

St. Leo's Catholic School

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14 March 2019

Dear Parents,

The weeks are flying past and we only have just over 4 weeks left of the term. There is quite a lot happening over the next few weeks so please keep an eye on the shared calendar on the website.

Last Tuesday, the school had a special liturgy to burn the blessed palms from last year to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Then the children celebrated Mass with the Parish on Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of Lent.

Lent is an important season in our Church. We take this season seriously. We use it as a time to become closer to God. It's a time to remove distractions and to sharpen our focus so that we might better know God's ways and become more loving in the world, at school, and in our own homes, far beyond the 40 days of Lent.



Construction work

You may have noticed some construction work happening around the school. I decided to have some shelving moved in the holidays to create a more use-able resource room for the teachers, beside St Catherine (see photo of the finished room). This led to the discovery of some water leaking issues which have had to be rectified. The building area is roped off from the children as the contractors work to do the repairs.

St Patrick's Day

As our school was founded by the Sisters of Mercy who came from Ireland, it has been traditional to celebrate St Patrick's Day. It is St Patrick's Day this Sunday so we will celebrate on Monday. The children will still wear their school uniform, but can wear a green accessory to school - a hat, wig, scarf or another accessory that is green. The teachers will organise some activities to make the day special.

Parent teacher conferences

Conferences will take place on **Wednesday 3 April**. School will close at **1pm** on that day and conferences will commence at 2pm. The booking site is now live and you can book a time for a conference with your child/children's teachers. Log on to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and click on **make a booking**. Then you will need to enter the code **kv8tu** and follow the instructions to make the booking.

Caritas Visit

On Wednesday 20 March, a representative from Caritas is coming to speak to the children about the work Caritas does. Money raised from the classroom mission boxes goes toward Caritas and St Vincent de Paul so it is worthwhile that the children understanding the people their donations help. Families are welcome to join us to listen to the speaker in the Hall at 9am.



Beach Clean up

On Friday 29 March, St Catherine and St Patrick children will be walking down to Torpedo Bay to take part in the annual beach clean up day. More information about this soon.

Life Ed

The Life Education Van is due to come to St Leo's next term and will be in the school from Wednesday 22 May until Friday 24 May. As this is part of the health curriculum, I will be sending out more information and seeking permission for your child to be part of the programme. If you choose not to have your child take part in the sessions, we will ensure they are supervised in another class. If you would like to find out a little more about the Life Education Programme, please click this link <https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/>

Poppy Day

On the last day of school, 12 April, we will be having a mufti day and coin trail for the RSA. As the Friday before Anzac Day falls on Good Friday, the poppies will be sold a week earlier and this coincides with our last day of term. Some veterans will be coming to the school on the day to read stories to the children and to be part of our remembrance celebration.



As Anzac Day falls in the school holidays this year could you please let us know whether or not your child will be marching in the parade this year. The parade traditionally leaves from New World Supermarket and marches to the cenotaph outside the library. We encourage parents to march with the children.

PTFA

On **Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm** we will have another PTFA Meeting. Thank you to those people who responded to the notice regarding helping out. We have a number of long term members who are no longer able to stay on the PTFA this year, so we are keen to recruit new members. We would really encourage anyone who can, to come along to the next meeting.



Family Mass

The Family Mass is scheduled for **Sunday 24 March at 9am**. After the Mass we will share morning tea and play some games similar to last year. Please bring along a small plate of food to share. If you are unable to attend, please let the office know.

Headphones

I made an error with the last newsletter - **all classes** require the children to have headphones. If you have not already done so, can you please send a named set of headphones for your child? Often the children need to have headphones on to work without distracting others around them on the chromebooks or ipads.

Attendance Dues

A reminder that Attendance Dues are compulsory and Term 1 fees are due by the end of this term.

Board of Trustees Elections

Are coming up this year. Nomination forms will be sent out to all parents around 8 May. Nominations close 24 May. If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees and would like to attend a meeting please speak to either Maureen, Renee or Kevin Law.

Girls Winter Uniform

The majority vote went with the white polo shirts. We will be phasing these in over the next couple of years and would like all children wearing them by 2021. Order forms were emailed to you the other day. If you didn't get this and would like to order some please contact Renee. They are \$30 each. You are also welcome to purchase your own from The Warehouse or Postie Plus.

Paid Union Meeting

The NZEI have organised for a paid union meeting to be held on 21 March which all teachers who are members of the union, will attend. As they have 2 meetings on the day, it is not going to have a huge disruption on the school community. I will take 2 classes, one in the morning, one in the afternoon of the strike day and St Clare and St Dominic will combine to cover the other teachers.

Nga mihi nui

Kind wishes,

Maureen Harris

Tax receipts

If you require a tax receipt for the end of the 2018 financial year please see Renee.

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in the Celebration Book:
St Leo's Seals Flippa Ball team beat St Mary's Sharks 5 -2.
Edward Wescott - Player of the day Flippa Ball

St Leo's Lions proudly represented the school at the Battle of the Schools run by Belmont Primary.

While St Leo's didn't get a top three placing they were very competitive in the individual races coming either first or second. The children really enjoyed themselves, working as a team to complete the challenges. Special thanks to Jessie for helping out the year 6's on the day. Thank you to Deana Busch for managing the team.



Lewis Eady Music

We offer group and individual lessons on keyboard, guitar, ukulele and piano.

If you would like your child to learn music at school but have **not yet enrolled**, please enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz *New enrolments will be scheduled for a mid-term start – the week commencing 14 March.*

Ezlunch

Is available on Mondays from Five Loaves in Devonport and on Fridays through Pita Pit.

Menus are available from the office if you would like to have a look. Orders are done online by 9am on the day.

PTFA News

There will be a PTFA Meeting at 7pm in the staffroom on Tuesday 19th March.

Everyone welcome. Please come along and help us plan for another great fundraising year.

Save the date

Mother's Day Heavenly High tea will be held at McHugh's Cheltenham on the 5th May. More details soon.



Do you know anyone who would be keen to be a speaker for our annual Mother's Day High tea? If you know of someone or would like more details please see Renee or Helen Howcroft. We are also looking for items for gift bags and raffle items.

We have some vouchers left over from the fair that we would like to sell to the community. There are 2 x \$10 Bella Monte Cafe vouchers expiry date 19 April 2019 and 2 x \$10 Wild Wheat vouchers expiry date 11 May 2019. If you would like to buy one of these please see Renee. First in first served.

Carmel Pre-enrolment Evening for the 2020 Year 7 to Year 9 students

Thursday, 9 May 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the college hall.

The programme for the evening is:

- 4:30 -5:30 pm Tours of the school at 10-minute intervals.
Please meet in the College hall.
- 5:30 - 6:00 pm Presentation by staff and students.
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Tours of the school at 10-minute intervals.

The programme has been arranged to give families flexibility and choice. Some families may be able to attend one of the earlier tours and then the presentation while it may suit other families to attend the presentation and then have a tour after that.

The Pre-enrolment Evening is an opportunity for parents and their daughters to visit Carmel College and receive information about the college, including the 2020 enrolment process.

Online applications for Y7 to Y9 can be made either before or after the pre-enrolment event; the deadline for making application will be 7 June. It is likely that only preference applications (those with a Preference Certificate signed by a parish priest or other authorised agent) will be offered a place. All applications are welcome but in accordance with the Enrolment Scheme, non-preference applications can only be considered once all preference applicants have been placed. An invitation to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be made to all families offered placement for their daughters.

Community Notices

Join the **Out and About** team for FREE fun in the park!
Bouncy castle, giant games, sports games and much more!
Saturday 16th March 10am-12noon Fort Takapuna

NORTH SHORE UNITED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME April 2019
Link for further information

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GIRLS ONLY CLUB RIPPA

Does your daughter want to play Girls Only Rippa this year?

Rugby season is coming around fast and soon your local club will be holding registration & muster days for Girls Rippa & Quick Rip (non-contact)

Competition Information:

- Saturday Morning
- 11th May – 31st August
- Home and away games + 2 festival days
- Grade Structure: (7 aside)
 - Under 9 – Rippa
 - Under 11 – Quick Rip
 - Under 13 – Quick Rip
 - Under 15 – Quick Rip (NEW!)

For more information contact your local club for their registration dates, or

Sarah McLroy
Women's Rugby Manager
sarah@harbourrugby.co.nz
021 193 8716

Northern Mystics netball

We are crossing the bridge for our next home game against the WBOP Magic - taking place next Sunday 17th March at the Eventfinda Stadium, North Shore (formerly know as North Shore Events Centre)

There is a BEKO Netball League curtain raiser game at 2.10pm prior to our game between the Northern Marvels vs Waikato Bay of Plenty - doors open at 1.30pm.

Discount Code

As a supporter of our school programme, we have set up a special code for you which will give a \$5 discount on adult tickets across all our price categories. To take advantage of this discount customers just need enter the CODE into the PASSWORD section (see below) once you have selected the game you wish to attend. This code is active for ALL home games.

Ticket Link: <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MYSTICS19>

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TUESDAY 16
WEDNESDAY 17
9AM-1PM
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