



From the Principal's Desk....

Yesterday evening, following the formal interview process of 4 prospective applicants, the Board of Trustees Interview Committee reached a decision to offer the 2021 permanent roles of DP, Junior Team Leader to Fran Tohill and DP, Senior Team Leader to Marcus Beaton.

There were 20 applicants across the two Junior and Senior DP, Team Leader Positions. Having worked through the applicants these were shortlisted down to 2 for each of the Junior and Senior DP, Team Leader Positions.

While the external applicants were experienced in their roles, the committee felt Mr Beaton and Mrs Tohill had both embraced the opportunities they had been given in their 'acting roles' and their strong desire to continue to grow and develop themselves was not only encouraging but made them stand out against the two external applicants.



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr Beaton and Mrs Tohill on their successful appointments.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, we hope you have a relaxing holiday break and if you are going away over the holidays, travel safely on the roads.

We look forward to seeing you back for Term 4 on Monday 12th October.

First Holy Communion Mass - Saturday 26th September

It is with much excitement that we can now go ahead with First Holy Communion Mass with far less restrictions. All our students have shown a great deal of patience in waiting to receive the Eucharist at Mass for the first time, and we wish them all God's blessings for their big day.



A big thank you to Kaelyn for her patience and perseverance during the year, and we look forward to celebrating our Mass together this Saturday 26th September at 5:00pm at St Matthew's Church.

Going Gaga over Gaga Dodge Ball

On Wednesday we welcomed Father Edwin, Brother Monty, Herman van Herel our Board of Trustees Chairperson and Jo McKenzie our Parents, Friends Association Chairperson to officially bless and open our new Gaga Dodgeball Pit at St Patrick's. The Gaga Dodgeball Pit is the first of two projects the Board of Trustees hopes to complete in 2020 in conjunction with the PFA, with proceeds raised from the Shamrock Ball.

A special thank you must go out to all our past and present families and PFA members who all contributed their time, energy and donations to make the first of our outdoor enhancements possible.

We also look forward to the installation of three shade umbrellas in front of the senior block during the school holidays to provide some much needed shade for our students at lunchtime.

Thank you to Richard Preston (Olivia in Room 3's Dad) for helping to facilitate this project, with a special mention going out to Zach Knutson and the team at The Pile Master for the design and build of the Gaga Dodge Ball Pit and James Attwood and Chris Moreland from Cultivated Image for the installation of the AstroTurf.

We hope the students enjoyed their sausage sizzle to celebrate this wonderful occasion. A big thank you to our Year 8 helpers who helped cook and prepare the food.





### 2020, Sir Peter Blake Trust - Young Leader Award!

Congratulations to Sreya Alex in Room 8 who today was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Trust - Young Leader Award! Sreya is a wonderful role model to all our students at St Patrick's School and we know she will continue to be 'Called to Shine' wherever her journey takes her!

In partnership with Westpac, this award celebrates young people whose leadership stands out in their schools and communities. Thank you to Hannah from Westpac for presenting this award during Room 5's Assembly



### Social Justice Week 2020

During Social Justice week students have been exploring the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of: Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable and Distributive Justice and what these mean in our community. We have discussed inequalities in schools in NZ and the lack of resources that some children have access to.

For example access to uniform, shoes, backpacks, stationery, warm jacket's in winter, lunch-boxes, drink bottles etc. These two CST Principles are at the core of this social issue.

This term the Young Vinnies have been asked to collect stationery, lunch-boxes, drink bottles and backpacks to give to those less fortunate than us. So thank you all so much for all of you kind donations. I know they will be greatly received and distributed among those who need it most.



### Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Junior Speech Competition

On Wednesday 16th September ten of our students took part in the semifinals of the Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Junior Speech Competition at Isleworth School.

- Year 4: Sophia Inder, Emily Carter
- Year 5: Amelia Watson, Harper Clarke
- Year 6: Catherine Vogt, Conor Thwaites
- Year 7: Niamh Murdoch, Mihi Biddle
- Year 8: Rose Kelly, Sreya Alex

We are very excited to announce that Emily Carter, Conor Thwaites and Niamh Murdoch have qualified for the Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Speech Finals to be held on Wednesday 14th October at Breens Intermediate.

Congratulations to all our students and well done on making it this far!



### 2020 ICAS Assessments

In 2020 we will be offering students the opportunity to take part in the 2020 ICAS Assessments. These assessments are not endorsed by the school but are offered to parents who wish for their children to take part. Due to COVID-19, we have opted for the second official sitting window (12 - 23 October).

Entries can be completed online by filling out the google form (Sent via HERO) for Years 3 - 8 only. When you enter online, you will need to pay via internet banking, Eftpos or by sending the money to the office in a named envelope.

Entries close Wednesday 30th September

