



**15 October 2020**

Tena koutou everyone

It is wonderful to be back at school again and to be in lockdown level 1. This means we can get back into fairly normal routines while still taking note of recommendations from the Ministry:

- QR code posters continue to be on display at Alert Level 1 and we encourage you to scan when you are at the school, in case new cases emerge in our community.
- Maintain good cleaning, disinfecting practices and hygiene standards - we will be doing this at school
- If you or your children are unwell please stay away from school
- Get tested if recommended to do so by health professionals.

## **This week's Catholic Character thought this week - The Rosary.**

October is traditionally a month where we focus on praying the Rosary. Each class will be learning about a different mystery of the Rosary during RE time and will be praying the rosary each day. It



would be a good opportunity for families to also pray a decade of the Rosary together.

### **Why pray the Rosary?**

In the rosary, we ask Mary to “pray for us sinners”—in other words, to join us in our prayer. Mary is “favoured” by God and “blessed among women,” according to the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28), because of the role as Mother of Jesus. So reciting the Hail Mary—a prayer rooted in the Gospel of Luke—makes sense: We ask Mary to join us in our prayer just as we would ask any close friend to pray with us, but Mary is much more than just another friend; Jesus appointed her as our “spiritual mother” (John 19:27).

At the same time, the rosary is a profoundly Christ-centered prayer. When we ask Mary to accompany us in praying the rosary, she leads us to Jesus (John 2:5). As we recite the prayers that make up the rosary (the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be), we also meditate on the “mysteries” of God’s plan of salvation as described in the Gospels: the announcement of Jesus’ birth, his ministry, his Passion, his Resurrection and Ascension, and so on. (There are twenty mysteries of the rosary in all.)

If you would like a simple website to help you brush up on how to pray the Rosary, this one is pretty good. There are also Youtube clips available online.

<https://www.catholicity.com/prayer/rosary.html>

**We have a very busy term this term so take time to have a look at the important dates at the end of the term and add the relevant ones to your diary.**

### **Teacher Only Day**

Please make sure you mark **Thursday 19 November** in your calendar as a day off school. We have chosen this date as it is the same day as Carmel and Rosmini are having their teacher only day. It is less disruptive for those families who have older children than if we took the day at another time in the term.

### **Kiwi Kapers Concert**



In a couple of weeks on 28 October, the whole school will be travelling to the Aotea Centre to attend the Kiwi Kapers concert which features the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and the Massive Theatre Company. As we are in alert level 1 it is safe to attend. The trip is not covered by the activity fee so has been added to your account which has been emailed out to you. It promises to be a very worthwhile event for our children to celebrate the Arts.

### **Year 6 Waterwise**

This Thursday marks the start of Waterwise again. The first term's sessions were interrupted by the lockdown so I'm sure the children are looking forward to getting back on the water again.



### **Summer uniform**

The summer uniform can be worn from week 3 - after Labour Weekend.



Please ensure ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED!

#### **Hats**

All children should be wearing a hat this term. We will be very strict on this rule for the children's safety in the sun. No hat - no playing outside!

#### **Shorts under dresses**

A reminder from last term: For the modesty of our girls, it is a good idea for the girls to wear little shorts under their uniforms. Bike style shorts seem to work the best.

### **Year 1-4 Cricket sessions**

The Year 1-4 children will be having lessons from the North Shore Cricket Club again on Friday afternoons for the next 2 weeks.

### **St Leo's Talent show**

The wonderful thing about St Leo's is that the children feel happy to share ideas which they think will make St Leo's a special place. Some girls asked me if they could have a school talent show, so we are going to run this on our feast day - 10 Nov. This will showcase any talents the children have so encourage them to take part. We'd love this to become an annual event on our feast day.



### **SPCA Cupcake Day**

I also had one of my senior pupils ask if we could take part in the SPCA cupcake baking fundraiser. This will take place on Monday 2 November. The senior children will send home information of how we will run this closer to the date. <https://www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz/>

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

Maureen Harris



**Important dates this term:**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 14 Oct</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music
	<b>Thursday 15 Oct</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine
	<b>Friday 16 Oct</b>	Cricket - Y1-4
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 Oct</b>	<b>Soccer Tournament</b>
	<b>Wednesday 21 Oct</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music
	<b>Thursday 22 Oct</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine <b>Rippa Rugby Tournament</b>
	<b>Friday 23 Oct</b>	Assembly <b>Peninsula Swimming sports</b> Cricket - Y1-4
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday 26 Oct</b>	<b>Labour Day</b>
	<b>Tuesday 27 Oct</b>	Rippa Rugby savaday
	<b>Wednesday 28 Oct</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am <b>School attending Kiwi Kapers concert</b>
	<b>Thursday 29 Oct</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine
	<b>Sunday 1 Nov</b>	<b>First Communion/Confirmation Mass</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 Nov</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music
	<b>Thursday 5 Nov</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine
	<b>Friday 6 Nov</b>	Assembly
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monday 9 Nov</b>	St Mary's College orientation day
	<b>Tuesday 10 Nov</b>	St Leo's Day - Mass and Talent show
	<b>Wednesday 11 Nov</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music
	<b>Thursday 12 Nov</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine
	<b>Friday 13 Nov</b>	Carmel and Rosmini orientation day
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Monday 16 Nov</b>	Kiwisport T-Ball
	<b>Wednesday 18 Nov</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music

		<b>Puberty talks parent evening (Y6) - 6.30pm</b>
	<b>Thursday 19 Nov</b>	<b>Teacher only day</b>
	<b>Friday 20 Nov</b>	Assembly Peninsula Kapa Haka
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Monday 23 Nov</b>	<b>School Athletics</b>
	<b>Tuesday 24 Nov</b>	<b>Class, sport and individual photos with Photolife</b>
	<b>Wednesday 25 Nov</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music <b>Year 5/6 camp</b>
	<b>Thursday 26 Nov</b>	<b>Year 5/6 camp</b>
	<b>Friday 27 Nov</b>	<b>Year 5/6 camp</b>
	<b>Sunday 29 Nov</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 Dec</b>	Y6 trip to Rainbow's End
	<b>Wednesday 2 Dec</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Peninsula Athletics
	<b>Thursday 3 Dec</b>	Y6 Puberty talks
	<b>Friday 4 Dec</b>	Assembly - Jesse Tree liturgy Peninsula savaday
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 Dec</b>	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music <b>Y6 graduation dinner</b>
	<b>Thursday 10 Dec</b>	Waterwise for St Catherine
	<b>Friday 11 Dec</b>	<b>Nativity play</b> <b>Reports to go home</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Wednesday 16 Dec</b>	<b>Graduation Mass 9.15am</b> <b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>



## **Important Notices**

St Leo's Sports Jacket for sale - size 5/6 \$30. Please see Shannon Mena-Levin or Renee if you are interested in buying this.

## **Sports uniforms**

With the winter sports coming to an end could all hockey and netball uniforms please be washed and returned to the office. If you have borrowed any sports equipment please return that too.

## **Scholastic Book Orders**

Catalogues were sent home with your child yesterday. Please note that these can only be ordered online through the Scholastic website. Orders close 28 November.

## **eZlunch**

eZlunch orders are made online through your myKindo account. You can order lunch by simply going to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

Order anytime before cut-off or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime. Click [here](#) to view the menu.

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## **Yummy stickers**

Thank you to those families who collected Yummy stickers. We collected 2291 points which will be converted into dollars to buy sports equipment. Please remember to collect another chart from the office or download from

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>. Start collecting again now for next year.



## **PTFA News and Events**

### **The St Leo's Christmas Fair is Coming - Sunday November 29th**

The fair sign up sheets are now available in the office for you to sign up in the area you would like to help in. The stalls this year are:

Bouncy Castle

Nerf Fun

Candy Cane fishing

Present Toss

Face Painting and Hair

Snowball Fight

Splat the Grinch

Christmas lucky dip

Pin the nose on Rudolph

Christmas Decoration and Card Making

Santa's Grotto and a Grotto Photographer

Plants

Preserves

Sweets

Cakes

Deals of Devonport Books and Tea Towels

Tombolos

Food stalls - Bacon & Egg Rolls

Sausage Sizzle

Tacos





Candy Floss  
Cafe  
Hot Chocolate stall

We will also be requiring people to help with set up in the morning and security. Also money counters on the day. We will possibly also be requiring people to sell raffle tickets in the village so keep an eye out for notices requesting this. Each family will also be allocated a number of raffle tickets to sell prior to the fair.

If you are unable to get into the office please email Renee your preference and she will add it to the sign up sheet. We warmly welcome ex pupils back to help out too.

Fair donations start on Friday 23 October. Please bring your donated item to the library prior to school on a Friday or the office any other time. Each item earns the children 100 Whanau points so please make sure you hand these to someone so the points can be allocated. If you prefer to drop off all items at once please feel free to do so.

Collections are:

Friday 23 October - 6 pack of canned/bottled soft drinks

Friday 30 October - Large chocolate bar

Friday 6 November - A luxury item for raffle (see the sheet that came home last term for ideas)

(Mufti Day)

Friday 13 November - 2 x Christmas gift wrapped lucky dip gifts - 1 for preschooler and 1 primary aged)

20 November - Multipacks of mini chocolates

Also drop off home made sweets

Saturday 28 November - Drop off cakes to the school hall

If you know of anyone who could donate a prize for the raffle or who is able to sponsor a school stall please let us know.



If you are able to be a super baker or sweet maker who can bake or make a higher volume of cakes and lollies please let us know.

We also need people who can make jams/preserves/chutneys etc, please see Renee



All inquiries or offers of help to the office or [stleosfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:stleosfundraiser@gmail.com) please.



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**AN EVENING WITH NIGEL LATTA**

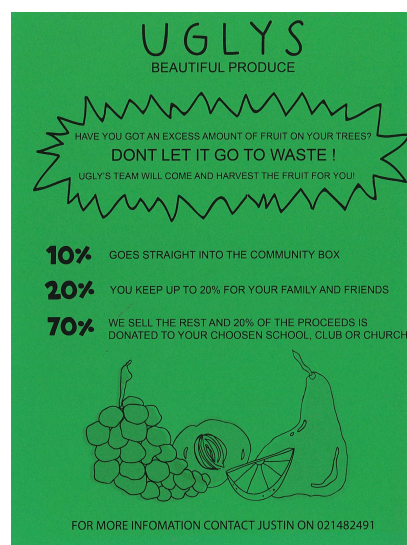
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