

# St. Leo's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Another term has come to an end. I hope everyone has a great holiday break.



My first week will be spent in Wellington finishing my post graduate certificate in Catholic Leadership and Culture. I have been working on it over the past couple of years and I'm looking forward to completing it.

This week the Principal from St Joseph's in Grey Lynn visited and brought a beautiful, gold Hibiscus Tree for us to plant in our school grounds in remembrance of our visit to their school. It was a lovely gesture and we will find a special place in our school to plant it early next term.

## Mufti Mania

Don't forget that Friday is Mufti Mania day. Children can wear mufti in exchange for a gold coin donation for the children at Doputz Primary in Papua New Guinea. The teachers have talked to the children about where their donations will go.

The poster features the text "Mufti Mania 2013" in large red and blue letters, with "Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand" and "Doputz Primary School needs our help...". It includes images of a classroom interior, a group of people, and a map of Papua New Guinea. Below the main text, it says "Let's support Doputz Primary School in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea) to help them get their school back up and running through new water tanks, toilets, resources and classroom repairs." and "START PREPARING FOR YOUR MUFTI DAY TODAY! Friday 5th July 2013". At the bottom, it says "A joint initiative of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand".

## First Communion and Confirmation

On Sunday, seven of our children will be making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A very special day for them, their families and the Parish. I am looking forward to being with them as they receive two more Sacraments for the first time.



## St Leo's Celtic Basketball Team

Last night I watched our Y5/6 basketball team compete in the finals of their division one competition and what a match it was! They played with courage and spirit against a Northcote School team of boys. Our little team of 4 boys and 3 girls were not intimidated and the game could have gone either way. The final score was 8/4 to Northcote so it was a very low scoring game of great defence. I was very proud of the team for their well deserved second place.

Thanks to Ian Gillies for coaching them so well.



### Farewell to a pupil

This term we said a sad farewell to Kirsty Haley who has moved to the Hibiscus Coast with her family.

### Takapuna Grammar Orchestra

The Takapuna Grammar Orchestra performed for our school on Wednesday. They were wonderful and very polished in their performance. The children really enjoy it and I have posted a short clip on our webpage of the reactions of some of our littlies when the cymbals clashed.



### Matariki Festival

Thank you for all the families who joined us for the evening. Despite the BBQ deciding to break down just as we were about to cook the sausages, the evening went well and the children showcased some of the learning they have done this term.

### Dance/Drama classes

Those who attended the Matariki Festival would have seen the Year 6 dance group. They performed very well and I have managed to secure the young lady who taught the group, to teach dance and drama to all the classes. She will begin in week 2 for 6 weeks with a cost of \$3.30 per child per session. She is an excellent teacher and has shown she can work with all children very well. We are looking forward to the lessons next term.

### Skool Loop



From next term we will no longer be using the School Apps app for messages. You will need to download the **Skool Loop** app from the app or play store and choose St Leo's as your school. This new push notification app will not cost the school anything so it is a big saving for us. You will be able to report absentees, sign permission slips, access the calendar and newsletter as well as receiving notices. We ask all families to join this app.

## **Grandparents day**

Please mark Wednesday 25 September as a day for grandparents to visit our school and spend time with their grandchildren. Over the holiday period the children can invite their grandparents. Those who do not have grandparents in the area can invite proxy grandparents if they wish. We are a bit late this year as normally we celebrate Grandparents day on 26 June, the feast of Jesus' grandparents Anne and Joachim.



## **Start/finish time survey**

The survey result was exactly 50/50 for the change of start/finish times. The Board discussed this last week and have decided not to make any changes at this time.

## **Lateness for school**



Recently we have noticed a lot of children are arriving to school late. It can be very disruptive when children come into class late as the day starts with prayer and the classes need to be settled to concentrate on their prayers. Please make an effort next term to ensure your children arrive at school by around 8:45 at the latest. This allows the children time to put their belongings away and greet their friends before school starts.

## **One Can Two Can Appeal**

Thank you to those parents who have donated cans for the Auckland City Mission One Can Two Can appeal. We sent 2 big banana boxes to the Mission.

## **After school care**

Ruth Christy from Marbles Devonport will be running an after school homework club on Monday through Thursday. This will be separate from her art classes but will be held in the St Leo's hall as well. She will set up activities each day for the children to do. If you would like more information or would like to book your child in from Week 2 onwards, please visit her website. <https://www.marblesstudio.co.nz>



## **Lewis Eady Music**

Dominic informed me this week that he is trained to teach trumpet and saxophone as well as keyboard and guitar. If anyone is interested in lessons, please contact Renee.

God Bless and enjoy your holiday break,  
Kind wishes  
Maureen Harris

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## **Sushi**

Term sushi orders for next term will be for 10 weeks. Don't forget you can also order lunches through Ezlunch [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz). Mondays lunch comes from Five Loaves and Friday is though Pita Pit.

## **Lost property**

There is a large amount of footwear in the lost property box in the senior area. Please have a look and help us clear it out.

## **Chromebook for Sale**

Purchased December 2018. Selling price \$400 or nearest offer. It is an HP chromebook with protective casing. Contact Renee for details

## **Celebration Book**

Congratulations to the following children who have their names in the Celebration Book:

Luke Haggitt - player of the day in soccer

Poppy Weekes - Player of the day Fun Ferns netball

May Upton - Ballet Junior Silver Medal Award

Clara Angelo - Ballet Junior Silver Medal Award

Sienna Warner - Very Highly Commended in 6-step fling

Alice Gillies - 1st Sword dance, 1st Highland Fling, 2nd U14 Irish Hornpipe, 2nd U10 Highland Fling, 3rd U10 Sword Dance & North Shore Performing Arts Trophy

Honor Hansen - won the novice trophy for Highland Fling and 3 commended and 1 Highly commended for 6-step fling

## **PTFA News**

The movie night/wine and cheese evening was a great success raising around \$1000.00. We hope everyone had a great night.

You should have received a pink notice both via your child and via email this week. We have some exciting events coming up and behind the scenes work for the fair has begun. If you are able to help out please see Helen, Sarah or Renee.

Don't forget to check out the events board in the office or the reminders board by the lost property.



## Community Notices

### **Marbles Holiday Art Programme**

We are so excited to be offering you a holiday programme filled with creativity, imagination and a whole lot of fun. Our theme these coming holidays is Magnificent Movies, we just couldn't let the year slip by without celebrating some of our favourite movies with you. For more information on our programme please visit our website [www.marblesstudio.co.nz](http://www.marblesstudio.co.nz)

**What Now TV Programme** During 2019 we are broadcasting from around the country, showcasing a different community each week. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August our show will be coming live from Hauraki and I would like to invite you and your family to be part of the live audience! Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...& it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

Register online [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

### **FASHION ON THE WHARF – 7-9PM JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Experience the Devonport Ferry Terminal activated like never before in this one fantastic night of fashion. Devonport's designers and fashion retailers will be showcasing their stunning looks alongside the wonderful unwearable art creations of Beatrice Carlson.

Emceed by Pippa Wetzell, this event is in support of Dress for Success, empowering women to return to quality and meaningful work. Complimentary drink & canapes upon arrival, and after party at Devon on the Wharf. \$35 per ticket available from [www.devonport.co.nz/calendar](http://www.devonport.co.nz/calendar)

### **Devonport Library School Holiday programme - see attached**

**Accommodation needed** Local family (ex Vauxhall) looking for a home to rent locally, ideally Bayswater, but open to all options up to Hauraki, preferably sunny and light, 4 bed 2 bath (or a large 3 bed 2 bath), with some garden. We have a small cavoodle (well known to Vauxhall) non-shedding and well trained ;) Ideally 6 months or longer. Please contact Jules 021 110 9744



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