



# PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE

1 March 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**START OF LENT:** Ash Wednesday next week marks the start of Lent. We have a liturgy in our Assembly on Wednesday. During Lent we are called to pray, to fast and to give to those in need and most important to examine how we can be better people.

**McEVEDY:** The McEvedy Shield competition takes place on Tuesday 5 March at Newtown Park. We expect all our students to attend this very special event. Over the last few years some students have viewed the McEvedy Shield as an opportunity to behave highly inappropriately. Examples of unacceptable behaviour have included damage to the property of other schools; threatening and taunting students of other schools; racist, sexist, homophobic chants or comments; ignoring the instructions of staff; and coming to the event under the influence of alcohol. These types of behaviour are completely contrary to our school values and have been detrimental to the positive relationships between the four McEvedy schools. This year the senior staff and senior students of the four McEvedy schools have met and worked together with the aim of resetting the culture around this event. Our aim is to have a positive, inclusive, fun and uplifting sporting event and to truly celebrate the wonderful talents and hard work of the athletes. We would really appreciate all parents and caregivers reinforcing this message about positive behaviour with your sons.

Students need to be at the Park by 9am. Summer uniform is to be worn and students may wear a hat. Students are encouraged to leave their school bags at home and should not bring any valuable items to the Park on the day. Metlink is unable to redirect any of our school buses on Tuesday so students will need to make their own way to and from Newtown Park. The College has hired buses to take students from St Patrick's College to Newtown Park which will leave the College at 8.45am. The programme will be finished by 2.30pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the park. Please find attached the Tuckshop Menu for food sales at Newtown Park on Tuesday and you can follow this link:

<https://www.stpats.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/McEvedyTuckshopMenu.pdf>

## DATES TO DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 4 March** - Parents' Association meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 5 March** - McEvedy Shield at Newtown Park
- **Wednesday 6 March** - Ash Wednesday Liturgy at assembly at 12.10pm
- **Thursday 7 March** - Second Hand Uniform Shop is open at lunchtime
- **Friday 8 March** - Mufti Day raising money for Caritas (the Catholic Aid Agency).

**Advance notice:** On Tuesday 12 March the College invites all Year 9 parents to attend the first Parents of Patricians evening with Wine & Cheese from 7.30pm till 8.45pm in the College hall. We would like at least one parent of every Year 9 student to be present. Please make this meeting a priority. If you are unable to attend please email your apology to Gerardine Parkinson, the Rector's PA – [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz)

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## **FRIDAY 15 MARCH - ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST:** This is an important event on our College calendar. Tickets are on sale from Monday 4 March from the cashier or by online payment to the College - \$20 per person, please reference BBB and your son's name and pick up tickets from the office. The College bank account number is – **060513 0193557 00**. Breakfast starts at 7am in the College hall on Friday 15 March. This is a wonderful event for boys and their father, grandfather, uncle, or other significant male to share breakfast and be entertained by this year's speakers; Ambassador Peter Ryan (Ireland's first Ambassador to New Zealand) and Arden David-Perrot (Hurricanes Development Manager). This year's breakfast is proudly sponsored by GP Friel Drainage and Underground Services.

**MOVIE FUNDRAISER:** (Captain Marvel, Sunday, 24 March, 7:00 pm - Empire Cinema & Eatery, Island Bay). Ngā Maioha o Te Rangikauia, a kapa haka group combining students from St Catherine's, St Mary's, and St Pat's Town are raising funds for this year's kapa haka campaign. If you're keen to catch up on Marvel's latest adventures, here's your opportunity. Tickets are:

\$25.00 (movie, snack bag)

\$30.00 (movie, snack bag, coke, sm. popcorn)

\$35.00 (movie, snack bag, house beer/wine, sm. popcorn)

Contact Rachelle Hautapu on [rachelle.hautapu@stmw.school.nz](mailto:rachelle.hautapu@stmw.school.nz) for tickets/payment details. Please note seating will not be allocated - first in, first served on the night

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Kind regards,

Neal Swindells

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