



From the Principal's Desk....

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
 Greetings to you all.

Matariki is the Māori name for the Pleiades star cluster. It rises during Pīpiri (June/July) and marks the beginning of the Māori new year. The word is an abbreviation of Ngā Mata o te Ariki (Eyes of God) in reference to Tāwhirimātea, god of the wind and weather.

Matariki is today!

This Newsletter today has all the information you need for next week. Next week we have the Scholastics Book Fair at St Patrick's so have a number of activities planned as well as our end of term 'Class Buddy' and 'Waka Days'.



Year 5 - 8 Speech Finalists

On Thursday 1st July I had the privilege of judging the Year 5 - 8 Speech Finals with Mrs Wood. There were some amazing speeches and the quality was incredibly high.

Congratulations to all those involved and to the students below who have made it through to the Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Speech Semi-Finals at Isleworth School in Term 3.

Year 5: Sophia Inder, Emily Carter

Year 6: Harry George, Annabel Carter

Year 7: Ryan Attwood, Conor Thwaites

Year 8: Odette Knight, Finn Callaghan



Year 5 - 8 Friday Sport Programme

Throughout this term our students in Years 5 - 8 have been learning how to play Handball (Olympic version) and Indoor Bowls in our Friday Sport Programme. We have used outside providers to support the students in this process, as well as some Canterbury University students who are studying to become Sport Coaches.

To celebrate their learning, we have organised two opportunities to participate in mini tournaments at venues suitable to the individual sports.

Today the Year 5 - 8 students are at Canterbury Indoor Bowls in Kearneys Road from 11am until approximately 2:45pm. It looks like they are all having a great time celebrating their newfound skills!

Next Friday, with very similar timings, they will bus to English Park for our Handball Tournament.





### 'Book Week' - 'It's Cool 2B Kiwi' Inquiry Celebration

Our Inquiry focus for this Term has been on the Social Sciences with students recognising the gifts and talents that past and present New Zealanders have contributed to Aotearoa (and the world).

The theme for this Terms Inquiry has been 'It's Cool 2B Kiwi'.

On Tuesday 6th July, classes will be setting up and showcasing their learning in the Parish Hall. Parents can view the displays and books from 2:30pm - 3:30pm and on Wednesday morning from 8:30am - 9:15am.



### 'Book Week' - Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Hall - Tuesday 6th July to Thursday 8th July

To the Book Fair and beyond! Discover a whole galaxy of books at this years Pop-Up Scholastic Book Fair event in the Parish Hall. As part of the Book Week celebrations at St Patrick's in the final week of Term 2, the PFA is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair over 3 days.



This special event enables our parents and children to purchase quality books at reasonable prices, while helping the school to raise funds for special projects, classroom materials, and library books.

This year the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the small room at the back of the Parish Hall during the following times:

- Tuesday 6th July, 8:30 - 9:15am and 2:30 - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 7th July, 8:30 - 9:15am and 2:30 - 3:30pm
- Thursday 8th July, 8:30 - 9:15am

### 'Book Week' Sausage Sizzle - Wednesday 7th July

The Year 7 & 8 students are running an end of term sausage sizzle on Wednesday 7th July to raise funds for their camp on the Otago Rail Trail later this year. Sausages are \$2.00 each.

Students can place their orders before school on Tuesday and Wednesday inside the Senior block. Please send students with the correct money. Thank you for supporting our Year 7 & 8 students fundraising efforts.

### 'Book Week' Book/Movie/Famous NZ'der Character Mufti Day - Wednesday 7th July

We will be having a Book/Movie/Famous NZ'der Character Mufti Day on Wednesday 7th July as part of this exciting week for the students. A Book/Movie Character or Famous New Zealander Parade will be held at 1:45pm so all the students can see each others costumes!



### 'Book Week' Stories and Movies by Candlelight - Wednesday 7th July

As part of Book Week, Rooms 1, 2 and 3 are invited to Stories by Candlelight. This tradition has been happening for a number of years now at St Patrick's with our Junior classes. However, for the first time, and not wanting to miss out the LOC (Leadership Outside the Classroom) Ambassador Team has put together the first 'Movies by Candlelight' theme for Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8!

When: Wednesday 7th July, 6:00pm – 7:00pm (approximately 8:15pm for seniors)

Where: Rooms 1, 2 and 3 meet in Room 3 for a treat of hot chips before stories in Room 1  
 Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 meet in the learning studio for a treat of hot chips before movies begin

What to wear: Your Pyjamas!

Parents bringing students are invited to meet in Room 2 and enjoy some refreshments and a get together until the stories and movies are finished.