

St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term.

We have started this term with a group of International Students who have slotted in well into each class. They have reported that they are enjoying their New Zealand experience here at St Leo's.

Thank you very much for your generosity last term for the one can, two can appeal and muffin mania. This term we have a couple of outreach events again. We will be part of the cans for Christmas appeal for the St Vincent de Paul in Week 6/7 and Daffodil Day on 30 August. These outreach activities teach our children the Catholic values we want to instill.

A Prayer for a New Term

*Father, we thank you for our holidays and for the good times that we had.
We thank you for the break from school, for the sleep-ins and the family and friends.
We ask your blessing on all that we do in this coming term.
Help us to know that you are with us always, celebrating with us when things are great, and comforting us when things are not so great.
With the guidance of your Holy Spirit, may we strive to do our best throughout this term, using the gifts that you have given us.
Amen*

Welcome to a new pupil



This term we welcome Yila van Loggerenberg to our little school. She has joined St Patricks and has settled in very well. It was great to see Yila so keen to take part in our school and is already representing St Leo's in the soccer tournament today.

Soccer tournament

Today two enthusiastic teams represented St Leo's at a soccer tournament played at Bayswater Park. They competed well with great spirit as our children always do. The Year 3/4 team made the final of the plate and lost in the penalty shoot out. The Y5/6 team, although not placed, managed a great score of 5-1 in their last game.



Dance/Drama classes

Neala from P'Form NZ started her dance/drama classes this week. I popped in to see each class working with her and she was able to engage all the children which was fantastic. The cost is \$4.00 per child per session and this will be added to your accounts. I know the children will learn a lot from her time with us. The Year 6 group she worked with last term will be performing their dance at the Peninsula Dance Festival on 16 August.



Hibiscus from St Joseph's

This week a representative from each class helped to plant the beautiful Hibiscus Tree that St Joseph's, Grey Lynn donated to us. The tree is planted beside St Clare as it is a sunny spot which will suit the Hibiscus. At some stage we will look at planting more trees and shrubs along the side of St Clare to make the area more attractive.

Trees that count

This week I will be meeting with Lance Calbk who is part of Trees that Count. This is an initiative of Project Crimson to plant millions of trees across New Zealand to combat climate change and they plan to put some in almost all the school grounds on the Devonport Peninsula. Lance is going to help me with the initial planting plan for the new playground area at the back of the school. I am also seeking ideas from the children and community around how this area will be developed

Skool Loop



This term we will be switching from our old message app to Skool Loop. 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 remember to mark Wednesday 25 September as a day for grandparents to visit our school and spend time with their grandchildren.

NED show

Next Tuesday the children will watch a show called NED (**N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, **D**o their best) where they will be taught about positive behaviour through storytelling, humour and yo-yo tricks. After the show the children can purchase a yo-yo. We will be sending home information and order forms for those who wish to follow up.



Sausage Sizzle

Next Friday, August 9th the PTFA will be running a sausage sizzle for the children.

After school care



Ruth Christy from Marbles Devonport has started her art classes and after school club on Monday through Thursday. She sets up activities each day for the children to do. If you would like more information or would like to book your child in please visit her website. <https://www.marblesstudio.co.nz> Children can be booked in on a casual basis or a regular basis.

Primary Principal Pay Negotiations

The teachers and support staff are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 9 August to call on the government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. We need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, and while teaching as well. And these Principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools. We are calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair.



On 9 August, Teachers and support staff will be wearing green as a sign of support. If any of the community want to show support, we would love to see you wearing green too. The children can wear green ribbons if they wish. Please come out and support the Principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.

God Bless,
Kind wishes
Maureen Harris



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Important Messages

Ez Lunch

Please see attached the ezlunch menu for term 3 if you wish to order lunch on a Monday (Five Loaves) or Friday (Pita Pit). Sushi is still available on Wednesdays. Envelopes available from the office and orders need to be in on Tuesday.

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children who have their names in the Celebration Book: Nicolas Busch turned 7 on Friday 26 July.

Celebrating past pupils

Justin Pereira has been made a prefect at Rosmini College

Flower assistance needed

Do you like flowers? St Francis de Sales & All Souls has a small band of enthusiastic volunteers rostered onto its flower ministry. We'd like to expand the band as we've had some leave lately, so if you think this might be up your floral walkway, please contact Anne Gibson on 445 0135. It's not an onerous task and can be as dramatic or low-key as you'd like. Happy to meet at church and explain more.



Help us get a new barbeque

Devonport Rotary have a fundraising night at the Rose Centre, Belmont at 8pm on Monday 19th August to see the play "Steel Magnolias". If you would like to join us, tickets are available for \$27 with \$10 from each ticket going to St Leo's School. If we can sell at least 20 tickets, then in recognition of this support, Devonport Rotary will sponsor the purchase of a new BBQ for the school.

Please contact Sarah Albrecht for tickets (\$27 each) , as soon as possible - they are selling quickly! 0212094911 or sarahalbrecht71@gmail.com

PTFA News

Calling all St Leo's Dads (and their mates)! Its that time of year again, Dad's Night Inn! Due to popular demand, we're going to hold another evening for the Dad's this year. This year we've managed to get Tiny Triumphs to supply our beer needs at the St Leo's School Inn!

It's all happening on Friday the 30th August. Tickets are \$30 a head and include a beer (or glass of wine) plus pulled pork buns and salad, as well as the evening's entertainment. It goes without saying that their beers will be available for

purchase as well. For those who prefer wine, never fear, we have Mills Reef Winery coming along as well, to provide some great deals on a range of their reserve wines.

The event is kindly sponsored by **Tiny Triumphs** and **Devonport Electrical** who will be providing the ambiance on the night. Please have a chat to them for all your electrical needs! This event is open to all Devonport Dad's (St Leo's and non St Leo's alike) so please invite your mates along and help make this evening bigger than year's event.

Come and show off your darts skills, impress us with your table tennis prowess! Great prizes will also be auctioned on the night.

This event doesn't succeed without your participation, so let's try and get as many people as possible to St Leos!



PTFA news and reminders:

- Shout out for quantities of fruit / veggies / decent sized clean and label free jars for preserve / jam / chutney making - please let Helen or Sarah know asap if you can help
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- Reminder for parents to please tap their contacts etc for sponsorship / prizes - please let Helen or Sarah know asap if you can help
- Look out for the Fair Tree - it's about to come out for stall sign ups :-)
- Watch this space re details for early collection / storage of clothing, toys and white elephant donations for the fair. Watch this space for more info re the usual weekly donations (chocolate, fizzy drinks, alcohol donations etc etc) in the weeks leading up to the Fair
- Don't forget to keep an eye on the two new PTFA notice boards, in the School Office and in the window by the old School Office.

Sausage sizzle 9 August. \$5 for a sausage in bread, drink and a treat.

Community Notices

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When: Wednesday 21st AUG, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

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336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629**

Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477

www.dove.org.nz

Just a reminder that your families are invited to register online to be part of the live screening of What Now on Sunday 25th August, Hauraki, Auckland.

This is a FREE family fun event in your community!

Register online to be part of the audience www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

Please note in your diaries:

Vauxhall School would like to announce our Halloween Event, Monster Mash 2019, will be held on Saturday 2nd November from 3pm - 6pm in our Vauxhall School grounds. The Devonport Peninsula Community are all very welcome. There will be our hugely popular Haunted House and Fantasy House (for those who are not so fond of being scared-out-of-your-wits)! With lots of kids entertainment including Bouncy Castle, Disco and heaps of Games. Delicious food will be available from our Haunted Pantry and lots of lollies and home baking from our Lolly Crypt.

Tickets will be on sale online very soon! For more information please contact Lisa on vauxhallschoolfundraising@gmail.com.

More information to follow.

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