

St. Leo's Catholic School



Phone 445 9339 ♦ Fax 445 9889 ♦ Email office@stleos.school.nz
Website www.stleos.school.nz ♦ 102 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 0624
Address all correspondence to: P.O. Box 32-064 Devonport, Auckland 0744

15 August 2019

Dear Parents,

Today is the feast of the Assumption. It is one of the few Holy Days left in the Catholic calendar.

Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.

While the feast day is a relatively new one, Pope Pius X11 pronounced the feast in 1950, the mystery behind the assumption has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief. It was that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.



St Leo's children with a presentation from the Bishop

I forgot to add this photo to the last newsletter. So here is a photo of Katarina Lockyer and Eli Hansen who were chosen by the staff as great examples of caring in our senior class. They attended a Mass at Christ the King in Owairaka and received a certificate from the Catholic Caring Foundation and presented by the Bishop

Speech Finals

On Tuesday, Kath Petrie from the Parish (and former Principal of Carmel College) kindly agreed to judge the St Leo's speech finals. She gave the children some great advice on what skills they need to have to be great speakers.

The winner, Gigi Albrecht will go on to represent the school in the Peninsula speech finals next week. Poppy Lyons was runner up and Katarina Lockyer was third. Well done to all the finalists.



Rippa Rugby

A group of our children represented the school in the third Rippa Rugby tournament of the year. They had the privilege of being the first group to use our new gazebo. I'm sure they will represent the school well again.

John Burland



John Burland, an educator and religious music writer and recording artist is coming to St Leo's!

We are lucky enough to have John visit our school this **Monday at 2pm**. He will host a concert for the children and families are invited to join us.

Everyone is welcome, including preschoolers.

Afterwards around 50 teachers from North Shore Catholic Schools will be joining us in some professional development.

Soccer tournament

These Year 3 and 4 children showed great team spirit at the soccer tournament a couple of weeks ago. They played well together and made it to the plate final. After a one all draw, they were narrowly beaten in overtime. Well done children!



After school study club

Ruth's daughter, Madeline, from Marbles Studio runs this programme and although it is called the study club is not doing maths and reading homework; it is about the children having fun. Madeline is currently running really



interesting sessions that are creative, science based and fun! The children are flying kites, making structures, creating wearable art, painting etc. Monday afternoons will include a mega lego making challenge afternoon. They have an incredible amount of lego that they are sure the children will love. If you would like your child to be part of the after school club, log on to <https://www.marblesstudio.co.nz> to make a booking either casually or as a regular student.

Request from St Dominic's

Julie Lattimer is looking for a large fish tank and filter for her classroom. She has an axolotl in her class and the current tank is well past its use by date. If anyone has an old one they no longer use (or know someone who may have one) she would be very grateful.



Skool Loop



In a couple of weeks, Renee will no longer send out weekly notices via email. We will be using the skool loop app for all messages and information. The newsletter can also be accessed from skool loop along with push notifications which we may need to send. I am following up with the app company to make sure alerts can be sent through the app directly to families phones.

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



Grandparents day

Please remember to mark **Wednesday 25 September** as a day for grandparents to visit our school and spend time with their grandchildren. More information to come!

Keep in your prayers

Julie Lattimer is going in for surgery on her legs on Friday. She will be off school for 3 weeks and Geri Anderson will be teaching her class. We pray that the surgery goes well and that she has a speedy recovery.

Cans for Christmas

It seems like ages until Christmas but St Vincent de Paul are doing their Cans for Christmas appeal over the next 2 weeks. Please send along cans for SVP to distribute to our less fortunate families in Auckland.

Visit from Te Rerenga School

Former Principal, Mary Kedzlie has been acting Principal at the small country school, Te Rerenga in Coromandel. She has helped organise a trip to Auckland for them. On Tuesday 24 September the Year 4/5 classes will be visiting St Leo's. They will be having lunch with us before visiting the Naval Museum. Then they will be staying the night in the Parish Hall. I am looking for a group of St Leo's children around the same age who will be happy to stay after school on the 24th to possibly take Te Rerenga children up Mt Victoria and then to share a 'burger' BBQ for dinner with them. Let me know if your child will be willing to do this.



Playground project

I am looking for a parent or group of parents who would be willing to work with me on the Playground project outside St Catherine area. It would be great if this person was a keen gardener or landscaper or someone who could be a driving force in getting the project up and running. If you are interested, please let me know.

New World Devonport

We are very grateful to have received a cheque for \$1353.37 from John Ashton at New World, Devonport. If you put your receipts with St Leo's written on them in the box as you go out the door, this goes toward the donation we get from New World. Many thanks to John and his team for being so generous.



God Bless,
Kind wishes
Maureen Harris

Download our School App this winter

Simple free download: In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

✓ Cancellations ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Instant notifications
✓ Absentees ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permission slips

Icons for Newsletter, Absentee, Notices, Permission, Contacts, and Calendar are shown. The Skool Loop logo is also present.

Important Messages

Waterwise Update

Congratulations to Hayley Law who has completed the Waterwise Instructor course and is now a qualified Waterwise Instructor. We had many other parents interested in the course who couldn't manage the May/June dates. The St Leo's lead instructor Michelle Scott is running another training course in September for 4 of our keen parents - Gemma de Las Fuentes, Jody McGivern, Helen Howcroft and Matt Atkinson. Thank you to all these parents for donating your time and enthusiasm for our St Leo's children.



Nits

Nits are doing the rounds again. We encourage parents to regularly check their children's hair and treat if necessary to prevent the spread. A reminder that girls should have their hair tied back if it is longer than shoulder length.

Summer uniforms

Notices re ordering summer uniforms were sent home earlier this week. Please get your order in by Friday 30th August to ensure they arrive in time for Term 4.



Celebration Book

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

Honor Hansen - 2 commended and a second (under 14 sword dance) a Tauranga Highland Dancing

Year 5/6 soccer team finished the soccer tournament by winning 5 - 1 against Bayswater

Year 3/4 soccer team competed in the plate semi final and lost only in extra time

Jacob McGivern - Player of the day in soccer

Patrick Welson - Player of the day in soccer

Year 6 netball team won 25 - 1

Bella Albrecht - Player of the day Fun Ferns netball

St Leo's Celtics Basketball team won 7 - 4

Celebrating past pupils

Justin Pereira has been made a prefect at Rosmini College

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!

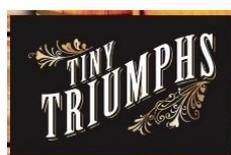
It's all happening on Friday the 30th August. Tickets are \$30 a head and include a beer (or glass of wine) plus pulled pork buns and salad, as well as the evening's entertainment. It goes without saying that their beers will be available for

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
- Shout out for preserve / jam / chutney makers - please let Helen or Sarah know asap if you can help
- 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.

Kia Ora St Leo's whanau!

You may have noticed the storage container that has appeared in the school grounds. This has been kindly lent to us by the lovely people at Mobistore so those of us wanting to have a clean out of kids toys well before for the school fair in November can send their good quality, and working preloved treasures in. Items that were particularly popular last year were

Scooters

Rollerblades, skateboards and roller skates

Toy cars, trucks and planes

Dolls (with all their limbs!) with clothes and dolls accessories

Characters and not too well loved soft toys

Complete puzzles and games

Bagged up collection of smaller toys like Hot Wheels Cars or mini figures.

Good condition School bags

Pencil cases

Money boxes

Craft stuff

If over the next few months you are having a clean out we are ready and waiting for it to be dropped at school. Please send an email to Jane.b.weekes@gmail.com the day before you drop so we can make sure someone is around to pop it in "The Cube". Remember to pass this to your friends and family from other schools too!

Parish Fundraiser

Wine Tasting Fundraiser - Friday 30 August 7pm

Glengarrys Devonport

This is a really fun night where you get to taste a variety of wines from France. Interesting facts will be shared and questions answered. This will be accompanied with delicious nibbles and a chance to meet new and old friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tickets are limited due to space, so get in quick to secure your place. Please contact Karen on 021 777358 or email fundraisestfrancis@gmail.com. Alternatively we will be selling tickets after Mass and EFTPOS will be available.

Community Notices



St Leo's School

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Tuesday 20th August
- Time: Morning tea
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$39 per child
\$19 per extra sibling

www.footballkidz.co.nz

Register on enrolmy.com/msports-northshore



**REFUGEES & MIGRANTS
THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE**

**St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield
Wednesday, 28 August, 7:00pm**

Kid's Cooking School (Devonport village), 'Bake n' Take' and 'Cook n' Dine', inspiring 4 week courses starting September, very limited spaces! **J Kid's Parties!** Pamper Kitchen, Edible Science, Cake Decorating and more. Check us out, www.soulsprite.co.nz E: kate@soulsprite.co.nz

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 on line very soon! For more information please contact Lisa on vauxhallschoolfundraising@gmail.com.

More information to follow!

WRITE like an AUTHOR

Holiday Writing Camp

Andy Griffiths says
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the more fun you can have!"

Are you a word wario?
Do you love writing?
Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories.

Who is it for?
This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing.

Where? When?
Kristin School
360 Albany Highway, Albany
1 Oct to 3 Oct 2019

What will I Learn?
Write Like an Author will teach you the skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author, you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road to becoming a published author.

Who?
The camp facilitator is:
Brian Falkner
award winning author of 18 books including Northwood, Branjack and Shooting Stars.

Course Book
The course book covers each day's material, along with worksheets and exercises to help you reach the next level in your writing.

The Course
Write Like an Author was developed by award-winning author and writing coach Brian Falkner in consultation with English teachers. It has been tested and proven over many years in classrooms in Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Students say
"The best thing was having an author supporting us all the way."
- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp
"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
- Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp
"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
- Arna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to:
writelikeanauthor.com

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

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE



Warmly invites all women to our **AUGUST Meeting:**
Topic: LIVING BY GOD'S STANDARDS
Speaker: LINDA FISHER
When: Wednesday 21st AUG, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Where: Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477

www.dove.org.nz

**CODING
ROBOTICS
3D PRINTING**

BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ



BRAIN PLAY
AGE 5+

OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS



Your local Devonport property people.

09 445 2010 | barfoot.co.nz

Ian Cunliffe **Carol Wetzell** **Cathy Fiebig**

027 227 9322 027 245 3392 021 383 149

Barfoot & Thompson

KUMON

Give your child a head start in life

With our individually tailored Kumon maths and English programmes, your child will develop a strong academic foundation that will nurture their learning for life.



Contact your local Kumon Centre to find out more today.

KUMON FORREST HILL & TAKAPUNA EDUCATION CENTRES
tel: 09 410 1678 / mob: 021 167 0019

Visit <http://nz.kumonglobal.com>



NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL AFFORDABLE

PIANO, GUITAR, VIOLIN, DRUMS, VOICE LESSONS IN YOUR AREA

Phone 0800 696 874 • www.modernmusic.co.nz



Tony Bunyan & Dan Kennedy
Orthodontist

Registered Specialist Creating Beautiful Smiles

Suite 6, Hurstmere House,
Cnr Hurstmere Road & Anzac Street, Takapuna, Auckland 0622

Phone: (09) 489 8081

www.tbortho.co.nz • bunyanorthodontist@hotmail.com



NeutraLice
Complete Head Lice Solution

NeutraLice provides a 3-step solution for ridding hair of nasty head lice and their eggs. Offering a complete range including Advance Lotion, Natural Spray, Conditioning Shampoo and a Nitcomb, NeutraLice is tough on lice but kind to kids!

Available from leading supermarkets and pharmacies.
RRP from \$18.50
Wilson Consumer Products 0800 651 044

Swim Lovers Swim School

We strive to ensure that all our students have an enjoyable experience whilst learning to swim.

We can provide lessons for children from 6 months of age onwards.

All lessons are run by experienced instructors to ensure safety and advancement

11 Evan Street, Belmont/Takapuna
P. 09 486 6728 | E. slss@xtra.co.nz



ALAN JONES LAW LIMITED
BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

Conveyancing & Property Transactions, Finance, Estate Planning & Administration, Relationship Property

11d Wynyard Street, Devonport. Phone 445 6225
www.ajlaw.co.nz



Devonport Methodist Childcare

Pop in and stay for a play

Spaces available 3 months to 6 years. Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm

18 Owen Road, Devonport • P. 4451072
www.dmcc.co.nz • dmchildcare@xtra.co.nz



Belmont Intermediate - Wednesdays
188 Lake Rd., Gate 2

Promoting Confidence and Presentation Skills while having so much FUN

Mondays - Takapuna • Tuesdays - Birkenhead
Wednesdays - Belmont • Saturdays - Ponsonby

Big Stage Experience

www.pform.nz



0800 736 766

If you want to be one of the community contacts, please contact Newsletters Unlimited, Ph/Fax: 09 817 3867, or Email: newsletters@xtra.co.nz