



From the Principal's Desk....

On Thursday 10th December your child's HERO, Online Digital Report will be made available for you to view. This online report contains all the information you need to keep you informed of your child's learning progress at school.

Given the impact that Covid-19 has had on the academic year we have made the decision to include a 'PaCT Report' for Reading, Writing and Mathematics as part of the end of year reporting in 2020. The Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT) provides comprehensive information about your child's achievement and progress in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum.

St Patrick's started using PaCT in early 2017 in preparation for the removal of National Standards in 2018. During this time we have also been a PaCT lead school in Christchurch supporting schools throughout the Canterbury region to implement PaCT in their school environments. If you would like to learn more about PaCT at St Patrick's, cut and paste the link provided.

<https://www.stpatricks.school.nz/about-st-patricks-school/progress-reporting-at-st-patricks/>

There are five core areas the HERO, Online Digital Report covers. Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Religious Education and the Key Competencies. As well as a PaCT Report for Reading, Writing and Mathematics there are also achievement statements explaining where your child is at within the current curriculum level. For Religious Education there is a comment on your child's Catholic Special Character and Religious Education and for the Key Competencies at St Patrick's School, a comment on your child's Overall Attitude and Social Skills at St Patrick's School.

If you are new to the school or have not logged into HERO for some time, do not panic. We will be sending home some information early next week that will give you all the login details you need to view your child's online report.



2020 Hot Shots in Schools Programme delivered by the Waimairi Tennis Club

In Week 6 all the students in Year 1 - 8 took part in the 2020 Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme delivered by the Waimairi Tennis Club. This program is funded by Canterbury Tennis with the aim of the programme being to give children a taste of tennis. It also provides some information about their local Club, in case the children would like to take the next step and join a club.

Hukaatai Hart and the team from the Waimairi Tennis Club has delivered this programme for a number of years at St Patrick's. So we were thrilled this year when they offered to donate one of their tennis nets and poles to help finish our second tennis court in time for our lessons this year.

On behalf of the St Patrick's School Community we would like to thank Hukaatai and Waimairi Tennis Club for this generous donation. It has already been put to great use by our students!



St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic - Sunday 6th December, 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

This Sunday 6th December from 4:00pm - 6:00pm is the St Patrick's School Community Christmas Picnic. This year it will be held on the field in front of the senior playground to accommodate all the amazing activities the PFA has been busy planning. There will be plenty of fun for everyone...live music, christmas craft, raffles, junior school carollers lolly scramble and sausage sizzle provided for the children. BYO drinks and picnic rug!

Also back by popular demand, the Christmas Mini Market will be stocked up with Christmas themed goodies to suit every budget. Please, cash only.

The Picnic is a lovely opportunity for the school community to get together before Christmas. Bring a blanket, chairs and some refreshments and sit back and enjoy the musical entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Primary School Athletics Championships 2020

Yesterday we had nine students who competed at the Primary School Athletics Championships at Nga Puna Wai sports facility in Halswell. They had a fantastic day competing against other athletes across their fields with Stella Stewart and Rose Kelly finishing second equal in the High Jump!

St Patrick's are part of what is known as the West Zone cluster of schools who come together with other Zones across Canterbury and the West Coast to compete at the Primary School Athletics Championships. To give you an idea of the scale of this event, it is approximately 191 schools and roughly 1800 students!

Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the Primary School Athletics Championships for 2020!

- Charlie Craddock, Year 5 Boys - Long Jump
- Amelia Watson, Year 5 Girls - 80m Sprints
- Heidi Molloy, Year 7 Girls - Long Jump
- Hugo van Herel, Year 8 Boys - Long Jump
- Daniel Milicich, Year 8 Boys - 100m Sprint, 1200m Distance
- Stella Stewart, Year 8 Girls - Discus, High Jump, 100m Sprint
- Georgina Gibson, Year 8 Girls - Long Jump
- Bethany Sutcliffe Year 8 Girls - Long Jump
- Rose Kelly, Year 8 Girls - High Jump



Pop Up Penguins - Lucky 'Angitu'

Our penguin will be on display at Tūranga, Christchurch City Library for nine weeks, as part of the Pop Up Penguins trail, from 28 November until the 31 January 2021. Trail maps are available in Harcourts offices, libraries and locations where penguins are on display. The free Pop Up Penguins app is available to download by searching 'Pop Up Penguins' at the App Store and Google Play.



Second Hand Uniform Shop - Seeking Donations

The opening of the second hand uniform shop this term has been well received by our school community. This service provides affordable uniform options for families and generates important funds that the PFA donate directly to our school.

Due to popular demand, we are currently seeking donations. If you have items at home that your child has outgrown or if your family is leaving St Patrick's at the end of the term please consider donating. Items can be dropped into the school office. The school office will also be open on Monday 20th from 10:00am - 12:00pm for anyone who wishes to make donations once school closes for 2020.

Thank you for your support.

Important Dates: Term 4, 2020

- Sunday 6th December - Community Christmas Picnic
- Monday 7th December/Friday 11th December - Year 1 - 6 Swimming
- Friday 11th December - PFA Donations, Container Open 8:15am - 9:00am
- Friday 11th December - Secondhand Uniform Sale 8:15am - 9:00am
- Sunday 13th December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- Tuesday 15th December - New Student Orientation Day 1:45pm - 2:45pm
- Tuesday 15th December - Secondhand Uniform Sale 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- Wednesday 16th December - Junior Nativity Story 2:15pm
- Thursday 17th December - School Leavers Mass at 6:00pm
- Friday 18th December - Assembly Room 8 at 11:00am
- Friday 18th December - School Finishes at 12:30pm

SBS Banking - Donate a Book for Christmas

SBS are collecting new books for children (as per pic below) and are reaching out to the community to help contribute.

New Books can be dropped off at the SBS Papanui Branch or Tracey Hughes from SBS is happy to collect them from the office next Thursday 10th December in the morning with the school banking.

