



23 July 2020

Tena koutou whanau,

I hope everyone has had a great break. It is wonderful to be back at school again and settled back into normal routines. Our main focus this term will be the Musical which the school will be performing at the Vic Theatre on Thursday 3 September. Mark the date in the calendar.

Welcome to our school

This week we welcome Scarlett and Jonty Inkster to our school community. They have come to us from Pinehurst School after returning from England. They are in St Patrick.

We also welcome Francis (Frankie) Bedford who has joined St Clare as a new entrant.

Next week we will welcome 2 more new entrants and one more later in August.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Next Thursday 30 July. School closes at 1pm. Make your bookings on

[school interviews](#) or go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **rj3jq**

Caring Mass

On Wednesday, I took 4 of our Year 6 children to Christ the King church in Owairaka. They had been chosen by the teachers as examples of children showing a consistent caring attitude. They took part in a Caring Mass celebrated by the Monsignor Bernard Kiely in place of the Bishop who was unwell and other priests throughout the diocese. They each received a certificate to remember the day. They will lead any caring activities we carry out at school such as daffodil day, cans for Christmas etc. Well done to Sophia Law, Aidan George, Laura Welson and Jesse Wescott. You live out the St Leo's motto and values in the way you treat others.



Prayer for a new school term

God of wisdom and might,
We praise you for the wonder of our
being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new
school term.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their
bodies grown;
Wisdom and knowledge to their minds as
they search for understanding;
And peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Important dates this term:

Week 1 - 6	Mondays	Neala is back taking dance/drama classes with our children
Week 1 - 10	Every day	Before school care available from 7.30am
Week 1 - 10	Wednesdays	Kapa Haka 8.45am
Week 2	Thursday 30 July	Parent Teacher Conferences - School finishes at 1pm
	Friday 31 July	Assembly
	Sunday 2 August	Car Boot Sale
Week 3	Thursday 6 August	Cross country run
Week 4	Tuesday 11 August	Takapuna Grammar school band visiting school
	Thursday 13 August	Rippa Rugby Tournament
	Friday 14 August	Assembly
	Saturday 15 August	Blokes night Inn
Week 5	Friday 21 August	Whole School Mass - 12pm
Week 6	Wednesday 26 August	Peninsula Schools Cross Country (Savaday 28 August)
	Friday 28 August	Assembly - Daffodil Day
Week 7	Tuesday 1 September	Tennis Sessions at school
	Tuesday 1 September	Peninsula Speech competition
	Tuesday 1 September	Musical dress rehearsal
	Thursday 3 September	School Musical performance
	Friday 4 September	Teacher Only Day
Week 8	Tuesday 8 September	Tennis Sessions at school
	Friday 11 September	Assembly
Week 9	Monday 14 September	Year 5/6 T-ball tournament
	Friday 19 September	Family Movie night - to be confirmed
	Sunday 20 September	Family Mass - 9am
Week 10	Friday 25 September	Assembly - last day of term

A note from Fr. John O'Connor

It has been a pleasure to meet many of the school families in your homes in recent weeks. Thank you for your invitation and welcome and the good conversations we shared. I really would like to meet everyone so please don't hesitate to contact me for a half hour visit at a time that works for you. If you have had a visit you might encourage others to make contact. Thank you all, and as I meet you I add you to my daily prayer intentions for yourselves and for those you love. Gratefully, In Christ John. john@fff.org.nz



Retreat Morning, led by Fr. John O'Connor

Date: Saturday 1 August 9.00am – 12 noon

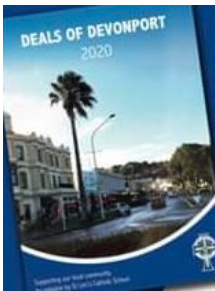
Venue: St Francis & All Souls Catholic Church, Devonport

Beginning with 9.00am Mass followed by first retreat session, then time for silent reflection and prayer and a cuppa, followed by a second session with the retreat concluding at 12 noon.

Perhaps you have made many retreats, or you may have never had the opportunity. My experience is that whenever we give God and opportunity to work in our lives, God never misses the chance. I invite you to join me, perhaps bring a friend or two. For further information contact me john@fff.org.nz

PTFA

The PTFA are doing a marvellous job raising funds for the school. They had a very successful quiz night last term, raising around \$4000. Next is the car boot sale on Sunday 2 August. Please come along and support them. And of course they are selling the Deals of Devonport voucher book. It would be wonderful if each family could sell their allocation sent home last term. If you haven't already done so, join their facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening and offer to help out when you can.



Singing and acting opportunity

We have Neala from P'form back working with the classes this term after successfully teaching our children in Term 1. This is timely with our musical coming up. I also have a niece who is a trained singing and acting coach and has worked with P'form. She has returned from London and is keen to teach any children (or adults!) who would like to learn to sing. As we have a spare classroom at school at the moment, there is an opportunity for a group of 3 to 4 children who would like to have singing lessons at St Leo's. This would keep the cost down. Her email is jess.hannah.rogers@gmail.com and if you would like to hear her sing click this youtube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0kcHsqmy5c>

1-1 training sessions with certified teacher

SINGING TEACHER & ACTING COACH

In 2017 Jess received her teaching diploma in Musical Theatre and for the last two years has been training in London

For more information contact Jess at:
jess.hannah.rogers@gmail.com

School News

Learning at St Leo's

- **Seesaw** - if you haven't already downloaded the Seesaw app you may be missing out on real time learning going on in your child's classroom. Many of the teachers and children are posting their work via Seesaw.

Before school care

We have started the before school care availability this week. If anyone would like to take up the opportunity please let me know. The cost is \$5 a day or \$8 a family. The care is available from 7.30 to 8.30 each morning.

Cross Country

This will be happening on Thursday 6 August. More info to come next week.

Renee's recovery

Thank you to everyone who has taken meals to Renee. She really appreciates your help. I visited her this week and she is doing very well. There are a few spaces left on the roster if you would like to add your name <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/PIFK9145>.

Earthware

Today we will send home a pack to each family with information about the Earthware products. Each product purchased will give a percentage to the school. These are products that many people use or want to use. Order forms need to be back at the school office by Friday 28 August. Samples of the produce bags are available in the office if you'd like to have a look at them.



If anyone has a Vittoria coffee maker, I have 2 boxes of coffee pods bought in error if anyone would like them!

May God's Blessings be with you all

Ma te atua manaaki

Maureen Harris



Important notices

Celebration book

Congratulations to Luke Haggitt for getting player of the day for NSU Grade 9 Inter Milan football team.

PTFA News and Events

Car Boot & Garage Sale

Sunday 2nd August 10am-12.30pm on the school grounds. Pop it in your diary! A great way to pass on things you no longer need and/or find a bargain! There will be a coffee cart as well as baking and aBBQ to keep tummies happy.

Household goods, books, clothes and toys can be donated to the school office until Friday 31st July, or you can book your own space for just \$20 and sell your own goods (tell friends and family also).

Deals of Devonport Books

Thanks to all those who have sold books! We've had some great feedback and it is proving to be worthwhile not only for the school but for the businesses involved as well as those using the savings from their vouchers. Don't forget to knock on neighbours doors and tell your friends and family about them!

Community Notices

Girl Guides

Girl guides' group meetings are back in the real world! We use fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills. Join us today and bring more awesome to your daughter's world at a reduced fee. #youbetheguide.



Tennis Lessons

Based nearby at Ngātaringa Tennis Club, TENNIS PLUS coaching team runs after-school sessions for groups of 4 to 6 students between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Players are welcome at all ages (3 to 18 years) and skill levels with equipment provided and groups organised by age and ability. Individual or smaller group private coaching is another option.

Each school holidays, we also run two programmes. The multisport holiday programme (9am-12.30pm weekdays) is for everyone aged 4 to 16 years: outdoor games & sports with indoor activities in the junior clubhouse if it's wet. Our three-day junior holiday tennis academy is for competitive tennis players aged 10 and above and runs for three hours each day.

Email: admin@tennisplus.co.nz Facebook: @TennisPlusNZ

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Have you ever tried rhythmic gymnastics? It's really fun learning skills with ribbons, hoops, balls and more! North Harbour Gymnastics has some great new rhythmic gymnastics classes. Maybe you'd like to give one a go? Sign up through www.nhgyim.co.nz now or email erica.xtremerg@gmail.com for more information.

A poster for 'LittleCooks at Belmont Intermediate School'. The text includes: 'TERM 3 2020', 'LittleCooks at Belmont Intermediate School', 'Theme: Winter Favourites', 'DATES: JULY 31 - SEPTEMBER 18 FRIDAYS 3.30-4.30PM', '8 weeks', 'Cost: \$256', 'www.littlecooks.co.nz', and 'team@littlecooks.co.nz'. There is a logo for LittleCooks at the bottom.

A poster for guitar lessons featuring a black and white photo of Callum Martin playing a guitar. The text reads: 'Guitar lessons?', 'Need someone local?', 'Get in touch with Callum (MMusTher | BMus | ex The Checks)', 'c: 021 209 4341', and 'e: Callumbmartin@gmail.com'. At the bottom, it says '\$60 per hour' and 'Half term or full term bookings available in person or via zoom'.

A poster for 'Story Time' at Milford Centre. It features a cartoon lion reading a book on top of a stack of colorful books. The text includes: 'MILFORD CENTRE', 'Story Time!', 'Hear local authors read their stories at Milford Centre!', '2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH', and 'To find out which author is reading this month, visit milfordcentre.co.nz'. At the bottom, it says '24 Milford Road, Milford, Auckland' and 'NZRPO'.

