



From the Principal's Desk....

Nau mai hoki mai e hoa ma - Welcome back friends!

We hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved break and managed to spend some time with friends and family over the school holidays. It has been great seeing all the students back at school this week.



There is another fantastic Term of learning ahead for the students at St Patrick's. Our Inquiry focus for this Term is on the Social Sciences. All the Staff have been busy preparing lessons based on recognising the gifts and talents that past and present New Zealanders have contributed to Aotearoa (and the world). The theme for this Terms Inquiry is 'It's Cool 2B Kiwi'.

Today the Senior Team are away to the Canterbury Museum where they will be working with the Education Team on their programme 'World Famous in New Zealand'. They will discover some past New Zealanders, some well-known, some less so, some local, and some national. Then in Weeks 7 and 9 the Junior Team are off to the Christchurch Art Gallery to discover art with hands on learning experiences based on the exhibition and works of New Zealand artist Ralph Hotere.

Finally I am sure many of you will be excited about the Super Rugby Aotearoa Final this weekend between the Crusaders and the Chiefs. it is a shame the Highlanders couldn't be there but good luck to the Crusaders.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā Have a great weekend!

Mother's Day - Sunday 9th May

Dads, this is a friendly reminder to you that it's Mother's Day this Sunday 9th May!

To all our wonderful St Patrick's School Mums. We thank you for always being there to lend a hand. We hope you all find the time this weekend to do the things you love with the people you love. Warm wishes to you all.



St Patrick's School Fundraiser - Hole in Won!

We are very excited to share our brand-new fundraiser for 2021 - the St Patrick's School Helicopter Hole in Won. Take your shot at a hole in one from a helicopter!

What is a Helicopter Hole in Won? It is like a raffle, but way more fun!

Ahead of the event, each school family will be allocated a pack of 30 numbered golf balls and provided with a corresponding numbered sheet with the golf ball numbers in your pack. The goal for each family is to sell 30 golf balls for \$10 per ball, but if you can please don't stop there! At the time of sale, record the name and contact phone number of the purchaser on your numbered sheet.



You can sell your golf balls to family, friends, neighbours, workmates, teammates from all over New Zealand! Use social media to sell your golf balls, we will live stream the event on the day! Ticket holders do not need to be present at the event to win.

On the day of our event, all the presold numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter and the golf ball that is first to land in the hole, or closest to the hole, will take away the major cash prize of \$1,000. But the real winner is the school. The proceeds raised will directly support our school to provide additional educational opportunities for our children.

We are holding this tee-rific event on Friday 11th June at the Riccarton Park Golf Complex. St Patrick's families and the community are invited and encouraged to join us from 12:30pm for a BBQ lunch followed by golf themed activities for the students and the arrival of the helicopter as the big finale.

We will be releasing more details soon and can't wait as excitement builds ahead of the big event.



### St Patrick's School Cross Country at Elmwood Park - Thursday 13th May

The St Patrick's School Cross Country will take place next Thursday 13th May from 12:30pm at Elmwood Park. More information will be shared early next week.

Parents are more than welcome to come down and support their children from 12:30pm onwards.



### Thank You to the PFA and Community!

Recently the PFA made a \$5000 contribution to help the School purchase 50 brand-new Acer Chromebooks for our students. These devices mean our students continue to have fantastic opportunities to utilise technology throughout the Junior and Senior School.

The new devices are running Google's latest operating platform which means our students can now access the very popular Minecraft Education. Next Term the Year 7 and 8 Ambassador Team - TAM (Tech and Me) hope to start running Minecraft Education and Coding Clubs at lunchtime. Perfect for those winter indoor days!



A big thank you to our School Community as well. It is your support and fundraising that helps provide these wonderful opportunities for our students!

### Year 5 - 8 Winter Sports Programme in 2021

With the low number of schools taking part in the South Hagley Winter Sports Programme on a Friday, coupled with spending up to 40 minutes travelling to and from South Hagley by bus, we have worked with Sports Canterbury and the Elmwood Club to put together a fun and engaging sports programme which will run across the whole school year (not just winter) in 2021.

We have opted to focus on non-traditional sports because students will still have the opportunity to participate in Primary Sports Canterbury Competitions that run throughout the year, as well as the majority of our students who play a traditional winter sport in the weekend during winter. Beginning this Friday, Matt de Vries the Sports Hub Manager at the Elmwood Club has organised for our students to take part in Indoor Lawn Bowls and Hand Ball throughout Term 2 at School. He will be joined by students from the University of Canterbury to give our students the opportunity to participate and learn a new sport, through a variety of skills and games.

Students will rotate through two, four week blocks throughout the Term and then in Weeks 9 and 10 the students will be bused to two separate locations (tbc) to put their new found skills into action in a 'Have a Go!' Tournament.



### Important Dates: Term 2, 2021

Sunday 9th May - Mother's Day  
 Thursday 13th May - School Cross Country  
 Friday 14th May - School Assembly Room 4, 9:00am  
 Wednesday 19th May - PFA Meeting 7:30pm, Staffroom  
 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

Friday 11th June - Golf Ball Drop  
 Friday 18th June - Rooms 1 and 3, Christchurch Art Gallery  
 Friday 25th June - School Assembly Room 1, 9:00am  
 Friday 2nd July - Rooms 2 and 2, Christchurch Art Gallery  
 Monday 5th July - Scholastic Book Fair Week  
 Wednesday 7th July - Stories by Candlelight Rooms 1, 2 and 3, 6:00pm  
 Friday 9th July - Mufti Mania  
 Friday 9th July - School Assembly Room 8, 9:00am

### HERO, Our Student Management System

If you have not signed into HERO, our student management system for some time then please follow this link to help you log back in.



<https://www.linc-ed.com/parents/>

From here you are able to either select the orange button 'Login via a browser' to log in to HERO or download the App onto your phone. If you click on forgot password it will send an email to yourself to reset your login.

Alternatively, if you need any assistance please contact Selena in the office.