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## St. Leo's Catholic School



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Tena koutou whanau,  
Welcome back everyone! It's hard to believe we are into our final term for 2019.

It was a shame that we had to cancel our trip to see the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Although the concert still went ahead we felt that the safety of the children was paramount, especially as the smoke was so thick and toxic.

Just a reminder that if you haven't uploaded the Skool Loop app on to your cellphone, you may be missing out on messages. We no longer send out emails and our communication goes through this app. We also send our permissions through the app.

I hope you have been able to see the painting that took place in the holidays in the classroom block. It has made a big difference and the next stage will be to replace the vinyl on the floor. The new fence by the toilet block will also be painted in bright colours over the next couple of weeks. The ceiling is also being painted in the hall which is wonderful. Finally Mr M is working with a group of children to produce some more murals which will be going on the walls outside St Dominic and Francis. Once the plants go in St Leo's is going to be looking wonderful!

### **New Pupils**

This term we welcome Leo Fraser to St Clare, Francesco Cucchiari Astie to St Patrick and Trinidad Cucchiari Astie to St Francis. They have settled in very well and have made friends already.

### **Gardening**

For the children to have ownership of the new gardens going in around the Owens Rd end of the school, I am keen for the children to be part of planting the plants. Unfortunately I have not had any parents offer to work with groups of children tomorrow. Margaret Lenehan, a former BOT member is bringing some friends to help but I would really appreciate some parents to help too. We will begin at 9:45am after assembly and various classes will have turns at planting out the plants we have purchased throughout the day.



### **Community meeting**

Just a reminder that the Board of Trustees are holding a community meeting this evening at 7pm. The meeting will be in St Clare as the hall is being painted. We will set the classroom

up with 'adult' sized chairs so we will be comfortable. As it is an important meeting we would appreciate each family being represented if possible.

### **Buddy Mass**

The first Mass of this term will be tomorrow for St Patrick, St Dominic and St Clare. Any family members are welcome to join us. St Catherine and St Francis will have theirs on 15 November.

### **Peninsula Cricket**

A small group of 8 children competed in the Peninsula cricket tournament last Wednesday. It was bitterly cold and windy at TGS so a special thanks to the parents who helped supervise our children. Our little team of girls and boys had to compete with all boys teams but they held their own and managed to win their last game.



### **Thank your cleaner day**

Last Wednesday we had a little morning tea to thank our lovely cleaner/caretaker, Tima. He does such a wonderful job keeping our little school spick and span. Often he goes above and beyond to make sure things are done at school. It is always great to acknowledge those who do a good job.

### **Mufti Day for Fair item**

Remember that the children can wear mufti tomorrow if they bring a luxury item for the fair.

### **School Fair**

We are building up to the school fair at the end of week 4 next term. Make sure you check all the information coming home from the PTFA about items to be sent to school. **Remember to bring along a luxury item tomorrow.** This is our major fundraiser this year and we'd like it to be a great event.



### **Summer uniform and Hats**

As the weather has been poor we haven't enforced the wearing of hats but after Labour weekend, all children should be in their summer uniform and must wear their hats.

**Remember! No hat - no playing in the playground! All children must have a blue bucket hat.**



Ma te atua manaaki  
God Bless,  
Maureen Harris

### **Important Messages**

#### **Vision & Hearing Testing**

The Vision and Hearing people will be coming to school on November 4th. If you have any concerns and would like your child checked please let me know asap.

### **Celebration Book**

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

Lily Claxton honours in level one tap exam

Melissa Busch cup for Highland Dancing, 1st Jg U14 and 2nd fling U14.

The year 5/6 cricket team that represent St Leo's at the Peninsula cricket tournament played really well and never gave up and won their last game.



### **EZLunch & Sushi**

The last order date for EZlunch is December 13th and the last day for sushi will be 11th December.

First order date for ezlunch for 2020 will be Monday 3rd February and for sushi 11th February.

### **Fine Homes Tour**

**There are a few tickets left if you would like to buy one. Tickets are being collected on Tuesday after Labour Day so if you would like one please buy it tomorrow or first thing Tuesday morning.**

Our school has been offered the opportunity to sell tickets as a means of fundraising. For each \$70 ticket sold, half of that amount will be donated to the school.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the school office by either paying cash or putting the money into the school bank account 12-3015-0474771-00 ref: name & FHT.

If you are planning on attending this event please buy your tickets through us.

### **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.

### **PTFA News**

*Fair Update - 2 weeks to go!!!*



1. Weekly Friday donations collections this Friday - Bring in luxury items - suggest food / alcohol / pamper items (remember there are Whanau points involved!) AND remember it's MUFTI this Friday!!

2. Timetable for drop offs for pre-loved items (white elephant goods, clothing, toys and books) - to the School Hall only please:

Mon 4th Nov - 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm to 4pm  
Tues 5th Nov - 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm to 4pm  
Wed 6th Nov - 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm to 5pm  
Thurs 7th Nov - 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm to 5pm  
Fri 8th Nov - 8.30am to 3pm.

3. All super bakers / super sweet makers to confirm with office by Fri 25th

4. Please Drop off to office asap any spare bags and coat-hangers.

5. Crucially, we still need volunteers please for the following:

- gazebo and other items collection on Friday 8th Nov, and return on Mon 11 Nov
- raffle ticket sellers in Devonport on Sat 2 / Sun 3 Nov - a sign up sheet will be in the office for you to pick your times.

6. We are looking for the following items to borrow for the Fair day:

- chilly bins
- tea pots
- nerf guns
- crock pots
- gas bottles
- full length mirrors
- jewellery stands

We need to know if you can lend these items by Fri 1 Nov, drop off week of fair

7.Raffle ticket return - 4 Nov

As always, please get in touch with either Helen or Sarah, or to Renee ASAP if you can help with any of the above. AND ... If your family wants to sponsor a stall, please let us know!

Nearly there everyone 🥳.

Helen and Sarah



We still have a few spaces that need filling so if you have not yet put your name down or have a family member, know an ex-pupil etc that would be willing to help us out please let Renee, Sarah or Helen know.

Men's Night Inn - "St Leo's is pleased to confirm that the revised date for the Dads Night Inn will be Fri 29 Nov, and all the details, including venue, will be announced soon. Tickets already bought will be valid and ticket sales for the new date are available now from the School Office. Any refunds required should be directed to the School Office".

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**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Devonport Methodist Childcare Centre and Church kindly invite you to celebrate:**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**with us.**

**When:** FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER  
**Start:** 5.30pm

**Where:** Devonport Methodist Childcare Centre  
18 Owens Road  
Devonport  
09451072

**BYO:** A plate to share and Non-alcoholic drinks

**Sausage Sizzle**  
Children can dress up (Adults optional)

**NOTE:** Nothing scary as we have small children here.  
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