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20 August 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

Happy Feast Day of St. Clare!

On August 11th, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Clare of Assisi!

The tamariki in St. Clare Class were excited to honor their patron saint, who was known for her kindness, deep faith, and devotion to serving others. To mark this special occasion, the students enjoyed a fun and delicious pizza lunch together!

It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, great food, and a shared pride in being a part of the St. Clare class family.

## Ministry Teacher Only Day/Curriculum

Just a reminder that on Friday there will be no school as the teachers will be engaged in curriculum planning and learning.

## School Parish Mass - 30 August

We warmly invite all our families to join us for our upcoming School Parish Mass on **Sunday, 30 August**. This is a beautiful opportunity for our school and parish communities to come together in faith and fellowship. Children are asked to please wear their full school uniform and will sit with their families during the Mass.

**Morning Tea Share Plate:** We kindly ask that each family bring a plate of food to share. It's always a wonderful time to catch up, so please stay behind for a hot drink and a bite to eat.

We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate together!

## Sharing the Joy of Antarctica & Resource Recovery Talks

Join the Parish for an inspiring afternoon featuring two engaging talks, a Q&A session, and refreshments!

- When: Sunday, 23rd August at 4:00 PM
- Where: St Francis de Sales & All Souls, Devonport

Featured Speakers:



- Natalie Paine (RNZN): Sharing the Joy of Antarctica
- Anne Langis (Education Director at Resource Recovery): Find out what happens to our Waste

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

## Other notices

### Touch Rugby

Registrations for Touch rugby are now open.  
Close 20 September.

### BIS Enrolments

Enrolments for Year 7 at Belmont Intermediate in 2027 are now open.

### Daffodil Day

Children may wear yellow mufti on Friday 28th August and bring a gold coin to donate to the Cancer Society.

### Bike Safety

Two weeks ago our year 5 students participated in the Bike Ready Skills & Safety course, funded by Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi, delivered by Harbour Sport.

This programme showed all students how to fit their helmet properly and what they should check on their bike before they ride. Students were split into groups according to their confidence level and our new riders had their own instructor too!

There were some cool games and lots of new skills learnt. We're so proud of the effort and resilience shown by our new riders and excited to see you further your pedalling journey!

Your little rider should have had a flyer in their bag from their lesson. This has links for FREE kids (Age 2-13) Learn to Ride sessions which you can also access here  
<https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/courses-events/kids-learn-to-ride>

There are also courses available for 14+ and adults  
<https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/courses-events/adult-bike-courses>

We have a code for \$50 off when you spend \$500 at 99Bikes Takapuna **PLUAUCKLANDL2R**

*Discount excludes Garmin, Segway, Shokz, Tacx, Wahoo, gift cards and labour charges.*

For second hand bikes we recommend you visit the Bike Hubs  
<https://www.ecomatters.org.nz/on-bikes/bike-hubs/> or Got to Get Out  
<https://www.trademe.co.nz/stores/got-to-get-out>. Rob is situated behind the Zero Waste Hub on Porana Rd.

For more information on the Bike Ready Programme facilitated by Harbour Sport click here  
<https://harboursport.co.nz/cycling/>



### Timetable of events for term 3

|                        |                                                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 21 August       | Ministry of Ed Curriculum Teacher Only Day                                    |
| Sunday 23 August       | Rippa practice at rugby grounds 3.30pm                                        |
| Monday 24 August       | Cans for Christmas collection starts                                          |
| Tuesday 25 August      | Music lessons with Dominic                                                    |
| Wednesday 26 August    | Rippa practice 7.30am at school<br>PTFA meeting 7.30pm                        |
| Thursday 27 August     | Rippa rugby tournament<br>No chess club                                       |
| Friday 28 August       | Belmont Intermediate enrolments close<br>Daffodil Day                         |
| Sunday 30 August       | School/Parish Mass                                                            |
| Monday 31 August       | Book Fair opens                                                               |
| Tuesday 1 September    | Music lessons with Dominic<br>Save day Rippa tournament<br>Kapa Haka showcase |
| Thursday 3 September   | Chess club 1pm                                                                |
| Friday 4 September     | Last day for cans for Christmas<br>Book Character Parade                      |
| Sunday 6 September     | Father's Day                                                                  |
| Tuesday 8 September    | Music lessons with Dominic<br>Open Day                                        |
| Wednesday 9 September  | Soccer festival                                                               |
| Thursday 10 September  | Save Day soccer festival<br>Chess club 1pm                                    |
| Friday 11 September    | Photolife Photos day<br>Quiz night                                            |
| Tuesday 15 September   | Music lessons with Dominic<br>PTFA dumpling lunch<br>Assembly 2.15pm          |
| Wednesday 16 September | PTFA meeting 7.30pm                                                           |
| Thursday 17 September  | Chess club 1pm                                                                |
| Monday 21 September    | Renee off all week for knee surgery                                           |
| Tuesday 22 September   | Music lessons with Dominic                                                    |
| Wednesday 23 September | Cricket sessions                                                              |

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|                       | BOT meeting                                |
| Thursday 24 September | Chess club 1pm                             |
| Friday 25 September   | Whole school to Mass<br>Last day of term 3 |

## PTFA News

**Dumplings & Buns** - these are now at school. Please pick up as soon as possible if you ordered.

## Meeting date

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 26 August** (link will be sent out closer to the time)

## Disco

The disco was a huge success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

## Quiz Night

**11 September** - Quiz night at the RSA - Tickets are on sale through Humanitix. <https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2026/tickets>

## Fair

Information about the fair has been sent home. Please sign up quickly if you want a particular job. It would be great if at least one adult if not two from each family could sign up. Ex pupils, grandparents etc are welcome too. The more help we get the better we can make the fair which means we raise more money to go towards next year's staffing. Please sign up soon.



## Bottle tops

### Remember to keep bringing those bottle tops in

Help our school win \$1000 and keep waste out of landfill! (We won last time can we do it again?)

## SEASONS FOR GROWTH

A grief or loss and coping with change process for children and teens

COMPANION TRAINING DAYS

Whanau Room

Mangere East Primary School

**16 Ferguson Street, Mangere East, Auckland**

**Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September 2026**

9am to 3pm

To request an application for Companion Training email Liza Zapata: [liza@mefsc.org.nz](mailto:liza@mefsc.org.nz)



## MONTHLY CATHOLIC COFFEE GROUP

Marriage & Family Life invite all parents and grandparents to the monthly Catholic coffee group at

Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **16 Vermont Street Ponsonby - FIRST Saturday of every month** 11am to 12pm

All are welcome with children 0-5years. It's relaxed and faith focussed.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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- ✓ **Allergy filters** — nut-free, dairy-free, gluten-free, egg-free, vegetarian and vegan.
- ✓ **A shopping list you can print**, sorted by supermarket aisle.
- ✓ **Prices checked every week** against the current NZ supermarket mailers.

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| <b>~\$4</b><br>median cost of a complete lunchbox, per day | <b>94</b><br>lunch menus — 89 of them nut-free | <b>\$2—\$7.80</b><br>the range, depending on the main |
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Over a 10-week term that spread works out at roughly \$100 to \$390 a child, depending on what you pack.



**kiwilunchbox.co.nz**

Built and maintained by Yong Jae Lee, a parent in Flat Bush, Auckland.  
Questions: [kiwilunchboxplanner@gmail.com](mailto:kiwilunchboxplanner@gmail.com)

Prices are tracked weekly and shown as estimates. August 2026.

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## ON TOUR – NIGHT 5

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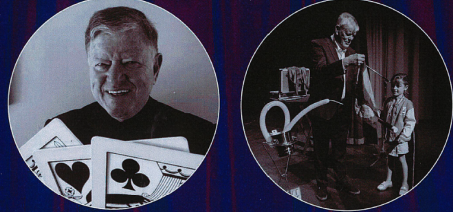
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Weekend Fun      Good Vibes

**Friday 28 August 2026**

**3PM – 6PM**      **FREE ENTRY**

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## It's Magic!

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### New Hospice Shop Volunteers

Have you noticed the new Hospice Shop in Devonport? Harbour Hospice now has two shops in Devonport, one at 36 Victoria Rd, and a new one, Dressed, across the road.

We urgently need some new volunteers to join our team to keep the shops operational 7 days a week. From sorting donations to stocking shelves, welcoming customers and thanking donors, we're a great little team who work in together. We currently have vacancies Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday but you can talk to us about your availability and other options too. Weekly or fortnightly, 3-4 hours, all welcome. Please pop into one of the shops and ask to speak to the manager or phone Vicki on 027 767 5742.

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