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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whānau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

It has been an exciting last two weeks of school. I have the pleasure of going into classes from time to time and I love all the amazing learning that is happening. I have really enjoyed making apple and rhubarb crumble with the students and through this experience we have encountered all aspects of the curriculum in particular literacy, numeracy and science.

## Feast of the Ascension

The date of the feast of the Ascension varies from year to year – in 2024, it was celebrated on Thursday, May 9. The feast, which is a holy day of obligation in dioceses around the world, takes place 40 days after Easter in keeping with the scriptural reference in Acts.

On Ascension Day, Christian churches celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven. After his death and resurrection, he leaves his disciples while continuing to be present with them, but in a different way. Christ promises to send them the power of the Holy Spirit.

This event is recounted in the Gospel of Mark 16:19, the Gospel of Luke 24: 51, and the Acts of the Apostles 1: 6-11. The Acts of Apostles states that 40 days after Easter, Jesus appeared to his disciples one last time and announced to them: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." The Gospel of Luke specifies that the apostles "returned to Jerusalem, filled with joy."

St Leo's celebrated this special feast by making kites. Flying a kite resembles our hope and desire to be caught by God's love and lifted to heights unimaginable. It also reflects Jesus's victory over death.



## St Catherine News

On Monday I spent the day in St Catherine. We were the only class who had not made apple and rhubarb crumble so we decided to use the last of the apples from our apple tree and rhubarb from our garden to make this. This time I was able to try some and I must say it was very yummy. We spent some time learning about the water cycle and the students had some good discussions around the question "does the earth have the same amount of water?" They needed to prove this piece of information by doing some research.



## St Clare news

### This term our R.E Strand is Te Rongopai - The Good news

We are learning about the life of Jesus. This week we learnt about what clothes he might have worn. We learnt the following words: girdle - a belt that they also used to carry their money, tunic - like a dress and mantle - material worn like a little blanket over their shoulders or heads.

We also talked about how we wear sandals and Jesus would have also. Then came the fun part - we got to dress up in "Jesus clothes".

We are now learning about what kai Jesus might have eaten. We talked about how they didn't have electricity and they only ate meat for special occasions. Then St Clare had a "Jesus meal" where they had a plate full of "Jesus food" to try. Some people were more adventurous than others but almost everyone found something that they liked on the plate.

In maths we are learning about measurement and have had fun using blocks, paperclips and dominos to measure things.

St Clare has really hit the ground running in Term 2 and there is lots of amazing work happening!

### Awards this week

Congratulations to Eric, Parker, Callen, Madison, Isaac, Bodhi, Easton and Hunter for getting awards at Wednesday's assembly.

### Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected. Pink Shirt Day is the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand (MHFNZ) has run the campaign since 2012, inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

We will be celebrating this on Friday 17 May where the tamariki can wear a pink shirt or an item of pink to acknowledge this day.



## **New website**

Have a look at our new website <https://www.stleos.school.nz/>

The newsletter will now only be available through the Skool Loop app so please make sure you are signed up.

## **School Docs and Policy Review**

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews a number of our policies. Some of these are reviewed by the Board, some are also reviewed by staff and for some policies feedback is sought by parents.

During term 2 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is 'Equal Employment Opportunities', 'Teacher Relief Cover' and 'Police Vetting'

Please visit our school docs website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/policies.html>.

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies User name: StLeos Password: mercy

Click on the green current review tab at the top of the page.

## **Parish News**

### **Parish Ecological Forum this weekend: All Welcome!**

What action should we take as Christians in the face of the ecological challenges we face today?

This forum will be facilitated by Jeremy Fleming

Date: 19th May, 2024. Time: after 10.30 Mass, limited to one hour. Place: Parish Hall. For more information contact Jeremy

[jeremy.fleming@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jeremy.fleming@xtra.co.nz)

### **Support needed- De Paul House.**

Since 1986 De Paul House has been supporting families needing housing, advocacy and help to address significant material hardship. They also provide help to those struggling to sustain tenancies in the community, especially senior citizens. The demand on the food bank has increased.

Can you Help? We are very low on new or nearly new furniture: good quality bed and base, single and Double/Queen, dining suites, lounge suites, drawers.

We try to help with the basics for setting up a kitchen – good condition electric appliances especially kettles, toasters, rice cookers, slow cooker, toastie maker. Quality pots and fry pans, plastic storage, kitchenware. Basic items to help make a house a home.

If you have any small items to donate, they can be left on the back porch of the presbytery 2A Albert Road, this week. Larger goods can be delivered to 92 Onewa Road, Northcote Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm or collection can be arranged.

Contact De Paul House - Helping families for over 38 years.

Phone Reception on 09 4805959 [reception@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:reception@depaulhouse.org.nz)

Ma te atua manaaki

God Bless,

*Vimi Chandra*

## **Other notices**

### **Winter uniforms**

Children may transition into winter uniforms between the beginning of term 2 and King's Birthday weekend. Please no combination of uniforms but all summer or all winter to be worn.

For those that have ordered winter tunics and boys long sleeved shirts, sorry but our supplier has not got these ready yet. I will let you know as soon as they arrive. We can help you out with some second hand uniform while we wait for these to arrive if you like.

## Vector works

As you are aware Vector is working on Owens Rd at present. This will be going on for a while yet so please continue to pick up your children from the Victoria Rd gate. Please be aware that parking around the school could be at a premium during some of this work. Please respect the neighbours and do not park across their driveways. There will be traffic management in place.

## Timetable of events for Term 2

Friday 17 May	Pink shirt day
Tuesday 21 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic Open Day
Wednesday 22 May	BOT meeting 6.30pm
Friday 24 May	Whole school to midday mass
Sunday 26 May	Sacramental programme 3.30pm
Tuesday 28 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 29 May	Choir visiting local kindys
Friday 31 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY - MOE
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday - no school
Tuesday 4 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 6 June	School cross country 11.30am
Sunday 9 June	Family Mass 9.30am Sacramental programme
Tuesday 11 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 12 June	Interschool Cross country Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 13 June	Rippa Rugby tournament
Friday 14 June	Save Day Peninsula Cross Country
Sunday 16 June	Sunday Mass and Confirmation & First holy communion practice after
Tuesday 18 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Friday 21 June	Whole school mass midday
Saturday 22 June	Matariki Festival Bayswater
Sunday 23 June	Confirmation & First Holy Communion 9.30am
Tuesday 25 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic Open Day
Wednesday 26 June	Choir to Belmont/Bayswater kindy 10am
Friday 28 June	Matariki
Tuesday 2 July	Private Music lessons with Dominic

Friday 5 July	Whole school mass midday Term 2 ends
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Things do get added to this calendar regularly so make sure you check each newsletter.

## 2024 Term dates

Term 2 starts Monday 29 April

Term 2 ends Friday 5 July

## Give a Kid a Blanket When. Collection runs from April 27 - June 30 (2024)

**What to donate.** New and Excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inners and covers, pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, rain coats, Moses baskets. We are only able to accept New Pillows and New Hot-water bottles

(NO other types of clothing thanks)

\*All **Pre-loved** donations must be washed by the donor before donating.

We will have a collection point in the office for this. Thank you to those families who have already donated to this cause.



## PTFA NEWS

### Kai Pai Pies

Our super yummy Frozen Pies and Savouries fundraiser has launched and we need you to sign up and help us fundraise. It is super easy to take part as it is all done online - no cash and no paper order forms!

<https://stleoprimarieschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/> to sign up for a fundraising page so you can start selling and help us fundraise. We are raising funds for supporting the efforts of fundraising for our small school. Once you have a page setup, share it with friends and family. We will be selling delicious KaiPai pies and savouries from now until May 26th so get your order in quick.

We think Kiwis know a thing or two about pies! Rich meaty fillings, encased in light, buttery pastry. A choice of flavours that doesn't leave out the classics. A pie you can eat in one hand with a cold drink in the other. Kai Pai Pies & Savouries are South Island born – baked in Wanaka and distributed around NZ for hungry Kiwis everywhere. Join the savoury movement today.



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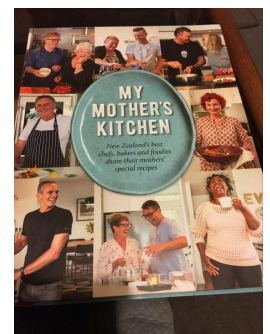
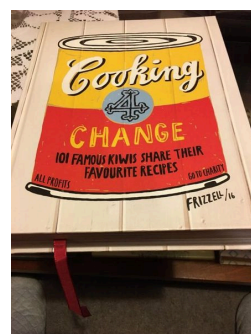
Save the date of **8 June** for our next fundraiser which will be family photographs. \$15 sitting fee which goes to the school and you get a free 10 x 13 inch family portrait. Further purchases can be made at a discounted price. We are getting closer to our minimum of 25 orders to secure this fundraiser so please share with family and friends. Orders must be placed by 1 June.

**Quiz night - save the date NOW**  
**Friday 20 September**

### Cookbooks

Don't forget we have our ongoing Cookbook fundraiser happening. \$25 per book. Stocks are limited so get in quick.

Next PTFA meeting June 19th 7.30pm in the staff room.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Vauxhall Art & Laughs Evening (VALE)**

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Approved by AUTEAC on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24/43]

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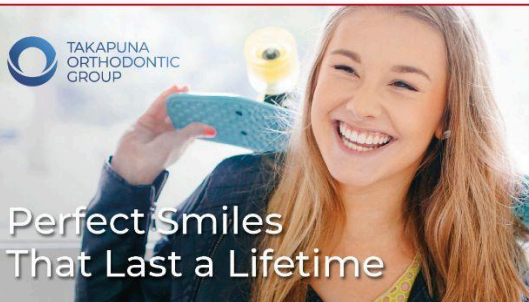
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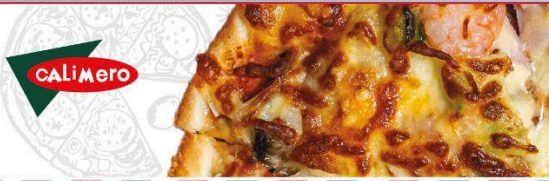
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