



**From the Principal's Desk....**

Kia ora koutou - Hello to three or more people.

What a busy couple of weeks we have had at St Patrick's School. This week has been Bullying-Free NZ Week and to celebrate, tomorrow we are holding a Pink Shirt/Dress Up Day!

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. Every year, one in 10 workers in Aotearoa report being bullied or harassed at work, and we have the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries.

So whether it is pink socks, shirts, hats or wigs, let's show our support for Bullying-Free NZ Week!

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - Have a great weekend!



**Mid-Year Progress Reports 2021**

Over the next couple of weeks all staff are being released to gather assessment data for their student's Mid-Year Progress Reports. Staff will bring together evidence gathered through formal and informal assessment procedures, monitoring of classwork, and students reflections upon their learning to make consistent decisions about students' achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics.

St Patrick's started using the Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT) in early 2017 to provide comprehensive information about your child's achievement and progress in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum. If you would like to learn more about PaCT at St Patrick's, cut and paste the link below.

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



**St Patrick's School Fundraiser - Hole in Won!**

What a tee-rific effort from our school community so far to sell your golf balls!

Keep chipping away at it! We have a great reward up for grabs for our best performing class! Don't fore-get raffle sheets and payments are to be returned to school no later than Friday 28th May. If you can sell more than 30 golf balls, check in with your Class Rep and offer your assistance.

We are also keen to provide assistance to anyone having trouble selling your golf balls, please let your Class Rep know as soon as possible.

We are here to help, but need your help to make this fundraiser a success.

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.



**Calling golfers of all abilities!**

We need donations of golf balls to use for our upcoming 'Helicopter Hole in Won' fundraiser. Every donated ball saves us valuable fundraising dollars, so clean out your golf bag, the garage, and hit up your golfing mates. Any donation is greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the school office before Friday 28th May.

Thanks for your support.





### St Patrick's School Cross Country Success

Thank you to everyone who came out last week to support our School Cross Country for 2021. This year things ran a little differently with the introduction of obstacles and a 'Fun Run' for our students.

The Sport and Recreation Team wanted to see a separate 'Fun Run' organised for those who are not particularly fond of Cross Country and the introduction of obstacles to make the Cross Country a little more enjoyable for those whose passion is running long distances. So congratulations to the Sport and Recreation Team on a job well done!

A big thank you also to Mrs Bond and Mr Beaton for helping to bring the Sport and Recreation Team's vision to fruition!

Good luck also to all our Year 4 - 8 students who are competing in the Westzone Cross Country today at Halswell Quarry.

Well done everyone!



**SPORT & RECREATION**  
*Called to Shine + Ekeu te tibi o Angitu*



### Pastoral Care Freezer

One of the pastoral care roles that the PFA offers at St Patrick's is providing meals and/or baking to families in need in our school community.

During the school year, some of our school families experience times of compassionate need; like the death of a close family member, severe illness/injury or hardship. In order to have prepared meals on hand, ready for whenever the need arises the PFA has installed a compassion freezer at school.

In Term 1, Rooms 3 and 6 were the first classrooms who were asked to donate cooked meals or baked goods towards the compassion freezer. A big thank you to those families who donated meals to the freezer, these have been put to fantastic use and it has been lovely to support our families with meals in times of need.



### Don't forget! Pentecost Masses

No Masses at Christ the King, St Gregory's and St. Bede's Chapel this weekend.

Our two Masses for Pentecost are held at St. Andrew's Centennial Chapel (Corner of Normans Road and Papanui Road). Off street parking available on Normans Road (and it's side streets), on the side streets of Papanui Road. Mobility parking available, as well as a drop off and pick up area. Parking wardens will be available.

### Important Dates: Term 2, 2021

Thursday 20th May - West Zone Cross Country  
 Friday 21st May - Pink Shirt/Dress Up Day  
 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  
 Wednesday 7th July - Movies by Candlelight Rooms 4 - 8, 6:00pm  
 Friday 9th July - Mufti Mania  
 Friday 9th July - School Assembly Room 8, 9:00am

### Coffee Fix Wednesday!

Sue-Anne and Debra from Bean Buzz have had to change the day they visit our school to a Wednesday.

This Term they will be parked in the Parish Carpark close to the school for anyone who would like a morning coffee.



Sue-Anne and Debra have been supplying our weekly caffeine fix at St Patrick's for over 5 years and would love your continued support.