7 September 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to our very talented and award winning Con Anima Choir on their performance at the Big Sing which resulted in them receiving a Bronze Award, and to our Sports Teams who have performed wonderfully well this week.

Please note that the Music Department concert, scheduled for Wednesday 12 September, is CANCELLED.

DATES TO DIARY:

- **Monday 10 September**: Course Choices Portal for next year opens. Also, Polynesian Parents’ Association meet in the staffroom at 6pm.
- **Tuesday 11 September**: Course Selection Evening in the hall from 5.30 to 6.30pm.
- **Friday 14 September**: Course Choices Portal closes and Team photos in the Hall (formal uniform must be worn).
- **Sunday 16 September**: Family Mass in the chapel at 5pm.

COURSE SELECTION 2019. INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 10, 11 AND 12: On Tuesday evening, 11 September we are holding a Course Selection Evening for students and parents of boys in Years 10, 11 and 12. We will start with a short presentation then you will be able to talk to our Heads of Department about courses for 2019. Students have been given information about how to select their options for 2019 on the parent portal.

FAMILY MASS: SPC Women’s Group welcomes all SPC families and extended family to the SPC Family Mass on **Sunday 16 September 2018**, starting at 5pm in the St Patrick’s College Chapel. At 6pm, after the Mass, we welcome families to stay for a light supper in the SPC staffroom. This is always a lovely Mass, we hope you can make it.

ST PATRICK’S ART EXHIBITION: TICKETS SELLING FAST. Get your tickets from the College office and Eventfinda. Our much-anticipated Art Exhibition is showing on Friday 21 September, 6.30pm-9.30pm, in the College Hall. Held once every two years, this is your opportunity to view and purchase fantastic artworks from established and upcoming artists at great prices. Eftpos/Credit card facility available. Tickets $25 which includes nibbles and refreshments. Raffles and auctions on the night. This is a St Patrick’s Parents’ Association fundraiser for the College. Contact spcpa1885@outlook.com for more details. Helpers are required for the set-up of the exhibition on Thursday 20 September and Friday 21 September during the day and also at the event itself. If you are keen and free to help we would love to hear from you. Please email spcpa1885@outlook.com with your contact details if you can help out.

PARENTS OF PATRICIAN EVENING: All parents of our Year 9 students are asked to attend our next POP evening at 7:00pm on **Tuesday the 25th of September**. Join us in the staffroom for wine and cheese followed by a presentation from Netsafe New Zealand focusing on ways our school community can help promote digital safety. The presentation will cover a range of topics including the shifting digital landscape, what is needed to develop confident, capable, digital citizens and how parents and whānau can support and enable their children.

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YEAR 13 LEAVERS FORMAL: Saturday 13 October 2018 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Grey Street, Wellington. The function starts at 6pm and finishes at midnight. The theme is Stars and Stripes, the guest speaker is Luigi Cacace and the DJ is Arturo Santos. Dress attire is black tie / formal. Permission letters will be given to students on Tuesday and tickets can be purchased from Wednesday from the College Cashier. **We expect NZQA fees and sports fees to be fully paid before tickets can be purchased.** The cost of student tickets is $110 per person and parent tickets are $25 per person. Year 13 parents are invited to attend from 6-7.30pm to have a formal photo taken. The ticket includes 1 welcome drink and canapes between 6.30-7pm only. Cash bar will be available. Year 13 student ticket price includes: venue hire, canapes between 6.30-7pm, 2 course set menu, photo booth hire, DJ, lighting and theming.

**KNOWLEDGE SHOP NCEA 1 and 2 EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAMME:** Bookings are open for the **St Patrick’s College NCEA Preparation Programme.** This highly successful programme will be run by Knowledge Shop in the first week of the upcoming holidays from Monday 1 October to Friday 5 October. Subjects offered include English, science, mathematics and study skills. The aim of the programme is to assist students to achieve the very best possible results in the end-of-year NCEA exams. Students can book single or multiple sessions. Subjects are taught by highly regarded, current NCEA teachers from around New Zealand. Classes are limited to only fifteen students per group, and as we are expecting a sell-out, it is important to book early. Visit our website at [http://www.knowledgeschopnz.co.nz](http://www.knowledgeschopnz.co.nz) for the programme timetable, cost and further details. All bookings can be made online.

Kind regards,

*Neal Swindells*

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