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29 August 2019

Dear Parents,

This week we have a double whammy of Catholic Social Justice outreach.

On Friday it is daffodil day and we would like all children to bring along a gold coin donation to buy a daffodil for cancer research.

Then over the next week or so we will be collecting cans of food for the "Cans for Christmas" drive which is being run by the St Vincent de Paul Society to make up hampers for less fortunate families this Christmas. We will be part of 49 Catholic Schools in the country taking part and the aim is to collect 25,000 cans. Please send along a can or two to contribute to this great cause. Please get your children to take their cans to their classes.



Peninsula Speech Competition

Last week Gigi Albrecht represented St Leo's in the Peninsula Schools speech competition. She spoke very well and did the school proud. She even had to compete with a motor mower outside as she was delivering her speech. Well done Gigi.



John Burland



We had a fabulous afternoon last Friday when John came to visit. The children sang like angels with great enthusiasm. John commented on the quality of the singing from such a small school. Have a look at the class blogs on the website to view some of the pictures of the concert.

Afterwards a group of approximately 40 teachers from other Catholic schools on the North Shore joined us for some professional development - and singing!

Camping Mattresses

I mentioned in the last newsletter that the Year 4/5 classes from Te Rerenga School in Coromandel are visiting on Tuesday 24 September. They will be staying the night in the Parish Hall. To save them bringing a lot of gear, we are hoping that some St Leo's families may be able to supply camp mattresses for them to use in the Hall. Please let Renee or I know if you can supply mattresses for the night.

I am still 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.





The Pilgrim Mother of Schoenstatt

Lucas Branco, father of Maria from St Dominic, is looking for families interested in receiving the sacred image of Mary and baby Jesus. The image comes with prayer instructions and families get to keep the image in their home for 10 days. Then after this time the image is passed on to the next family. Lucas is looking for 3 families from the school or parish who may be interested in taking part. He can be contacted by email lucasbbranco@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Student Learning Expo

This year instead of the children sharing their learning in student led conferences, we will have an expo of learning to be held in the hall. Each class will have displays and demonstrations of learning that is happening in their classes. The children will show their families around the expo and will explain what they have been learning.



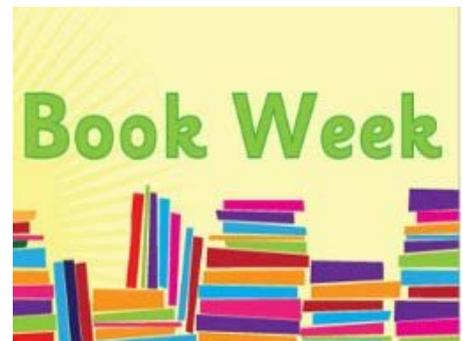
Bookings are now open for the expo which will be held on **Wednesday 18 September** from **3:45 - 6:30**. All members of the same family should book the same time. There will be 15 minute starting intervals but there will be no finishing time. This means that families can move around the hall sharing learning happening in other classes as well without worrying about how long they take. Please log into <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and enter the event code **ehvqr** or click this link to book <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/book/step1?z=P2o95w>

Grandparents day - 25 September

Soon you will receive a special invitation from the children for the Grandparents Day. Some children may not have grandparents who can come along and they are welcome to bring along an older family member or friend of the family to take the grandparents place. Otherwise we will make sure we buddy all children with someone else who has their grandparent with them.

Book Week

In Week 8 (9-13 Sept) we will be holding a Book Week. We have sourced quality books from Paradox Books and they will be available to be viewed and purchased from the Library each day. A wish list will also be sent home for those whose parents cannot make it to the book display. The books can be purchased for the school library or for the children personally. The week will be filled with lots of reading activities, author visits including Stacy Gregg and James Russell, Devonport Library visits and other fun activities including mystery readers and a surprise drama activity. The culmination on **Friday 13 September** will be a dress up parade where the children will dress as their favourite book character. If it's fine we will have the parade outside on the court.



Skool Loop

We are making sure all families are able to get notifications before stopping the weekly notice email. If you are having trouble getting the messages from skool loop, please let us know.

You will need to make sure the notification button is set on your phone and you will also need to go into the menu to add groups your child might be in eg class groups, music or sports groups. That way any messages that only relate to those groups can be sent directly. You will find that feature on the top right hand corner of the notices page.



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



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Playground project

If any other parents or group of parents are keen to work with me on the Playground project outside St Catherine area, I would be grateful to hear from you. It would be a bonus if this person was a keen gardener or landscaper or someone who could be a driving force in getting the project up and running.

Dance Class offer

Is your child looking for something new? Wanting to make more friends and have some fun? Well, this is the class for your child! This class will be run twice a week, on Tuesdays and also Friday Fundays! You can sign up for one or both of these classes! Hi, my name is Sarah Boland and I am a year 10 student at Kristin school. These classes are for my community service project, meaning they are completely free! One class will be available for students in years 0-2 and the other for students 3-4. All classes will be held at Vauxhall Primary School. The dance style will be upbeat and fun. If you wish to sign up, use this link <https://forms.gle/Uw5iqD4ZWVNZiAFM8>

God Bless,
Kind wishes
Maureen Harris

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Important Messages

Summer uniforms

Notices re ordering summer uniforms were sent home last 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:

Year 4/5 netball team won 21 -1

Lily Claxton - Player of the day in Year 4/5 netball

Danny Mills' 8th grade soccer team got through to the finals in a North Shore United soccer tournament. Danny was also Player of the day for his team.

Luke Haggitt - Player of the day in soccer

Pippa Copus - Fun Ferns player of the day

St Leo's Celtics basketball team won their game 22 - 2

Year 4/5 netball team won their game 6 - 2 against Pt Chevalier

Patrick Welton - Player of the day in soccer

Photolife & sibling photos

Class, sports and individual photos will be taken by Photolife Studios this Friday 30 August. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and if they are in any sports teams they will need to have the correct sports gear. Flippa ball team will wear PE gear as will Rippa Rugby and Soccer teams. If you would like a sibling photo taken please collect a form from the office. This needs to be returned by **8.30am Friday morning**.

Yummy stickers

Please return all yummy sticker charts (full or not) to the office by **Friday 20 September** so we can send them away and get points towards new sports equipment.



New World Receipts

Don't forget to pop your New World receipts in the box at the front of the store. Each term John Ashton makes a generous donation to the school based on the total of the receipts.

It's time to celebrate Dads – and how better than to get them something a little different! Place an order with ezlunch for delivery from 26th – 30th August (that's this week!) and be in the draw to WIN one of two Bright Ideas Goodie hampers worth \$50 for Dad on Fathers' Day. [Book your lunch for this week](#) to be in to win.



PTFA News

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO GET YOUR TICKET TO THIS GREAT MEN'S EVENT.

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.

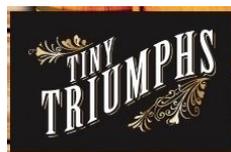
This event doesn't succeed without your participation, so let's try and get as many people as possible to St Leos!



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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!

Hamburger Lunch

We will holding a hamburger lunch on Friday 13th September.

\$5 for hamburger, drink and treat.

Disco

20th September

Tickets \$10 each (children only) which includes pizza, drink and a treat.

Tickets go on sale next week

Come as your favourite popstar if you wish.

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AUCKLAND GIRLS' CHOIR (AGC) AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES - 2020

The Auckland Girls' Choir ("Choir") is one of Auckland's leading choirs. It provides an accessible comprehensive choral training program for girls aged 9 - 18 years. To date the Choir has attracted girls from over 50 different schools, reflecting the rich ethnic and socio-economic diversity of the greater Auckland region. The Choir is a registered charitable organization, and primarily managed by a team of dedicated volunteers.

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- to regularly perform and present a wide range of quality choral repertoire in a multicultural context; and
- to engage in performance activities that benefit the community.

We provide an inclusive and nurturing environment that inspires, challenges and develops both musical and life skills.

We will be holding auditions for our 2020 intake on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, September 14, 9am to 4pm
- Saturday, September 21, 1pm to 4pm
- Saturday, September 28, 9am to 12.30pm

There is a limited number of need and merit based scholarships available for the 2020 intake. To be considered for a scholarship, a separate scholarship application would need to be submitted. The scholarship application form can be picked up during the audition.

We have limited spaces available in the Choir so contact us now for further information on auditions:

www.akgirlschoir.co.nz

Email: agcinfo@akgirlschoir.co.nz

18 th SEPTEMBER: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Speaker: Christine Kornman

John 2: 1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
Held at ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL, 336

Wairau Road, GLENFIELD.
For more info, please phone Sylvia Hartley
02108822990



Term 4 2019: (Times available from 3-3.30pm and then every 30min until 6pm Mon – Fri)

First week of lessons start 2nd December for 2019

Private Lessons only (you can book a one off or a series of lessons)

\$40 for a 30min one-one-one lesson. (Book for 5 discount cost \$180)
\$50 for 2 children 30mins – they can be at different levels (Book for 5 discount cost \$230)
\$60 for 3 or more children (need to be the similar ability levels) (Book for 5 discount cost \$280)

Week 1	Monday 2 nd to Friday 6 th December After School 3pm to 6pm
Week 2	Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th December After School 3pm to 6pm
Week 3	Monday 16 th to 20 th December After School 3pm to 6pm

We are running 3 weeks' worth of 5 x 30min lesson blocks. **January holidays** These are group lessons held at the same time each day (between 9am and 1pm) for 5 consecutive days.

\$90 per child for 5 x 30min lessons.

	Start date	Finish date
Week 1	6 th Jan	10 th Jan
Week 2	13 th Jan	17 th Jan
Week 3	20 th Jan	24 th Jan

Term 1 - 2020

Starting Monday 3rd February until Friday 28th February (**Public Holiday 6th February – No Swimming**)

Group lessons held after school at various times depending on ability level.

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