springs from Monday 18th November - Wednesday 20th November and our Year 7 - 8 students will venture down to Central Otago to take part in the Otago Rail Trail from Monday 18th November - Thursday 21st November.

VILLA MERRY CHRISTMAS FETE

The Villa Merry Christmas Fete is on Sunday 1st December 11am – 4pm. Christmas shopping made easy! Put this date in your diary now. Come and do your Christmas shopping from over 100 high quality stalls, while enjoying food, drink and entertainment within the lovely Villa Maria grounds.

Only \$5 entry fee. Tickets available online, go to <https://villafete.eventbrite.co.nz>



PhotoLife School Photos - Reminder



The cut of date for ordering your School photos online is Sunday 3rd November. Your order will be sent to school after this date. Any orders after this date will be delivered to your address, with an extra charge of \$6 for postage.

If you have misplaced your Shoot key please see Selena in the Office

