

# St. Leo's Catholic School

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**11 April 2019**

Dear Parents,

We've come to the end of the first term already and what a busy term it has been. Some of the highlights this term have been:

- Swimming Sports Day for the whole school - something we will look at doing again next year.
- Shared Masses with the Parish along with the burning of the palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday.
- St Clare & St Dominic had a trip to the Naval Base and St Catherine & St Patrick took part in the beach clean up at Torpedo Bay, so it is great to have the link with the local community.
- The whole school watched a show about Catherine McAuley from the Blue Whale Theatre Group - a very professional and enlightening show that informed us about our Mercy heritage.
- Sportswise, our interschool swimming team competed very well and our Flippa Ball and Basketball teams have done well in their leagues. We look forward to netball starting early in Term 2.



## Baptism

Congratulations to Jack and Pippa Copus who were baptised last weekend. It is wonderful to welcome new members to our Catholic family.

## Stations of the Cross

Last Friday nine of our students led the Stations of the Cross for the Parish community. Although there were only a handful of people there, I was extremely proud of the children.



They led very well and were a credit to St Leo's.

The children who read were:

Rosemary Dobbs, Aimee and Jacob McGivern, Eli and Honor Hansen, Gigi and Chiara Albrecht, Amelie and Dulcie Boulle.

We hope to join the Parish again next year during Lent to lead the Stations of the Cross and I would love to have a larger team of children take part. It is such an important part of the lead up to Easter and the journey through Holy Week.

### **Ask Your Team Survey**

Thank you to all the people who have filled in the survey. I encourage those who haven't done so yet to take a little time to do this over the holiday period. The information you provide is valuable and will help us to focus on where the school can head in the future. The Ask Your Team facilitators will work closely with the school to help us interpret the data and address the key issues.



### **Heavenly High Tea**

Next month the Heavenly High Tea is the first fundraising event, please advertise this widely over the holidays 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.

I hope you all have a happy and Holy Easter and a restful holiday. We have a very exciting term planned already for Term 2, including rippa rugby tournaments, a runathon, Catholic Schools day, a couple of trips, performances by our Choir and Kapa Haka, a Matariki and cultural celebration, buddy Masses and lots of exciting learning as well!

Nga mihi nui,  
Kind wishes,  
Maureen Harris

### **Poppy Day REMEMBER!**

Tomorrow is a mufti day and coin trail for the RSA. Please bring along a gold coin to add to the poppy which will be drawn on the court and receive a poppy in return. We will be making poppies with representatives from the Navy Museum. Some veterans from the local RSA will also be joining us to read stories to the children and discuss the meaning of ANZAC day.



### **Anzac Parade**

The Devonport Anzac parade has been cancelled this year however the Devonport RSA will hold a small informal service in their premises at Devonia Hall, 61 Victoria Rd, at 10am. (space limited)

There will be a frame provided at the Devonport Cenotaph for those wishing to place a wreath or a poppy on Anzac Day.

### **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 or more information please speak to either Maureen, Renee or Kevin Law.

If you would like to know more about becoming a BOT representative, Carmel College is holding a **'What's involved in being a Trustee'** meeting on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 7.00 to 8.30pm in their Theatre. Guest speaker is **Chris France from NZSTA** to tell you all about it.

### **Waterwise instructors**

You will have received a notice regarding Waterwise instructors training. Waterwise is a water based programme for the Year 6 children, however you do not have to be a parent of a year 6 child to do the training. We are in desperate need of instructors for next year. If we don't get enough instructors we will be unable to do Waterwise next year and potentially the upcoming years. Check on these links to see what is involved. If you have any further questions see Rachel Steel, Renee or any of the other waterwise instructors.

<https://devonportwaterwise.co.nz/parents.php>

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### **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](mailto:principal@stleos.school.nz).



### **Paid Union Meeting**

As you will be aware in the media, the teachers have voted not to accept the latest pay offer from the Government. The offer had little change from the previous offer last year. The NZEI have organised 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.

Please be aware that there may be further disruption next term once the NZEI have spoken to their members. I will keep you informed once I know what has been decided. If you would like to know a little more about what the NZEI campaign is about click on this link <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>.

### **Celebration Book**

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

- St Leo's Celtics basketball team won 19 - 2 against Hauraki Storms
- St Leo's Celtics basketball team drew 8 - 8 with Hauraki Thunder

### **Celebrating past pupils**

Congratulations to the following ex pupils in Years 11 and 12 who gained Excellence endorsements, over 100 Excellence credits and Scholarships were awarded with badges and special ties, at an Academic Assembly held earlier this term.

Morgan Harrison, Anthony Pita, Kevin Isidro

### **Tax receipts**

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

### **Uniforms**

Over the holidays could you please take the time to check the name in your child's uniform to ensure you have the right uniforms. Once again there is a lot of named uniform missing.

### **Lost Property**

Lost Property will be out tomorrow. Please take a moment to check through for any missing items.

### **Winter uniform**

We would like all children in winter uniform by Monday 13 May. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform ie all summer or all winter not a mixture.



Boys - shorts with long sleeve polo and polar fleece/sports jacket, long black socks, black shoes

Girls - winter tunic with either white skivvy or long sleeved polo and polar fleece/sports jacket. Long blue socks/blue tights, black shoes.

## PTFA News



Have you got your ticket yet?

A big thank you to the following Businesses who have sponsored or given donations for our Heavenly High Tea.



Tracey Lawrence, Carol Wetzell, Ian Cunliffe and Cathy Fiebig from Barfoot & Thompson, Devonport



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| Marbles Art Store         | Lola's Coffee and Gifts       | Benefitz          |
| Devonport School of Dance |                               |                   |



### **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.

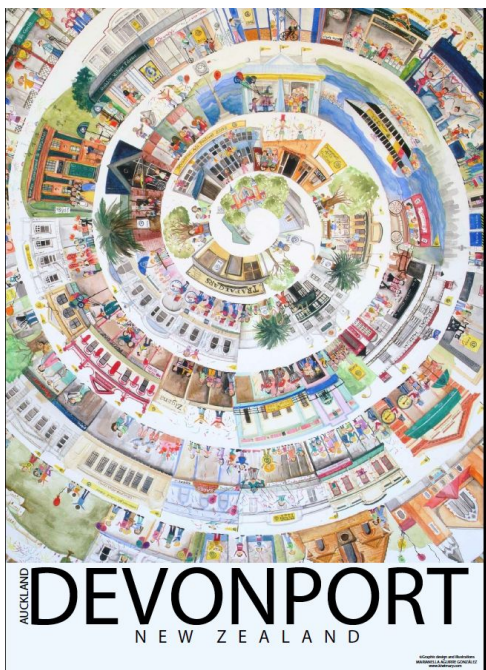
The programme for the evening is:

- 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.



### ***Devonport Posters - Fundraiser for the Parish Hall***

Available from the school office or call Karen on 021 777358. Otherwise email [fundraisestfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisestfrancis@gmail.com)

Posters are \$40

Framed (white) \$200

## Community Notices

### Sewing & Craft Classes



Learn to sew in a fun and relaxed environment. Sewing is an amazing creative outlet and such a great practical skill to have.

We have a range of after school classes available to suit all ages. Check out our new class 'CRAFT CLUB' for any kids who loves to create.

Classes for adults and school holiday workshops are available too. Classes held in Bayswater studio.

Email: [hello@exhibit2.com](mailto:hello@exhibit2.com) or [www.exhibit2.com/classes](http://www.exhibit2.com/classes)

### Marriage Encounter Non Residential Weekend:

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May at St Francis Retreat Centre, Mt Roskill, Auckland.

A special enrichment weekend encouraging married couples to focus on each other, their communication, priorities, lifestyle and relationship.

Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!

### Stabat Mater – Choral Reflections for Good Friday

The Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph continues their Holy Week tradition of offering a concert of choral music that reflects the nature of Good Friday. The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph's Vocal Ensemble present a selection of beautiful, reflective pieces for Good Friday, including Robert White's haunting setting of the Lamentations and Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's Beatus.

Friday 19 April, 7.30 pm FREE ENTRY.

Retiring donations welcome.

Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks, Hobson St (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/421605225321118/>

### KUMON TWO-WEEK FREE TRIAL (15<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

May) Find out how your child can develop essential math & English skills. Register by 8<sup>th</sup> May to attend a

### EASTER TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM, 2019: NGATARINGA TENNIS CLUB

Join us for the ever-popular Easter Holiday Programs, running April 15th-19th AND 22nd-26th. **Open to all ages, all equipment provided.** On rain or shine, with the Junior Clubhouse for indoor activities! Casual days or full week; email Rixt at [admin@tennisplus.co.nz](mailto:admin@tennisplus.co.nz) to book your kids' preferred spot(s).

### Marbles Holiday Art Programme: Fun Lab

Another two week holiday is fast approaching and we are having so much fun creating projects that we know the children will love. Robots that light up, master pieces that fly, outdoor discovery kits and projects that bring fun, laughter and a whole lot of creativity.

We are extremely lucky to have our next holiday programme at St Leo's school where there is room for the children to create, a fabulous area to play and plenty of on street car parking!

For more information and to enrol please go to our Marbles website ([www.marblesstudio.co.nz](http://www.marblesstudio.co.nz))

## Holiday Programme

| Short Day          | 8am - 3.30pm | \$50 |
|--------------------|--------------|------|
| Full Day           | 7.30am - 6pm | \$60 |
| Premium Onsite Day | 7.30am - 6pm | \$65 |
| Trip Day           | 7.30am - 6pm | \$69 |

**\*\* 30% Discount on Third Sibling's Fee & 10% Referral Discount Apply \*\***  
**LIMITED SPACES! BOOK NOW! All fees due on Fri 12 Apr. Cancellation fees apply.**

#### ZOOVENTURES PETS

Mon 15 Apr

Up close and personal! Guinea pig rockstar makeover, rice jungle gym, and watch lizards, drink and chinchillas in action. NOT TO BE MISSED!

#### TO THE MOVIES

Tue 16 Apr

**\*\*TRIP\*\*** Watch Lego Movie 3 or Wonder Park at the Vic. Popcorn or ice cream on us! Followed by Les Mills "Born to Move" class in the hall.

#### HOGWARTS OPEN DAY

Wed 17 Apr

Calling for aspiring wizards and witches be sorted into one of 4 Hogwarts' famous houses, cast spells, play quidditch, make potions and hunt for horcruxes.

#### GIANT GAMES ALIVE

Thu 18 Apr

Pops Games is coming to us with their Giant Jenga, shikaball drop, quilles, wall climb and more. NOT TO BE MISSED!

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri 19 Apr

Sorry we are CLOSED to observe Good Friday / Easter weekend.

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mon 22 Apr

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#### XTREME WAIKATO

Tue 23 Apr

**\*\*TRIP\*\*** Back by popular demand! Join us for a game of bowling / laser tag, Timzone and Kidzone! \*Bus leaves at 9.30am\*

#### SOUTHEAST ASIAN TOUR

Wed 24 Apr

Come experience the best of Southeast Asia! We'll make street food, play traditional games, learn new languages, build skyscrapers and more!

#### ANZAC DAY

Thu 25 Apr

We are CLOSED today to observe ANZAC Day. Let's not forget. See you all tomorrow!

#### ON HOLIDAY

Fri 26 Apr

Sorry we are CLOSED today. See you at our term 2 before or after school care next week :)

KIDS: Bring your morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. Wear appropriate clothes and shoes. We will provide breakfast till 8.15am and afternoon tea.

For more information, call JP Tay on 022 173 7289 Or 021 185 1239 or email [devonport@skids.co.nz](mailto:devonport@skids.co.nz)

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Tuesday 16 April 10am  
Easter Rhymetime & Craft  
An Easter-y Rhymetime with crafts for preschool aged children

Wednesday 17 April 11am  
Weird, Wild and Wonderful Book Challenge  
4 different challenges to find Weird, Wild & Wonderful characters in the library

Wednesday 17 April 2:30-3:30pm  
Edison's Maze  
Edison robot's + Lego mazes = fun. Bring a TV remote. For ages 8+

Thursday 18 April 11am  
T-Shirt Bags  
Re-purpose your old t-shirts & create your own funky bag

Saturday 20 April 2:30pm  
Relax and Lego  
Lego activities & challenges to try

Tuesday 23 April 10am  
Chalk on the Wild side - Wild Time Rhymetime  
Wild time @ Rhymetime then crazy wild chalk activities

Wednesday 24 April 11am  
A Wild Surprise  
Looking for something to do? Come on in!

Friday 26 April 2:30pm  
Wild Science for Mad Scientists  
Hands on science for those who love to explore & discover!

## WEIRD, WILD AND WONDERFUL

Devonport Library  
ANZAC Trail  
Saturday April 13 to Sunday 28 April 2019  
In the library  
Remember the ANZACs.  
Complete our trail and enter the prize draw.

**FREE EVENTS**

Parent Orientation and secure your child's place in the Free Trial. Kumon Forrest Hill & Takapuna. Instructor: Julie Chan,  
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