



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

You will all be aware of the news this week that Mrs McKendry will be leaving St Patrick's at the end of the year to take up a new and exciting role as the Principal of St Patrick's, Kaiapoi in 2020.

Mrs McKendry has been at St Patrick's for three years and in her role as Deputy Principal has guided and taught many students during that time. Mrs McKendry has been a huge asset to St Patrick's and her passion for teaching our students and coordinating all our learning support will be sorely missed.

She has also been involved in implementing many of the new and exciting programmes we have in place at St Patrick's that our students are benefiting from both academically and socially.

I am sure everyone will join me in congratulating Mrs McKendry and wishing her all the best for her new and exciting role.

We will take the time to farewell Mrs McKendry towards the end of the year.



**From the Board Chair, Snapshots - Tuesday 29th November**

We hope to communicate with our St Patrick's Community on a more frequent basis by sending out snapshots of information from our Board Meetings. This will keep you as a School Community better informed of who we are and what we do.



Thank you to those families who have completed our 2019 St Patrick's School Community Survey. Close to 80% of our families have responded to date. 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.

Tom took the time to share the whole school data for the NZCER Progress and Achievement Assessments that were completed earlier in the Term for Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension and Punctuation and Grammar. While these assessments are only one of many assessments staff use to make their teacher judgements for report writing, they do show a very impressive upward trend for our students achievement from Term 1 to Term 4. We look forward to seeing our end of year data at our Week 10 meeting.

In the holidays two utility sheds were constructed to help with the lack of storage across the school. One is being used as the new sports shed and the other is for After School Care as we work together to return the Library to a more multi-purpose shared space. A big thank you to Richard Preston from RNP homes for providing us with two builders to help with the construction of the sheds and to Craig Inder and Tom Wallis for giving up there time to assist where needed.

Emily Warren who is busy drafting a landscaping plan for the school will be coming into school in the coming weeks to collect the feedback from staff and students about other aspects that they might like to see when our landscape plan is put forward. We hope to share this plan and begin actioning items before the end of the year.

All the best to our Year 5 - 8 students who will be attending camps next week and enjoy the long weekend.

Kind regards - Herman van Herel, St Patrick's School Board Chair



### Tough Kids Christchurch 2019



Students in Room 3 and 4 from St Patrick's will be taking part in the annual Sport Canterbury Tough Kids Challenge again this year on Wednesday 21st November.

St Patrick's will join around 5,000 primary and intermediate students from across Greater Christchurch who will come together for the 7th year of the event.

We have entered students in Room 3 and 4. The students will be racing in Race 5 starting at 1:00pm.

The Sport Canterbury Tough Kid Challenge will be held at South New Brighton Domain and involves several inflatable obstacles, a water slide and a mud pit. This event is about fun and participation. It is not a competition.

### Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

15th Nov	Christchurch Show Day - No School
18th - 20th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Camp
18th - 21st Nov	Year 7 and 8 Camp
21st Nov	Year 3 and 4 Tough Kids
25th Nov - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming Lessons
1st Dec	St Patrick's Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	Reports Home
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

### St Patrick's School Fair - Sunday 22nd March 2020

A big thank you to Jo McKenzie who has volunteered to be the lead Fair Co-ordinator for next year's Fair. Jo and her team are well underway with planning for the big day and are looking forward to everyone being a part of this fantastic community fundraiser.

Each class will be given their own stalls to coordinate on the day and in conjunction with staff, class reps and parents it is hoped everyone can do their bit to make the day a successful and enjoyable one!

Please consider donating to the School Fair if you are having a clean out this long weekend. The container is open every Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning for the remainder of Term 4.

We are also seeking donations of boxes, apple and banana boxes and some bigger boxes i.e. fridge boxes.



We'd also like to hear from anyone interested in selling, making, or running a stall for 'Food Glorious Food' at the Fair. We are keen to offer a variety of food options.

Contact Jo – jomckenzie@windowslive.com with any ideas or offers of help. We are waiting to hear from you!

### St Patrick's School Christmas Picnic

On Sunday, 1st December from 4pm - 6pm we will be having the St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic. It will be held on the field behind the Junior playground.



At this year's Christmas Picnic the PFA are hosting a Christmas Mini-Market and will be selling some great Christmas stocking fillers including Christmas decorations, lucky dips, lunch box notes and more.

The Picnic is a lovely opportunity for the community to get together before Christmas. Bring a blanket, chairs and some refreshments and sit back and enjoy the musical entertainment. There will be a sausage sizzle, musical items and a lolly scramble for all the children.