



### From the Principal's Desk....

Kia ora koutou, nei ra te mihi, maioha ki a koutou katoa. Hello everyone, special greetings to you all.

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy Term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved Easter break.

Yesterday we celebrated the end of our Term 1 Inquiry focus on Science and Technology with our St Patrick's 'Super Sailors' Boat Race. It was a lovely afternoon and it was fantastic to have so many parents and caregivers come along to support their children. A big thank you to our Year 8 students and to those parents who volunteered to help in the water. We have shared photos of the day on our Schools Facebook Page.

Next Term our Inquiry focus is on Social Sciences. Staff are busy preparing this inquiry focus called 'Cool 2B Kiwi' - Famous New Zealanders. Students will develop an understanding of the gifts and talents that New Zealanders (past and present) have contributed to Aotearoa and the world.

We hope all families have a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 7th April.



### Easter and Easter Tuesday

Just a reminder that there will be no school on the following days: Friday 2nd April, Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April.

For over 60 years now Easter Tuesday has been a school holiday for children who go to state and state integrated schools in NZ. By law, schools must be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday as they are public holidays, and Easter Tuesday which is a school holiday.

When Easter falls in April this school holiday often goes unnoticed by parents. This is because, where possible, the Ministry tries to align the start of the April school holidays with Easter.

When Easter falls early, like this year where Good Friday is on 2nd April, the end of term can't be aligned so there is a 5 day Easter break during term time.

This means if you plan to work on Easter Tuesday, 6th April, you will need to make some childcare arrangements.



### 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and search for St Patrick's School.





**Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Finals - Thursday 8th April 2021**

Congratulation to the following students who have qualified for the Primary Sports Canterbury Swimming Finals next Thursday 8th April at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

- Andrew Yi - Year 8 Boys Freestyle
- James Franken - Year 7 Boys Backstroke
- Daisy Elkins - Year 7 Girls Freestyle, Backstroke
- Caitlin Petersen - Year 7 Girls Freestyle, Open Girls Butterfly
- Imogen Petersen - Year 5 Girls Freestyle



**One Day, 1200 Dozen Cheese Rolls!**

A big thank you to those who purchased cheese rolls to support the Year 7 and 8 Otago Rail Trail Camp in Term 4. There was an overwhelming response and on Saturday 27th March the Year 7 and 8 students, parents and staff came together to make them all. The fundraiser helped the Year 7 and 8 students generate \$4,680.20 towards their camp. Thank you also to those who donated ingredients, their kitchen and of course their time including, Meadowfresh - donated 50kg cheese, Dairyworks - donated 40kg cheese, Ilam New World - bread donation, New World Prestons - bread donation, Fendalton Supervalu - bread donation and Mark and Steph Ling - for their venue.



**Final Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Church - Saturday 10th April, 5:00pm**

Come and join the St Patrick's and St Alban's Catholic School community as we farewell the St. Matthew's Church. On the weekend of the 10th and 11th April, the final Masses will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Bryndwr - and all are invited to come and participate in the final Masses.

As a School we are being asked to attend the Saturday evening Mass on the 10th April at 5:00pm



**Important Dates: Term 1 and 2, 2021**

- Thursday 1st April - Stations of the Cross, 1:30pm
- Friday 2nd April - Good Friday (School Closed)
- Monday 5th April - Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
- Wednesday 7th April - Year 7 and 8 Ambassador Programme, Akaroa Trip
- Thursday 8th April - Sports Canterbury Swimming Finals
- Saturday 10th April - Final St Matthews, School Mass 5:00pm
- Tuesday 13th April - Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- Wednesday 14th April - PFA Meeting 7:30pm
- Friday 16th April - Secondhand Uniform Sale 8:15am
- Friday 16th April - School Assembly Room 6, 9:00am

Friday 16th April - Last day of school for Term 1

- Monday 3rd May - First day of school for Term 2
- Sunday 9th May - Mother's Day
- Friday 14th May - School Assembly Room 4, 9:00am
- Friday 14th May - School Cross Country
- Thursday 20th May - West Zone Cross Country
- Friday 28th May - School Assembly Room 5, 9:00am
- Tuesday 1st June - Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- Friday 4th June - Teacher Only Day
- Monday 7th June - Queens Birthday

**+ EASTER SUNDAY +**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

- 8:30AM, 10AM ST GREGORY'S CHURCH
- 9AM, 11AM CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
- 9:30AM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

