



11 June 2020

Tena koutou whanau,

It is wonderful that we are now at Level 1 and school can return to normal activities. We will have our first assembly next Friday and you are welcome to join us.

I am also trying to organise a school Mass before the end of term and will let you know when I manage to find a time for this.

Recently the Catholic Schools Office sent us this poster about Catholic Social teaching for children. I have decided to use this as my thought for this week.

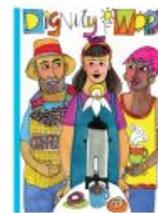
This outlines what we are trying to achieve as a Catholic School and it very much sums up the values we hold dear.

If anyone would like a copy of this poster to have at home, just let me know and I will send you a copy.

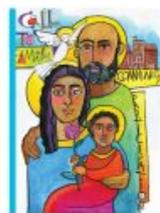
the seven themes of **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** for children



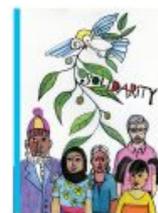
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God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.



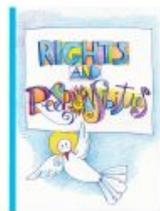
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Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.



2
God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.



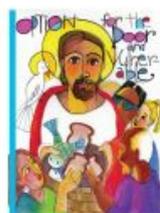
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God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.



3
God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.



7
The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.



4
God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.



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School News

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the survey I sent home last week. There were some very valuable results which we will take note of. I will send home a summary of the findings next week after the survey has been completed. It will close tomorrow afternoon if you would still like to take part.

Renee's operation

Next week we will have no Renee in the office and we pray that her operation on Monday will be a complete success. Thank you to all the parents who have already put their name on the "Take them a meal" roster. Renee has expressed how grateful she is that you are happy to help her out.

Welcome Georgette Dawbin

Georgette will be with us in the office from Monday morning. Her hours will be from 8.30 - 1.30. If you have any queries please contact her during those hours. I will be available in the office most afternoons as well. We are looking forward to welcoming Georgette to our staff.

Learning at St Leo's

Last newsletter I shared the learning of two of our St Clare children. This week I have the pleasure of congratulating Emily Howcroft from St Catherine for winning a writing competition. She received a \$50 gift voucher from Paradox Books. She is a very talented writer and her prize was well deserved. I have included her story at the bottom of the newsletter. I'm sure you would agree that it is a great piece of writing from a Year 6 pupil. Well done Emily, we are very proud of you.



Classroom time

Last week I taught St Francis and St Clare. We looked at what seeds are made up of and how they grow. It was interesting watching a seed growing on a timelapse video. The children then planted broad bean seeds in the school garden and worked on a learning centre around seeds. On Monday I had the pleasure of teaching in St Patrick. I set them a challenge of designing and making a parachute for a toy. It is great seeing the children working together and trialling different ways of making things. It was a lot of fun, coupled with some good learning.

Fun Skills Programme

More fun has been had in the fun skills programme. The children are taking part in all sorts of different movement activities. We are very grateful to North Harbour Sport for providing this



Paint the Earth

Next Tuesday 16 June the children will be taking part in a tile painting activity. The tiles will then be used to make a mural for the wall outside St Catherine. It should look fabulous and brighten up that side of the school.



Bayswater Matariki

Because of disruption as a result of the Covid lockdown, Bayswater School is not going to hold their usual Matariki Festival. Instead they will hold a 'Lights Trail' on the Bayswater peninsula with food trucks along the way and local schools performing kapa haka and/or choir/cultural groups at various points. This will take place Saturday 27 June 5-8pm. If you live along Bayswater, they are encouraging you to decorate your homes with lights to celebrate the Maori new year.

May God's Blessings be with you all
Ma te atua manaaki

Maureen Harris

Emily Howcroft's winning story

Today is the 26th of March 2030, and I remember a time when I wondered what the future would hold.

I am an astronaut, and my job is dangerous, and unpredictable. But I love it. The thrill, the excitement, the feeling of rising up as the anti-gravity kicks in... it's amazing.

Currently, I'm strapped into the black rocket seat, waiting for take-off. A small voice issues from the speaker next to me. "Ready for take off?" it asks. I nod. "Taking off in 3...2...1...BLAST OFF!"

The support beams fall away, and the spacecraft rockets away from Earth. I see the clouds whip past like diving swans, and soon I can see the thin haze of the Earth's atmosphere. I get the familiar feeling of flying and falling at the same time, and I smile. I'm back. I think to myself. I'm where I belong.

I jolt forward as the spacecraft judders. What's that? I wonder with worry and fear building inside me. My world seems to be taking flight around me, and I'm feeling slightly dizzy now.

The air starts to thin, but I'm not paying attention. As a small red warning sign on the spaceship's dashboard flashes on and off, my eyes widen.

I unstrap myself and race to the back of the capsule. Resting my shoulder against the metal, I push hard on the wall. A small silver pipe gives way immediately. To an ordinary person it looks like a plain pipe, but I know better. I look around in panic, and my eyes spot a small glowing patch in the bunks.

I move towards it, and suddenly flames engulf me. The spacecraft has exploded. I freefall towards Earth, and my brain fills with panic.

I'm falling towards Earth and I have no way of stopping.

By Emily Howcroft



Important Notices

Attendance Dues

Term 2 accounts were emailed out during lockdown. A reminder that Attendance Dues are compulsory however if you are having problems paying these due to a changed work situation please refer to the information that was sent out by the Catholic Schools Office during lockdown or contact Renee or Maureen.

Rippa Rugby tournament

All year 3 - 6 students have received a letter today regarding an upcoming Rippa Rugby tournament on August 13th. Could these please be returned to Miss Dawbin.

Sushi

Term sushi orders for next term will be 10 weeks. Please have your order in by Tuesday morning week 1 of Term 3.



Uniform

Has your daughter recently come home with a brand new size 12 polo shirt instead of her size 10? Could you please check and if you have the size 12 return it to the office and swap it for the size 10 that is in lost property.



Lunchtime jazz dancing will start next term with Miss Emily if there are enough students?

Please contact Miss Emily at Devonport School of dance if you are interested in this.

Thank you

A huge thank you from me (Renee) for all the love and support I have received from the community in the last few weeks leading up to my surgery. I really appreciate everything everyone has done and is doing for me. I look forward to my return in September and to seeing you all again.



Vegetables

Our vegetable garden is blooming with spring onions, bok choy and spinach. If you would like to have some please help yourself. We would hate to see this going to waste.

PTFA News and Events

Fish and chips



On Friday 19 June we will be holding a fish and chip lunch. \$5 for fish and chips or chicken nuggets and chips or hot dog and chips. Money may be paid direct into the PTFA account

12 -3057-0067576 -00 or by cash at the office. Remember to return your order form.

Quiz night

Don't forget to get your quiz night tickets either by emailing stleosfundraiser@gmail.com or from the office. Eftpos available.

Deals for Devonport

These books will be coming out very soon. Watch this space for more details.

A poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is dark blue with a grid of white dots. At the top left is a small logo of a cross with a globe. The words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in large, stylized, glowing letters. Below this, the text reads: 'Get your team together and plan your dress up theme!'. A white box contains the event details: '7pm, Friday 26th June, 2020 at the RSA Hall, Victoria Rd, Devonport'. Below that, 'Tickets \$20 (Tickets for yourself or groups of 10)'. At the bottom of the white box, it says 'Bar available - cash/EFTPOS' and 'BYO nibbles or order pizza on the night!'. At the very bottom of the poster, it says 'Tickets available from St Leo's school office or by emailing stleosfundraiser@gmail.com'.

Possible upcoming activity dates - pencil them in your diary now.

Deals in Devonport May/June

Fish and chip lunch 19 June

Quiz Night Friday 26 June

Car Boot Sale Sunday 2 August

Blokes Night Saturday 15 August

Blokes Box Sunday 6 September (Delivery)

Movie Night/Wine & Cheese Fri 19 or Sat 20 September

Sausage Sizzles /pies etc Terms 3&4

Christmas Fair Saturday 28 November

Kids Gingerbread House Workshop @ the fair or other date to be decided

Wreath Workshop / Wine Evening Thursday 3 December

Xmas Hampers / Xmas Eve Box Order at fair, delivery December

Deals in Devonport 2021 Start selling at Fair

Watch this space for more details.

Community Notices



St Leo's wooden school desk and chair \$45.
Enquiries to Jacquee Pedrick email nzpeds@gmail.com
These used to be used in the classrooms at St Leo's
Memorabilia from previous students inside. Veronique 2012 and
Brigit 2009



Medeli Electronic Keyboard M15 with stand. Very good condition. Owner's manual available. Only reason for sale is that we have updated to an electronic piano. \$250.

Enquiries to Jacquee Pedrick email nzpeds@gmail.com

A purple rectangular advertisement for a 'Science & Technology Holiday Programme'. At the top, the text 'Science & Technology Holiday Programme' is written in white. Below this is a white speech bubble containing the text 'ONLY \$60 PER DAY'. In the center is a white illustration of a laptop computer. At the bottom, the website 'brainplay.co.nz' is written in white.

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Devonport Family Medicine is a well-established medical centre serving individuals and their families in the local community for many years. Dr Pieter Veenhuijsen, is owner and full-time General Practitioner, who has a part-time female GP locum also working in the practice. The doctors are supported by an experienced and dedicated clinical and admin team, all locals themselves, who are committed to providing patients with high quality health care with a personal touch.



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