



From the Principal's Desk....

Last Friday a small group of budding Year 7 and 8 writers attended a Royal Commonwealth Society Writers Workshop at Tūranga, Christchurch City Library. The event was hosted by RCS Canterbury Branch in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

There were two workshops held, one in poetry and creative writing, and one in media and journalism.

The big surprise for this event though was Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall joining the workshops in the afternoon and the students being able to gather for a short assembly in the presence of the Duchess of Cornwall

What a great experience for our students and the opportunity to meet the Duchess of Cornwall in person.



St Patrick's School Christmas Picnic - Sunday 1st December

On Sunday, 1st December from 4:00pm - 6:00pm the PFA is hosting the St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic on the field behind the Junior playground.

Join us at our final community event for 2019, bring your picnic blanket and refreshments and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. Irish band 'The Clan' are set to entertain, joined by the junior students singing Christmas carols.

A sausage sizzle is provided and there will be a lolly scramble for all the children.

Also back by popular demand is the Christmas Mini Market. Fully stocked with a great range of Christmas stocking fillers with items priced from as low as 50c, there is something for everyone! CASH ONLY please.



End of Year Mass - Thursday 12th December

Our final School Mass will be at the Holy Trinity Parish on Thursday 12th December at 6pm.

For this special Mass, we would like all the students to attend in their School Uniform and meet on the lawn in front of the Church no later than 5:40pm. Each year the children are asked to bring along a wrapped present labelled boy or girl and the approximate age level the gift is for.

There will be baskets in the foyer of the church for the presents to be placed in as the children arrive. The gifts will be taken up with the offertory during Mass and delivered to St Vincent de Paul.

After Mass we will be presenting the Catherine McAuley Christian Leadership Trophy to a Year 8 student who has continually displayed and role modelled our Sisters of Mercy Values of Compassion, Hospitality, Respect, Service, Excellence and Social Justice.





St Patrick's School PFA - AGM, Wednesday 4th December

The St Patrick's School PFA will be holding their AGM followed by a General meeting on Wednesday 4th December, 7.30pm at Nicola Farells house, 45b Memorial Ave.

The AGM is open to all parents and we are required to elect officers of the PFA for the coming year at the AGM.

We are looking for nominations for all three officer's positions:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The PFA welcomes new members at any time. We need your support, time and talents to continue the great work the PFA does in our School. All enquiries or apologies to Emma Jackson, Secretary, emma.jackson@paprills.co.nz.



After School Care - Enrolments

ASC Care is asking for expressions of interest for 2020.

If you think you may wish to use this fantastic facility casually or permanently in 2020, now is the time to fill out an enrolment form.

The ASC Committee is run by St Patrick's School parents and has been running for 22 years.

Oranga Tamariki have just done their bi-annual assessment and we are considered to be a top performing ASC programme in Christchurch.



Important Dates: Term 4, 2019

25th Nov - 6th Dec	Year 1 - 6 Swimming Lessons
1st Dec	St Patrick's Christmas Picnic
4th Dec	PFA AGM
4th Dec	Reports Home
6th Dec	PFA Coffee Morning
8th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
10th Dec	BoT Meeting
12th Dec	Junior Nativity, 2:00pm
12th Dec	End of Year Mass 6:00pm
13th Dec	Year 8's Leavers Assembly
13th Dec	School Finishes 12:30pm
3rd Feb	Term 1 Begins for 2020

PFA - Second Hand Uniform Sales

If anyone has any good quality, second hand uniform they no longer require, please consider donating items to the PFA to assist with replenishing Second Hand Uniform stock.

Please contact Emma Jackson - 022 005 7629 to arrange collection or drop items into the school office. The PFA are very grateful for any donations received. Thank you.



Year 8's Leavers Assembly - Friday 13th December at 11:00am

A reminder that the Year 8's Leavers Assembly will begin at 11:00am and that school will finish at 12:30pm on Friday 13th December.

This is to allow for staff to have an opportunity to say their farewells to their students.