



From the Principal's Desk....

In last fortnight's newsletter, we shared our Term 1 inquiry focus on Science and Technology. In 2017 the students at St Patrick's took part in the same Science and Technology inquiry based on the America's Cup. I am sure, like me, many of you would have been glued to the television last night as the 36th America's Cup got underway.

We can now confirm that once again our St Patrick's 'Super Sailors' Boat Race will be taking place on Wednesday 31st March. We will be walking the students down to Mona Vale at 12:30pm. Racing will commence from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. All the students will then walk back to school.

Because water is involved, we do require parent assistance on the day. We will need support with supervision in the water and on land and at the start/finish lines in the water. Please note that no students will be entering the water. If you are able to assist on the day, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

In 2021 there will also be a Staff and Parents race!

Parents are allowed to build a boat at home and join in on the day. The rules are very simple. They must be able to be carried to the boat race venue, no motors are to be used and they must be environmentally friendly - e.g. no paint.



Teacher only Days 2021

On Monday 15th March we have scheduled one of the eight teacher only days awarded to teachers through our recent NZEI negotiations with the Ministry of Education. Arising from the employment agreement negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement, the Primary Principals' Collective Agreement, the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement and the Area School Principals' Collective Agreement; it was agreed that any one principal or teacher is entitled to a maximum of 8 teacher only days, that have to be taken before the 30th June 2022.

In 2021 we have three planned Teacher Only Days:

- Monday 15th March
- Friday 4th June
- Friday 3rd September



PFA Garage Sale - Sunday 21st March

The PFA is holding another Indoor Garage Sale on Sunday 21st March. We are clearing a HUGE amount of donated second-hand goods from the container, EVERYTHING MUST GO!

We have booked the Parish Hall from Friday 19th March through to Sunday 21st March and need volunteers from our school community across the whole weekend to help with this event. Please add your name to the roster below, on any days/times that suit.

Any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Indoor Garage Sale Volunteer Roster:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17wRMXPnvMenuMe4m24li5r5KLzrdddWn/view?usp=sharing>

We will have the container open from Tuesday 16th March to Thursday 18th March and this will be the final opportunity for our school community to donate items.





St Patrick's Day - Wednesday 17th March

Next Wednesday 17th March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day at St Patrick's! It is also our School Feast Day and to celebrate we will be holding a Mass at 9:00am at St Matthew's Church. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to join us.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear green for the day. We want you to be as creative as you can be, so start hunting out your green wigs, socks, blankets and anything green!

At approximately 11:30am we will be having the annual St Patrick's Day Parade out on the court area followed by a surprise waka challenge, sausage sizzle and an ice-block over at Plynilimon Park.

Once again a big thank you to the PFA who are very kindly organising the sausage sizzle and ice-blocks for the students.



Kelly Sports 1 day Holiday Programme - Tuesday 6th April

Kelly Sports will be running a 1 day Holiday Programme on Tuesday 6th April at St Patrick's School - Parish Hall Venue.

With Easter Tuesday falling during the Term this year, Schools are closed for that day, but many parents still have to work. They will be running a 1-day programme full of our Kelly Sports Favourites, so make sure you book in early to avoid missing out.

We have created a discount voucher for St Patricks Students for 15% off. The voucher code (YNFMVUJ1) can be found in the image. For more information or to book online, please visit www.kellysports.co.nz and search for St Patrick's School.



Important Dates: Term 1, 2021

- Monday 15th Mar - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- Wednesday 17th Mar - St Patrick's Day
- Thursday 18th Mar - West Zone Swimming Sports
- Sunday 21st Mar - St Patrick's School Grage Sale
- Friday 26th Mar - School Assembly Room 3, 9:00am
- Wednesday 31st Mar - Inquiry 'St Patrick's 'Super Sailors' Boat Race
- Thursday 1st Apr - Stations of the Cross, 1:30pm
- Friday 2nd Apr - Good Friday (School Closed)
- Monday 5th Apr - Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Tuesday 6th Apr - Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
- Saturday 10th Apr - Final St Matthews, School Mass
- Friday 16th Apr - School Assembly Room 6, 9:00am
- Friday 16th Apr - Last Day of school for Term 1
- Monday 3rd May - First Day of Term 2

School Banking with SBS

Every Thursday at St Patrick's, Tracey Hughes from SBS is on site to collect our school banking from the office.



Anyone who is interested in opening a school bank account for their child can collect information on how to do this from the School Office.

The SBS Bank Incentive Saver is designed specifically for your child to help them understand how money grows and to encourage regular saving.

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Friday 26th March

Pop into school on Friday 26th March, we have another opportunity for you to browse for secondhand uniform items from 8:15am - 9:00am in the Uniform Shop in the Parish Hall.

