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

Last week the school attended a very special Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. We joyfully celebrated this special day dedicated to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary's ascent into Heaven. This feast brought our school community together in a spirit of reverence and gratitude. The day was marked by a beautiful Mass where students and staff reflected on Mary's role as a model of faith and humility. Through engaging activities, creative projects, and heartfelt prayers, during the week, our tamariki deepened their understanding of Mary's significance in our faith and are inspired to embody her virtues of love and compassion. The Feast of the Assumption is not just a religious observance, but a time for our school family to come together in celebration and strengthen our shared values. Some students' artwork is displayed in Church.



## Change of End of School Day Time

Last term the Board of Trustees sent a survey out to get some feedback on changing the time for the end of the school day. Most parents would like to give this trial a go so we will be starting this on the 2 September. If you are not able to pick up your child at 2.50pm please let Renee know and they can wait in the office. If we have not been informed otherwise, your child will be automatically booked into after-school care, and you will be charged for the service.

## Welcome

We welcome Jasper McLeod to St Clare class. Jasper's big brother Johno is in St Catherine.

## School/Parish Mass

Please lock in the 8 September for our school/parish Mass. This will be the last school/parish Mass for the year. Can you also bring a plate of finger food to share after the Mass. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to our St Leo's whānau.

## Structured Literacy Professional Development

Next week Mrs Fulmizi and Mrs Christy will be away from Monday to Wednesday taking part in a 3 day professional development on structured literacy. This has been funded by the Ministry of Education.

## St Clare News

This week at St Clare, students welcomed Sarah, the Watercare educator. She taught them about the water cycle, and they created their own water cycle models.



## Garden to Table

This week, the tamariki at St Clare made kumara fritters using kumara harvested from our school garden. They had a lot of fun preparing and eating them!



## Help needed with the Parish Playgroup

Julia and Anna are really happy about the way the playgroup is running on Tuesday mornings during term time, 9.15 – 10.15 am in the Hall. It's a chance for young mums and dads to have a cuppa and chat while their pre-schoolers are supervised at play. Could you be a helper? Elders and grandparents are very welcome—a chance to get to know the next generations in our parish.

Please contact Julia 022 016 0050 if you can spare an hour on a Tuesday morning or if you'd like to find out a bit more information.

Ma te atua manaaki  
God Bless,  
*Vimi Chandra*



## Other notices

### Photolife photos

On Friday 23 August we have Photolife here to do team, individual and sibling photos. If your child is in the Ripa rugby, soccer or hockey teams they need to bring their PE gear with them. Students will also need to be in proper school uniform and footwear (please no bright coloured sneakers) with nothing showing underneath them.

### Attendance Dues

Term 3 Attendance Dues are due before the end of this term. Please pay these as soon as you can if you haven't already done so. Term 2 activity fees are also now due and invoices were sent out at the end of term 2 and reminders this week. If you are having trouble paying these invoices please see Renee or Vimi.

**Thank you for not parking across the neighbours driveways or in the staff car park.**



### Uniforms

With term 4 fast approaching it is time to start thinking about summer uniforms. All children will need to be in summer uniform by Labour weekend.

We are no longer supplying the uniforms but you can order them yourself by clicking on this link.

<https://www.schooluniform.co.nz/collections/st-leos-catholic-primary-school>.

There are still second hand uniforms available in the old styles in most sizes.

### Timetable of events for Term 3

Friday 23 August	Photolife photos - PE gear needed for sports photos for hockey, soccer and rippa rugby
Tuesday 27 August	Private music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 29 August	Kapa Haka showcase at Rosmini TBC
Friday 30 August	Daffodil Day - yellow mufti Bike skills day St Catherine
Sunday 1 September	Fathers Day
Tuesday 3 September	Private music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 4 September	Assembly
Thursday 5 September	Book Parade - dress as your favourite book character
Sunday 8 September	School/Parish mass
Tuesday 10 September	Private music lessons with Dominic Inter school tennis tournament
Wednesday 11 September	PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 12 September	Learning Expo 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 13 September	Cricket sessions Whole school mass Quiz night

Tuesday 17 September	Private music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 19 September	Vision & Hearing testing
Monday 23 September	Year 5/6 girls soccer festival
Tuesday 24 September	Private music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 25 September	Year 3/4 mixed & 5/6 boys soccer festival
Friday 27 September	Term 3 ends Whole school Mass midday Movie night for children and wine & cheese for adults.

## 2024 Term dates

Term 3 ends 3pm Friday 27 September

## PTFA News

**Quiz night** - Tickets on sale now, don't miss out, get your tickets now.

**Friday 13 September 7pm at the RSA in Devonport**

<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2024> for tickets

Tables of 6 or buy your ticket and we can put you on a table.

## Fair

Planning is underway for the fair. A big thank you to all the people who have signed up already. We still have spaces left on Fishing for Bottles x 1 adult, Face painting x 3, Tombola/Lucky Dip x 2, Sponge Bob x 2, Chuck a Choc x 1 adult, Xmas stall x 2, plants x 2, preserves x 2 (no making required), sweets x 1, Cakes x 1, Books x 1, Sausage sizzle x 1, pizza x 1, Cafe x 1 and sand saucers x 1. If you have not yet signed up please let me know where you would like to serve.

## Fair working bee

The October meeting on October 16th will be a working bee to get things ready for the fair. We will be making up the cake packs for the cake stall, lolly necklaces, tops for preserves etc. Please make an effort to attend this as many hands make light work. We will have a quick update meeting on fair things beforehand.

## Sand saucers

As part of the fair we are going to be inviting children from the Peninsula schools to decorate a sand saucer and bring it in for judging on the day of the fair. Each child will be given a number and at a certain point in the day they will be judged.



## Succulents

As part of the plant stall we will be selling succulents in a variety of different containers (see the email sent today). If you have any of the following items please drop them into the school office or give to Mai.

Jars, big tins (eg fruit ones), 6 hole egg cartons, terracotta pots etc. Also if you have any succulents you can donate we would appreciate them.



### **International Food stall**

As we have quite a few different ethnicities in our school at present as part of the fair we would like to have an International food stall. If you would like to make a big pot of your country's food please let us know. This needs to be something we can heat and serve easily.

### **Business contacts**

The 3 class reps have been sent a list of business to divide up and send one or two to each parent for you to contact for sponsorship/prizes. Please do this as soon as possible so we know what prizes, giveaways etc we have to work with. If you are offered something please let me know.

### **Waffle fundraiser**

We held our waffle fundraiser and made nearly \$700 on the day and by selling more after school on Monday. There is another one coming up on 30 November from 3pm - 8pm so if you can help please let us know.

### **Music fundraiser 30 November evening**

Our wonderful music teacher Dominic is planning a music showcase evening where we will be entertained by the choir and possibly some other budding musicians. Tickets will be available closer to the time.

### **Next meeting**

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We will be continuing the planning for the fair so please make an effort to attend either physically or via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6663945714?pwd=K3I0Vklobk9RU0FzakYzSUVjcmNkZz09>  
Meeting ID: 666 394 5714 Passcode: SJH312

### **Movie Night/Wine & Cheese**

There will be a movie night on Friday 27 September for the children and wine & cheese for the parents. More details to follow.



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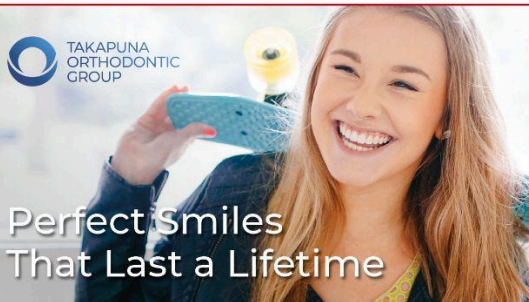
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