



# St Patrick's College Silverstream

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Friday 20 March 2020

## Vision Statement

*St Patrick's College, Silverstream is a boys' school of excellence, founded on Catholic and Marist values and traditions where students develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which enable them to become compassionate, just and successful citizens. Our students are challenged and motivated to achieve personal excellence in an innovative learning environment enhanced by tradition, superb facilities, quality teaching and a supportive College community*



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

During this week we have seen our Government react to the COVID-19 virus.

The two most recent decisions have been to close our borders and implement restrictions on the gathering of people.

### Rules on gatherings do not apply to schools

You may have seen today that the Government has announced that indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled. This does not apply to schools, early learning services, tertiary providers, workplaces, supermarkets or public transport. We will continue to provide you with guidance around events and gatherings that could be relevant to schools.

### Why a School would close

There is a lot of discussion about school closures in the media with many varying opinions being expressed and some misinformation being deliberately spread.

At the time of writing we have already seen one temporary closure following direction from a Medical Officer of Health. This was following confirmation that one student had been tested for COVID-19. That student is self-isolating and all their close contacts (150 students and staff) have been tested for the virus. It has just been announced that all of those tests have come back negative.

The school will reopen next week however those 150 students and staff will remain away from the school for a period of 14 days from when they last had contact with the student confirmed with the virus. This is a precaution only, to keep those people and those around them safe.

### Medical Officers of Health – will direct schools to close if needed

Medical Officers of Health have the authority to close a school. They would only do so if there was a medical reason for this, or after a confirmed case in the school they need to close it for a short period of time while they determine if there is any risk to others (which means staff and students stay away while they undertake contact tracing).

### When is sick, sick?

The messaging remains clear – that if you are feeling unwell please stay home, and the same goes for children and young people. However at the tail end of a cold, there will be runny noses and probably some coughing. This might be worrying for some people who are being vigilant about their own and others' health.

A diagram has been developed by Dr Siouxsie Wiles to assist you when considering symptoms (sent to us by a teacher who found it useful). What it tells us is:

- A dry cough and a high temperature are common to both flu and COVID-19
- Sneezing is not a symptom of COVID-19, however if someone has COVID-19, then sneezing can spread droplets containing the virus.

## SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	 DRY COUGH	 FEVER	 RUNNY NOSE	 SORE THROAT	 BREATH-LESSNESS	 HEADACHE	 BODY ACHES	 SNEEZE	 FATIGUE	 DIARRHOEA
COVID -19										
FLU										
COLD										

 FREQUENTLY    SOMETIMES    LITTLE    RARE    NOT

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SOURCE: WHO, CDC

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- If there was a case confirmed of someone in our school, we will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken.
- If our school does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support student’s learning.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and of course people are concerned for the well-being of our students. Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your son/s are safe here.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidentially make informed decisions about the safety and well-being of our school community.

As you are now aware sport organised by College Sport Wellington has been cancelled.

## **Boarding School**

The Boarding School is and at this point will continue to be open.

This Sunday 22 March community Mass will still take place at 7.00pm in the Chapel. It will be for boarders and parents. Under the directive of the Archbishop of Wellington, Cardinal John A Dew, public cannot attend this Mass (letter attached).

In the Boarding School we have put in place some extra procedures to help protect the boys. I have spoken twice this week to Boarders about personal hygiene. Emergency supplies have been checked. Cleaners are using stronger disinfectant throughout the Boarding School. Students are being supervised for hand sanitation before meals.

Eurest, our Catering Company have done an inspection of the premises for protocols around hygiene and self-service foods is now served for hygiene reasons.

Can I ask that if you receive a call from boarding staff that your son is unwell then we ask that he is taken home until he recovers?

We are currently working on our plan to continue with teaching and learning online should our school be required to close. We will outline this plan in an email to parents on Monday.

At this time we pray and reflect that with God's guidance and wisdom we will get through this difficult time.

Please feel free to contact the College should you have any concerns.

Sectare Fidem

Grahame Duffy  
Rector

## **■ CATHOLIC CHARACTER**

### **Sacramental Programme**

So far eighteen students have enrolled in the Sacramental Programme for this year, most of them from Year 9. The input of the programme covers basic teaching of the Catholic Church, with particular emphasis on the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. We will begin our programme next week, all going well. Our meetings are weekly, and some of the material is also covered in the Religious Studies classes. Usually the Sacraments are received towards the end of the Second Term. It isn't too late to talk to your son if he hasn't received the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and discuss with him whether he would like to join our programme. Email Fr John Walls at [wallsj@stream.school.nz](mailto:wallsj@stream.school.nz)

### **Lent**

The Season of Lent – preparing for Holy Week and the Feast of the Resurrection – is under way and as usual we began with Ash Wednesday. We distributed the Ashes at a brief but solemn ceremony in the school quadrangle at Morning Ranks, some Staff and some Seniors as Ministers. Our students are encouraged to pray a little more and look to do something each day for others. Feel free to discuss this with them!

### **Feast of St Patrick**

You'll be aware that the Full School Mass, celebrating the Feast of our patron St Patrick, had to be cancelled in accord with general directions from the Ministry of Education concerning large and 'compressed' gatherings of students. Instead, we had a short liturgy at Morning Ranks to remember and honour St Patrick. A 'fun day' concluded with a brief prayer together in the quadrangle before the students left for home.

## **Year 9 Retreats**

Our Year 9 students spent on of their 90 minute periods 'on retreat' a few weeks ago. The main theme of the period in the chapel was 'Prayer – and how to!' and some key ideas to assist them in making prayer part of their day. The classes were serious and willing in their attention and participation. Again, feel free to ask you son what happened!

## **■ OPEN DAY | YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS 2021**

Enrolments are open for 2021 on Friday 1 May 2020. All prospective parents of sons in Year 8 are invited to attend one of the two Sessions: 9.00am to 10.30am or 1.00pm to 2.30pm.

For further information please call Dawn Clark, Registrar on 04 527 1354 or email [clarkd@stream.school.nz](mailto:clarkd@stream.school.nz)

## **■ FINANCE**

### **TAX INVOICES FOR SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Tax receipts for Voluntary School Donations paid up to 31 March 2020 will be emailed out early April. If you have any queries regarding your tax receipt please contact our Finance Officer, Mrs Rebecca Wagstaff on 04-527-1357 or [wagstaffr@stream.school.nz](mailto:wagstaffr@stream.school.nz)

### **VOLUNTARY DONATIONS**

We are often asked what the different donations are used for. Here is a summary:

#### ***Activity Donation: \$490.00 per year***

The Activity donation goes to the Board of Trustees and is put towards activities that are not met by the Ministry of Education, such as staffing and running sports in the school including maintaining the sports centre, equipment, grounds and swimming pool. It also allows us to offer arts and cultural activities and additional experiences for students outside of the core curriculum.

#### ***Heritage Donation: \$520.00 per year***

The Silverstream Board of Proprietor's is responsible for ensuring the preservation of our Heritage in terms of buildings, land and plant for current and future generations of Streamers to enjoy. This donation helps provide financial assistance to upgrade facilities at the College.

#### ***Proprietor's Donation: \$660.00 per year***

This is a voluntary donation used to run and maintain areas of the College used by all the students and which are non-integrated or funded by the Ministry of Education, such as the Chapel, auditorium, squash courts, old gym, pavilion and some of the class spaces in the Evatt and Dowling Blocks which are additional to what the Ministry fund us for.

Donations are critical in ensuring we can continue to provide the activities, facilities and heritage that our school community values. Without them this would be compromised. Any level of donation is gratefully received and qualifies for a tax rebate from the IRD.

## ■ ATTENDANCE DUES TEAM

### **COMPULSORY Attendance Dues: Paid to the Archdiocese of Wellington - \$1092.00 per annum**

If you do not receive your statement and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz).

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

**Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card** - One off payments using your credit card can be made at [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues). If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office.

**Internet Banking Payments** - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you **do not** use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

**Cash** - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon.

**Cheque** - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

**Phone: 0800 462 725 Email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz) Text: 021 0890 7902**  
**[www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)**

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Visa or Mastercard	<u><a href="http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues">Pay online at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues</a> or contact our office</u>
Cash	At any Westpac branch or in person at our office

## ■ VEHICLES ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The main driveway of the College becomes very congested with vehicles before and after school due to the number of students being dropped off or picked up. This is causing some concern regarding safety of pedestrians and the risk of accidents occurring.

We would like to request that where possible students are dropped off outside the school grounds. There is an entrance to the school at the bus stop on Fergusson Drive where students can safely walk on the footpath across the main lawn to get to school.

If you must drive onto the school grounds please remember that the speed limit is 8kph.

## ■ YEAR 9 STREAM EX PROGRAMME

The Learning Support Department are running a mentoring/extension programme for Year 9 students who have shown academic ability in literacy and/or numeracy fields. It is an opportunity for them to work with other boys from across their cohort who are interested in extending themselves academically in a range of subject areas. This term the focus has been on problem solving and mathematics. Some of the boys have taken up the challenge of entering the Otago Maths Competition later this term. We are also fortunate to have two Year 13 students - Henry Mahony and David Ingerson as part of the mentoring support.

The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 8.30 am.



## ■ CHESS CLUB

A popular activity at the College is the Chess Club. It is up and running on Thursdays at Break II.

There is much concentrated effort and focus during the matches. There are usually 20-30 enthusiastic students attending the club. Please contact Mr Woods if you are interested.



## ■ DEALING WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY

Given the landscape in early 2020 with the Covid-19/Coronavirus this is a time when families and students can face new and unprecedented levels of uncertainty, stress and potentially anxiety. We are also heading towards the business end of the term and for many senior students this means finishing off some internal assessments. As always with a degree of uncertainty there is always a worry about how we all might cope. I thought it would be an appropriate time to look at stress and thus how anxiety might manifest itself which is ultimately a symptom of too much stress. Our perception of stress can make a big difference to how we manage stress in our life. Rethinking stress as something that can work for us not against us can be helpful though at times understandably challenging. Stress is there to help us survive not to harm us but it doesn't always work or feel that way. Shifting it from a negative force to a more positive one can change the emotional impact for us. How we look at stress itself, our perception, is something we can control so if we can change the way we think about it we can change the emotional impact for us.

I have included links to articles on wellbeing, stress and anxiety that may be helpful at this time:

- [5 Ways to Wellbeing](#)
- [How to make stress your friend](#)
- [Understanding Anxiety Resource](#)

Ultimately keep talking to one another and those that you trust. Asking for help when we are not coping is a sign of character strength.

Geoff Charles (Guidance Counsellor)

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## ■ CONGRATULATIONS

Reuben Kilgariff who won Bronze recently in huge surf and trying conditions for the Under 16 surf race at the NZ Surf Nationals in Gisborne.



## ■ MCEVEDY 2020

### Athletics

The 98th McEvedy has been, and we came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The day was challenging as always. For the first time in probably 20 years Rongotai went away feeling proud of their effort in still coming 4th but actually taking points in a variety of events across the day. St Patrick's College Wellington were the most disappointed, as they were in looking for the Cup. However, the middle distance strength of Wellington College was just too much. It was tough for Town athletes. For example in the senior 1500m race the best St Patrick's Town athlete came 3<sup>rd</sup> behind two dominant Wellington College boys. However, the same athlete a week later beat the Wellington College boys in a very smart time at the Regional Champs.

For Stream our 3<sup>rd</sup> place was not unexpected, as we lost some energy after Old Boys, and also were aware of our large gaps in the junior sprints. We knew we had quality sprinters in the older grades, but depth was an issue.

### McEvedy Winners

Oliver Krijnen 100m 200m – 2 records

Joshua Jordan – U15 3000m

Max Poland – U14 1500m

U16 Relay team – Hemi Moreli, Liam Willcocks, Te'o Tongia, Oliver Krijnen

Phelan Rona U16 High Jump

Sautia Misa – Sen Long Jump, Sen Triple Jump

Peter Lakai – Sen Shot

It was pleasing to have 19 boys qualify and compete at the Wellington Regionals. Ollie Krijnen took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m and 200m Int, Max Poland 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior 3k and 1500m, Phelan Rona 1<sup>st</sup> in the Int High Jump, Sautia Misa 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sen Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> in High Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hurdles, Matt Bealing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sen High Jump, Samasoni Hewitt 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jun High jump, Fionn Shannon 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Hurdles, Hunter Fink 4<sup>th</sup> in Int Jav, Josh Jordan 4<sup>th</sup> in Int 3k.

## Oliver Krijnen

Oliver has had an outstanding summer. He is the NZ U16 Sec Schools 100m Champion and the NZU18 100m Champion, apart from being undefeated over the summer in his age group, and Old Boys, McEvedy and Regionals Champion.

## McEvedy Final Points 2020

Wellington College	212.5
St Patrick's College Town	179.5
St Patrick's College Stream	119
Rongotai College	38

## Results

1<sup>st</sup> Wellington College

2<sup>nd</sup> St Patrick's College, Wellington

3<sup>rd</sup> St Patrick's College, Silverstream

4<sup>th</sup> Rongotai College, Wellington

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# Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

20 March 2020

Dear Parishioners

In the current COVID-19 emergency it is very important that we play our part as good citizens. It is our Christian duty to do everything we can to protect ourselves and others from harm.

As Catholics we have many gatherings and practices which potentially pose a risk this situation, especially to the elderly and those whose health is compromised in some way. The government's restriction of indoor gatherings to 100 people requires us to take action immediately. For the duration of this health emergency, the following instructions are to be implemented in all parishes and chaplaincies (and where they apply, in schools) throughout the Archdiocese of Wellington.

## **Masses and public liturgies**

All public Masses and liturgies in the Archdiocese are suspended from 20 March until further notice, both weekday and weekend Masses. Some churches will be open for private prayer, and social distancing should be observed if people are doing this. A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their obligation to attend a Sunday Mass. Since public Masses are suspended in the Archdiocese until further notice, all Catholics in the Archdiocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (Canon 1248). You should stay home for your safety and the safety of others. Many people may feel sadness at not being able to participate in the Mass, but you should not feel guilty for not going to Mass. We are looking into livestreaming some Masses but it may be even more fruitful for families and households to gather together to reflect upon the readings for Sunday and to make their own forms of worship. I have asked all the priests of the Archdiocese who can to celebrate Mass every day privately for the intentions of the people and the alleviation of the crisis.

## **Funerals**

The immediate family of the deceased (which must be fewer in number than 100 or the Ministry of Health's future minimum number) may gather for the funeral rite, taking great care to practice social distancing. There are to be no prayer vigils the day before a funeral. The Rite of Committal will take place at the cemetery with the immediate family only. There will be no Requiem Masses at this time.

## **Marriages and Baptisms**

Marriages without Mass and Baptisms may take place with immediate family members, provided they follow the regulations established by the Ministry of Health. Marriage preparation courses are suspended.

## **Parish activities**

All parish gatherings are suspended. This includes meetings; sacramental programmes; the conferring of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation; Lent programmes; RCIA programmes; and the Second Rite of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be available by appointment or at set times if it can be conducted in a safe way.

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### **Visits to the sick and housebound**

Your pastoral team will make arrangements to ensure that those who are sick or housebound receive spiritual care. They will also keep in contact with those who are in self-isolation, and you should advise them if you are in this situation.

### **Parish Offices**

Parish offices may make their own decision about remaining open, but must enforce social distancing with any visitors. If necessary the office may be closed to visitors but be accessible through its phone and email systems. There will be a way to contact a priest.

This is a Lenten journey without precedent. In all its challenges there will be opportunities for spiritual growth as a community; for finding new ways of being Christ to one another; for caring for those who are marginalised or disadvantaged; for the discovery of new gifts in our midst; for rediscovering the heart of community and family. For each of us personally there may be opportunities for discerning what is really essential in our spiritual journey; for finding a new appreciation of those who are very familiar; and for deepening our prayer and the ways we pray.

You are all in my prayers. Please look after yourselves, and care for one another and your neighbours.

Yours sincerely in the Lord



✠ John A Cardinal Dew  
**Archbishop of Wellington**