

St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

This week I will be away at the Auckland Catholic Primary Principals Association conference in Waitangi. This will be a great opportunity for me to meet with other Catholic Principals and to share ideas about the work we do in Catholic Education.

I will be back for the working bee on Saturday though and I'm looking forward to seeing our lovely little school becoming more spruced up. Many thanks to Tima who has been busy preparing the fence for painting on Saturday and who has been laying flooring in the old office area. I don't know what we'd do without him.

Sorry, a long newsletter today but there is some very important information so please take the time to read it carefully.

Nga mihi nui and God Bless,
Maureen

New Students

We welcome Madison and Isabelle Atkinson to our school family. Madison is in St Dominic and Isabelle is in St Clare. They have settled in very well and it is great to have them at St Leo's.



Newly Baptised

We welcome 3 more members to our Catholic family. Poppy, Lola and Maisy Lyons were baptised a couple of weekends ago. A very special occasion for the family and for our school and Parish.

Buddy Masses

Next Friday St Catherine and St Francis will be celebrating Mass together with the Parish at 12pm on **Friday 31 May**. Also, a reminder to put **Sunday 23 June** in your diary as the next Family Mass with the Parish. It is important that all families attend this Mass if possible.



Working Bee

Saturday, 25 May - 12pm to 3pm. One of the main jobs will be to paint the blue fence which is badly in need of a spruce up and some other general jobs that need doing around the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sharing our talents

On **Friday 31 May**, our little Kapa Haka group will be performing at the North Shore Catholic Schools cultural festival. It will be exciting for our children to be part of the day and to see other cultural groups performing. Thanks to Patrick Clarke who has kindly organised to be with us on the day to lead the music.

Catholic Schools Day

St John's School in Mairangi Bay (my previous school) has invited St Leo's to celebrate Catholic Schools day with them. We will be travelling by bus to St John's on

Tuesday 28 May. They will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for us but the children will need to bring their normal morning tea, a little more lunch if necessary and a drink. As it is a school visit, we will not be needing any parent helpers.



CSD19
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019

Visit to St Joseph's, Grey Lynn

In Week 7 we will be travelling to St Joseph's to spend the day, then they will make a return visit to us in Term 4. St Joseph's is a very small school like us and it will be great to build a relationship with this predominantly Pasifika school. The purpose of the visit is to learn more about other Catholic Schools which is part of our annual plan.

Car Park

Please do not use the staff car parking area for dropping off and picking up children. We need to keep this area free in case of emergencies.

Also, I have noticed some parents walking children through the car park. This could be dangerous so please walk around the front of the school using the footpath. Thanks.



Cross Country Runathon

A Give a Little page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/st-leos-runathon> has been set up to run through to the 20 June to collect sponsors donations.



Already donations have come through from families who have relatives or friends overseas. We have small prizes to give to children who collect sponsors for their run. Parents are welcome to join us next **Thursday 30 May**. We will leave the school at 11.30 and aim to have the run beginning around 12. We will be looking for volunteers to act as marshalls around the course. If you are able to help, please contact Stephen Rae or the office.

After school care

Ruth Christy from Marbles Art Studio is currently negotiating with the Parish and St Leo's to use the hall and school to run classes after school from Monday to Thursday. This would allow the school to offer after school care to our students along with students from other schools who participate in Ruth's art classes after school. At this stage we are aiming to have this up and running for Term 3. A letter from Ruth will be sent separately for those who want more information.

Starting time for school

Some families have raised the question of whether school could start and finish earlier to help avoid traffic congestion. The Board have agreed to run a survey of families to see whether there is enough support for an 8:45 am start and 2:45 pm finish to school. Watch out for the survey which will be sent out next week. The results will be published and discussed by the Board.

Website - Class Blogs

Thanks to parents who have logged in to the website <https://www.stleos.school.nz/> and accessed the class blogs. Don't forget to add comments as it is designed to be interactive. Remember if you 'follow this category' on the class blog you will get an email when something is posted on to the page. You will be able to see what your children are doing in class and can make comments. In the next couple of weeks, class pages will be added which give information about upcoming learning and events.



New World Donation



Last week we received a generous donation of over \$1000 from Devonport New World. The donation is a result of people putting their till receipts in the box as they leave New World so thank you to everyone who has been putting their receipts in the box. We have sent a special thank you to John Ashton for the donation.

School closed

A reminder that the school will be closed on **Wednesday 29 May** due to the Teachers Mega Strike. For information about the reason for the continued industrial action, click this link. https://www.nzei.org.nz/UploadedFiles/Media/Files_for_newsletters/KTTW_A4_community_flyer_20190514.pdf

Health Survey

Every two years the school is required to survey the school community in regards to Health and PE in the school. Next week, along with the school starting times, there will be a short survey about Health and PE which I would appreciate you doing. This give us information for future planning

Sri Lanka Appeal

Fr. Jude Algama from my Parish of St Mary's, Northcote, is Sri Lankan and he has organised an appeal with the blessing of Bishop Pat Dunn for the victims of the mass shooting in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation to the cause, the Account Name is – RC Bishop of Auckland, Northcote parish – Sri Lanka Fundraising Ac
Account number is 02-0108-0336462-001



Lost uniform

Once again we ask you to check that your child is wearing the correctly named uniform. Several items of named uniforms are missing.

Vege sale

On Friday after school we will be selling spinach and lettuce from our school vegetable garden. If you would like some, look out for the girls with the basket of vegetables in the playground. Price is by donation.

Waterwise Regatta

On Monday Jack Copus, Eli Hansen, Aimee McGivern and Alexandra Mills represented St Leo's at the Waterwise Regatta at Narrow Neck Beach. They came 3rd= and won the rigging race. Well done to them all as they had not had much sailing time prior to the regatta due to adverse weather conditions.



Narrow Neck Beach Cleanup

Emma Wingrove organises beach clean ups around the North Shore and she will be holding a clean up of Narrowneck Beach on Saturday 15th June. For more details please click this link - <https://www.facebook.com/events/899019967095734/>

Mufti Mania

On the last day of term we will be taking part in Mufti Mania which is an initiative run by Caritas for schools to raise money for a school in Papua New Guinea. There will be a reminder closer to the end of term about wearing mufti and bringing along a gold coin donation for the cause.



MuftiMania 2019 

Doputz Primary School needs our help...
Next year we're supporting Doputz Primary School in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea) to re-open their school by helping them access new water tanks and toilets and fix rooms.

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR MUFTI DAY TODAY!
Friday 5th July 2019
www.nzcppa.org.nz www.caritas.org.nz

A joint initiative of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

One Can Two Can appeal

We will also be taking part in the one can, two can appeal in Week 8 & 9 this term. We will encourage families to bring along some non-perishable items which will go to the Auckland City Mission for redistribution as food parcels to those in need.

Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations close at noon tomorrow, 24 May. If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees and would like more information please speak to either Maureen, Renee or Kevin Law or go to the NZSTA website. The electoral roll is also open for inspection.

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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Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in the Celebration Book:
Celtics basketball team won against Sunnybrae School 21 - 12
Celtics basketball team won against Onepoto School 12 - 11 with Rosina Joseph scoring the winning basket in the last seconds.

Jack Copus, Eli Hansen, Aimee McGivern and Alex Mills represented St Leo's at the Waterwise Regatta and came 3rd equal with Hauraki. They came first in the rigging race.

Isabel Mena-Levin - Player of the day in Fun Ferns netball

Danny Mills - Player of the day in soccer

Upcoming Events

Kids Pyjama Party and Adult Wine and Cheese Evening –
Friday 28th June 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Put the date in your diary for a fun evening. Kids will have a pyjama party which will include a movie, popcorn and pizza for dinner. Children's tickets \$10 each

The parents can enjoy some wine and cheese and good company. Adults free, cash bar available. Tickets will go on sale from 10th June from the office.

St Leo's Matariki/Cultural festival

Friday 21 June - 5:00pm - 6:30pm

We invite families to join us in a showcase and celebration of our various cultures and the sharing of song, dance and food. More details soon.



Community Notices

BUBBLES FOR A GOOD CAUSE



We have decided to repeat our successful event from last year and expect it to be bigger and better! Plenty of food, champagne and fashion for all. \$25 donation at the door and a great goodie bag to take home. Don't forget to bring your wallets for the silent auction which will include some latest fashion accessories, yoga and beauty vouchers, and some beautiful Hampers all donated by local companies.

Hosts: Nicola Jones and Anna Mountford

Date: 19th of May

Time: 9am – 12pm

Location: 18a Winscombe Street, Belmont

Please RSVP to: nicola@nji.co.nz

Link to donation page: <https://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/nicolaionesshostpage>



Kids & Teens Market

Sunday June 16, 2019

1-3pm

It's that time again!

Stalls are available to Kids & Teens under 15 years old.

\$5 per stall.

Book your stall by the 9th June 2019 at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/kids-teens-market-tickets-61973567609>



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Join us in making a difference. Free Reformer Pilates Classes - 8 June

Join Studio Pilates Takapuna on 8 June as we open the doors to the community to help raise essential funds for children's cancer research.

Rally your friends, family and work buddies together for an inspiring reformer Pilates class as we all dedicate the day to these children and those who love them.

FREE PILATES CLASSES* – Saturday 8 June Prizes + Special Offers + Treats

Orientation classes held between 9.30am and 2.30pm Classes are 100% free, but donations to The Child Cancer Foundation are 100% welcomed and appreciated!

Be a champion for kids with cancer. Every donation counts as we join together and raise funds for children's cancer research.

Bookings can be made at
-<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/ASP/adm/home.asp?studioid=679398>

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