

St. Leo's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the families who joined the Parish last Sunday for our Family Mass and morning tea. The weather was not conducive to games as the ground was very wet. We still enjoyed a cuppa and plenty of food together.

Although we did not get enough people to make up a PTFA group this year, we have a core group of parents who are moving our fundraising efforts along. If you are asked by these parents to help with various events, I strongly encourage you to do what you can. To a school our size, fundraising is vital. If we wish to keep funding an extra teacher to keep our class sizes small, we have to fundraise to do so.



Next month the Heavenly High Tea is the first fundraising event, please advertise this widely and support the hard work done by a small group to get this traditional event up and running. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon. The more tickets we sell to people outside our school community, the less pressure it puts on our school families.

Nga mihi nui,
Kind wishes,
Maureen Harris

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the St Leo's swim team, who represented the school at the recent peninsular swim competition. While the competition was tough, every swimmer tried their best, had fun and supported each other over a fun day of swimming. A special mention to Aimee McGivern who placed 1st in 66 Freestyle, 33 Freestyle, 33 Backstroke, 33 Butterfly and 2nd in 33 Breaststroke. We are very proud of Aimee and all the team for the positive attitude they gave to competing.



Parent teacher conferences

Next week: A reminder 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 still available to 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. Thank you to those who have already made your bookings.

Beach Cleanup

Tomorrow St Catherine and St Patrick will be walking down to Torpedo Bay to join in a community initiative to clean up the beach. Hopefully the weather will be fine enough for us to do this. It is good for the children to give back to the community and to be part of looking after the environment.



Christchurch fundraiser

Thank you to those who participated in the Christchurch mufti day appeal. \$130 was raised. A special prayer service was held with the children, along with two minutes of silence. We will continue to keep the victim's families in our thoughts and prayers.

Stations of the Cross

Next Friday at 7pm, a group of children and I will lead the Parish Stations of the Cross at the church. I have a small group who will be leading, but if your child is keen to be part of this please let me know. principal@stleos.school.nz



Catherine McAuley drama

Tomorrow Blue Whale Theatre from Australia will present a drama to our children about the life of Catherine McAuley. Catherine McAuley is the nun who established the Sisters of Mercy. We are looking forward to finding out more about her life.

Caritas Visit

The visit on 20 March from two representatives from Caritas was inspirational. It helped us to understand the work they do and where the money raised from the classroom mission boxes goes. Some of the classes have followed up from the visit with ideas of how they can help the children of South Sudan. If you would like to know more about what the children learnt, visit <https://caritas.org.nz/who-we-are>



Board of Trustees Elections

These 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.

Life Ed

The Life Education Van is due to arrive at St Leo's next term and will be in the school from Wednesday 22 May until Friday 24 May.

I sent home a letter outlining what is involved in the programme for each 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/>.

If you choose to opt out of the programme, please ring or email me

principal@stleos.school.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 19 April, the poppies will be sold a week earlier on the 12 April 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.

Paid Union Meeting

The paid union meetings organised for 21 March were postponed. The NZEI have organised for a paid union meeting to be held on 9 May 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.

Skin infection

We have had two children in the senior school who have recently suffered from a contagious skin infection. If you notice small blisters on your child's skin which turn into sores, it may be worth taking them to the doctor. I have attached a health department website which gives more information about the infection.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/impetigo-school-sores>

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in the Celebration Book:

- Sophia Law - Gold award in Cubs
- Year 5 & 6 Basketball team, the Celtics won 16 - 0 against Takapuna Primary in their first game. The team was a well organised team and great teamwork amongst St Leo's children.
- Flynn Lane & Charlie Lane both got into the Development Squad for soccer

Tax receipts

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

Save the date

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

We are also looking for sponsors and items for gift bags and raffle items. If you are able to help out with items, please let the office know.



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.

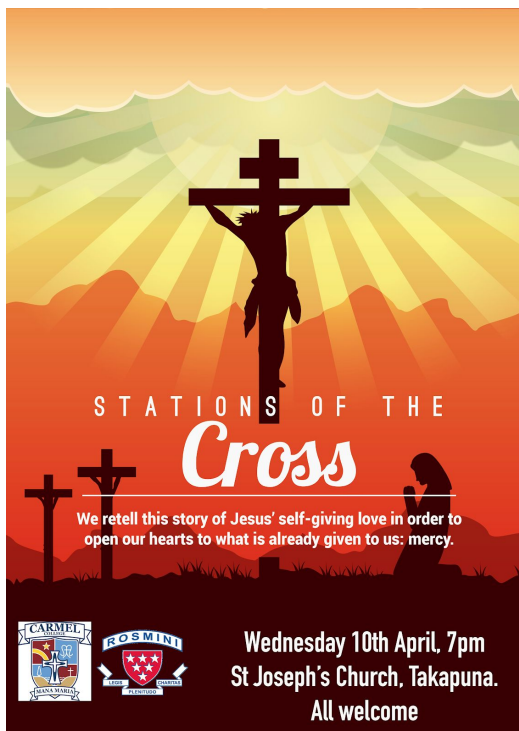
The programme for the evening is:

- 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.



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SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2019

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9:30am
Karakia and Introductions
Health and Safety brief

10am-12pm
Hands-on Ecological Restoration
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Young people's activity - DoC

12-1pm
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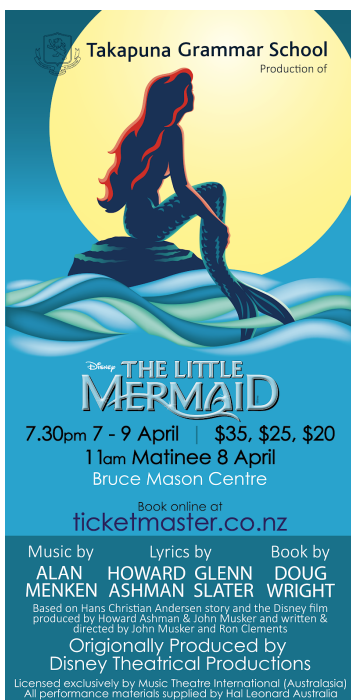
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CALLING ALL BUDDING GIRL FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Football is a great game for teaching your child teamwork and communication skills. Research has shown girls who play sports, especially team sports, have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem, with a more positive body image. Your local club, North Shore United (NSU) is doing its best to encourage more girls into sport through football and is on the lookout for some more 9th grade (born in 2010) girls to join its first-ever, all girls-only 9th grade team. If you'd like to know more or to sign-up please email Ryan Ward: fdm@nsu.org.nz We look forward to seeing your girls on the pitch! **They are also looking for ladies for a social team on Friday's if any would like to join with their little girls!**



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Holiday Programme My name is Mary Laurence and I'm a teacher at Vauxhall School and also run a drama company. I would like to let you all know that my team and I are running a holiday programme for all primary ages during the next school summer holidays. It will be during the first week on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday April 17th 2019.

The children will take part in lots of FUN big hall games, an Easter egg hunt, egg painting, energisers, working in teams, Easter craft activities (that can be taken home) and good times! We will also take part in short performances for those who want to!

The workshop will take place at Vauxhall school hall. and cost \$130 for the 2 days.

For bookings/ info please email me at voicedrama1@gmail.com

Devonport Community House. Our fun-filled School Holiday Programme and Art Sessions are now available to be booked at the Devonport Community House. There's an exciting trip to Kelly Tarltons and our very popular trip to the movies at the Vic with a yummy ice cream. You can book just one day or every day and we have our NEW START TIME of 7.30am.

Book now via our website www.devonportcomhouse.co.nz under Holiday Programmes.

First Kicks There is still time to register your child aged 5-8 to play football this winter. Great local club! Please click on the link below for more information: <http://www.nsu.org.nz/First-Kicks-1/Information-and-dates-for-2019> and this link to register: <http://www.nsu.org.nz/Registrations-1/tab1>

Ahoy me'hearties! Margaret Mahy's Pirate Adventure hits the stage this school holidays!

Margaret Mahy's rollicking and funny pirate adventure, which makes for a brilliant family outing, hits the stage for the April school holidays.

The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate tells the story of Sam, an ordinary man who wears an ordinary suit and who works in an ordinary office. But his mother is an extraordinary mother – she's a pirate and yearns to see the sea again. A wonderful and madcap adventure ensues as they travel to the sea, with much audience involvement.

Auckland's leading children's theatre company, Tim Bray Theatre Company presents **The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate** at the PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna from Saturday 6th April to Sunday 28th April. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from the book and To book, phone (09) 489-8360 or online at www.timbray.org.nz

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