



# PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE

31 May 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**LATEST NEWSLETTER:** The latest College newsletter is now available on the College website or via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycykh9rd> I would strongly encourage you to read the newsletter which is in a new format. Please note especially in the newsletter my comments regarding student and parent behaviour at sport under the heading of "Living our Values" and some advice to parents about the second season of the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why".

A significant number of students left school yesterday afternoon without permission and without signing out and went over to Wellington College. These students will be kept behind at school to today to make up time to 2.10pm.

## DATES TO DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **Friday 1 June** - the school is closed for staff development day for all the teachers of the Wellington Loop schools.
- **Monday 4 June** - the College is closed for public holiday.
- **Tuesday 5 June** - the College is closed for midterm break.
- **Friday 8 June** - mufti day for St Vincent de Paul. **Please donate either non-perishable food items which will be given to the Foodbank to distribute or cash.**
- **Sunday 10 June** - College Open Day at 1.30pm.

**PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS:** Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be conducted on **Wednesday 20 June** from 2.30 to 4pm and then 4.15 to 6pm and **Thursday 21 June** from 4pm – 6pm and 6.50pm – 8pm. **Please note you can book on either night. Parents can book from 9am next Friday morning (8 June).** Interviews will be of 5 minutes duration. It is beneficial if students can attend as well.


*For these interviews we are using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students! Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the front office during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.*

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz)
- You will find a header Parent/Teacher Interviews – click on the link and it will take you to the PTO website
- Click on "Obtain Pin/Password and you will then be asked to enter your email address that you have given the school. Login data will then be sent to you.
- For those who have no email address you have been sent login details by mail. Enter your surname and PIN, provided on the letter sent to you.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for *individual* parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview timeslot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- You will only see time slots which are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those timeslots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.

- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can print a *report* of your bookings in time order. You can log in and *change bookings* any time **up to 11am on the day of the interviews.**
- If you see this symbol  displayed alongside the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a timeslot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this timeslot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify the school office, preferably via email at [aldona.yardley@stpats.school.nz](mailto:aldona.yardley@stpats.school.nz)

I am sure the system will be of benefit to the students, parents and the staff. Any feedback from you will be most welcome.

Mr Wayne Mills, Deputy Rector, email: [wayne.mills@stpats.school.nz](mailto:wayne.mills@stpats.school.nz)

**HOMESTAYS REQUIRED – 27 JULY to 15 AUGUST:** We will shortly be hosting 20 students from various Catholic Colleges in Hong Kong. They will arrive here on Friday 27 July and leave on Wednesday 15 August. We have been asked to host these students in pairs. We also require homestays for five younger Year 9 and Year 10 students – 3 from Japan and 2 from China. One Japanese student will be with us from 20 July to 29 September the other from 23 July to 31 August. The two Chinese students will be here for two weeks at the start of the term. If you live within a bus ride to the College and you are interested in hosting students in your home, or you would like more information about hosting students please contact Maria by email on [maria.elenio@stpats.school.nz](mailto:maria.elenio@stpats.school.nz) or by phone on 027 4187500. The College will be paying the families for hosting each student.

**2018 NCEA FEE:** The 2018 NCEA fee of **\$76.70** has now been attached to all senior and some Year 10 student's accounts, please be advised that payment must be made by the **31st August 2018**. If you have a current **Community Services Card**, you can fill in a Financial Assistance form available from the cashier and the cost will be reduced to \$20.00. Thanks very much to all parents that have already paid this fee, it is appreciated. All fees can be checked via the Parent Portal which is updated on a daily basis. Any queries please contact Jacky Reid 939-3070 ext 226 or email [jacky.reid@stpats.school.nz](mailto:jacky.reid@stpats.school.nz)

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE WELLINGTON FOUNDATION – ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION - 7pm, SATURDAY 30 JUNE.** Tickets are now on sale. Please come and support this worthy cause - you will have a fabulous evening! Tickets are \$80, which includes a glass of bubbles on arrival, a three course meal with table wine, a world class speaker - [Mike Allsop](#), entertainment from SPC's own students, and silent and fast-paced live auctions. We can seat you with friends who you've arranged to attend with, or allocate you to a table with other wonderful people from our community. Any number of guests can be accommodated. **Please email [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz) to secure your ticket.**

**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP:** The shop will be open from 1.30 to 2.30pm on Thursday 7 June.

**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>

Kind regards

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