



# PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE

11 May 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**O'SHEA SHIELD:** This weekend St Catherine's College host the O'Shea Shield – the annual speech and drama competition between the 17 Catholic secondary schools in the Wellington and Palmerston North Dioceses. We wish our team every success over the weekend.

**STAFF CHANGES:** We farewell Ms Kate Southall today. She is taking up a new position at Rongotai College. Her classes will be taken by Dr Irina Zhdanova for the next two weeks before our new teacher, Ms Carol Carmody starts. Ms Sharron Kendall-Elder is on extended leave for Term 2. Her classes are being taken by Mr Nick Sye, Ms Corrie Skells and Mrs Margaret Guidera.

## DATES TO DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **Monday 14 May** – Polynesian Parents' Association meet at 6pm in the staffroom.
- **Tuesday 15 May** – **Hui-ā-Whānau**. This Pānui is to extend a warm welcome to the Māori community of Hato Patariki to come to our next Whānau hui of the year. **When:** Tuesday, 15 May, from 5.30pm in the College staffroom. **What to bring:** some finger-food kai for light refreshments. We would like to invite the Māori community, the parents of Māori students and their families to have input into the discussion and decisions made regarding kaupapa Māori and the attainment and retention of rangatahi Māori within the school. If you have any agenda items, please email [jarrad.porima@stpats.school.nz](mailto:jarrad.porima@stpats.school.nz)

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The PPTA, the Secondary Teachers union will be holding a meeting for teachers on **Thursday 31 May** in the afternoon at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. School will finish at 12.10pm that day as we cannot provide classes for students in the afternoon. If you wish us to supervise your son until 3.20pm please email [donna.love@stpats.school.nz](mailto:donna.love@stpats.school.nz). **There will be no school buses available so students will need to make their own way home.** A reminder also that the College will be closed on **Friday 1 June** for a Wellington wide IT professional development day for teachers and also on **Monday 4 June** (Queen's Birthday Monday) and **Tuesday 5 June** for midterm break.

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT:** Thursday 31 May at 7.30pm in the College Hall. Come along to this free concert and enjoy the musical talents of our students in conjunction with St Catherine's College.

**FOUNDATION BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION: Saturday 30 June.** Tickets are now on sale, book yours for a fantastic evening supporting a worthy cause! We have confirmed a fabulous speaker - Mike Allsop: airline pilot, Everest mountaineer and extreme marathon competitor. There's also great food, wonderful company, and live entertainment from SPC students. Tickets are \$80 per person. We'll seat you with a group of individuals so you can make some new friends, or gather together your own table of 10. We are also looking for auction items and would be grateful for any quality item you can donate. In the past these have included bikes, vouchers for experiences such as sailing, Weta Workshop, or coffee brewing, and tickets for the events. All proceeds from the evening benefit the St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation, and in turn solely support SPC. In 2018 to date we have provided grants for over \$60,000 to the College. Contact Louise McKenzie | [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz) | 04 939 5416

**WOMAN'S GROUP:** The **St Patrick's College Women's Group** is an informal gathering of volunteers responsible for the hospitality at the College. We support the College and its community by hosting a number of functions throughout the year. We aim to reflect a relaxed and positive attitude within the college and its community. Our group is self-funded by operating the Second-Hand Uniform shop, the profits of which go back to the

College in the form of scholarships and donations. **We welcome new members, and despite our name, both men and women are welcome to join! We are also currently seeking a new chairperson or co-chairpersons.** This is an excellent opportunity to use your management skills to chair the meetings. If joining the Women's Group as a new member or chairperson sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please contact our Secretary Heidi Meudt at [heidi.meudt@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.meudt@gmail.com). The next meeting is Monday 21 May at 7.45pm in the College staff room.

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER: WE'RE AGAIN FUNDRAISING WITH ENTERTAINMENT™:** The NEW 2018|2019 Entertainment™ Books are here! For every Entertainment™ Book and Entertainment™ Digital Membership we sell, \$13 contributes to our fundraising! The new Entertainment™ Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2019. The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise! Use this link to take you directly to our college page <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1042f11>

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – SAVE THE DATE:** An Art Exhibition will be held on Friday 21 September in the College hall from 6.30pm-9.30pm. Tickets will be \$25 which includes nibbles and refreshments. This will be a fantastic evening showcasing stunning art, ceramics and jewellery. Planning for the Art Exhibition has started. If you would like to be involved please contact Tania Halliday [taniahalliday@gmail.com](mailto:taniahalliday@gmail.com) with your contact details. If you have made contact with Tania already, please do so again to make sure she has your details.

Kind regards

***Neal Swindells***

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