



PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE

8 March 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On **Tuesday 12 March** the College invites all Year 9 parents to attend the first ***Parents of Patricians*** evening with Wine & Cheese from 7pm till 8.45pm in the College Hall. We would like at least one parent of every Year 9 student to be present. At this meeting we will have 3 short presentations from staff on “Being Catholic”, the Mahi values, and spiritual opportunities for your son’s while they are at College. There will also be several opportunities to meet and interact with other Year 9 parents. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE START OF LENT: On Wednesday during the Assembly slot we had a very moving Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Students and staff received the Ashes on their forehead as a reminder of their mortality. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, when we are all challenged to reflect on our lives, to turn back to God and to prayer, to fast and to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Proceeds from today’s “mufti day” will go to CARITAS, the Catholic Aid agency.

McEVEDY: We had a very positive day of McEvedy Shield Athletics on Tuesday this week. Our athletes did their best but we could not quite get past our great rivals Wellington College who were deserved winners. Final points were:

Wellington College	212
St Patrick’s College	179
St Patrick’s Stream	119
Rongotai	38

Overall students’ behaviour was significantly better than recent years.

DATES TO DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **Monday 11 March** - Polynesian Parents’ Association meeting in the staffroom at 6pm
- **Tuesday 12 March** - Parents of Patrician Evening at 7.30pm
- **Friday 15 March** - Big Boy’s Breakfast and St Patrick’s Day celebrations.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH - ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS - PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

BIG BOYS’ BREAKFAST: 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). There will be some great raffles on the morning so bring some coins. Remember to write your name on the back of your ticket for the spot prize draw. Please be aware that meat does form part of the breakfast menu.

Tickets are now on sale 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

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bank account number is – 060513 0193557 00. Breakfast starts at 7am. Students wear formal uniform. Parking is going to be problematic on Friday morning and it is suggested that people park either on the street, in the rear carpark of the Aquatic Centre or at the Evans Bay Marina.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH: The day starts with the Big Boy's Breakfast (see details above). Students are to wear formal uniform. There is a Mass in the College Chapel at 9am for Year 9 students which parents are most welcome to attend. Year 9 students will be allowed to go home at 2.30pm that day. Please note that there will be no afternoon school buses operating. At 1.30pm there will be Mass at St Mary of the Angels for Years 10 to 13. Last year was the first time since 2011 that we have been able to have a school Mass at St Mary of the Angels which as a Marist Church has a long connection with our College. It will be a very special occasion. We expect the highest standards of behaviour from our students. Buses will transport the students into town at 12.45pm and the boys will be released home at the conclusion of Mass between approximately 2.30 to 2.45pm. It would be helpful if Year 10 to 13 students do not bring a bag to school on Friday however if they do want to bring their school bag then they will need to leave it at school (locked in their tutor room) till Monday morning as we do not want students taking their school bags into town. Students will need to make their own way home from St Mary of the Angels after Mass.

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 for tickets/payment details. Please note seating will not be allocated - first in, first served on the night

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Kind regards,

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