



29 October 2020

Tena koutou everyone

I cannot believe it is the end of yet another month, November next week and Christmas looming. This weekend my eldest son is getting married so it will be a special weekend for my family. I am praying that the settled weather we have been having will continue for their special day.

This Sunday nine of our school family will be making their first communion and confirmation. We wish Clara, Pippa, Sophie, Jonty, Scarlett, Felicity, Jacob, Julieta and Patrick well on Sunday and we pray for these children and their families that this day may always be a significant milestone for them on their faith journey. Jonty and Scarlett will also be baptised. A very special day for all of them and their families.

The Sacraments of Initiation

The three sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Each is meant to strengthen your faith and forge a deeper relationship with God. Baptism frees you from original sin, confirmation strengthens your faith and Eucharist allows you to taste the body and blood of eternal life and be reminded of Christ's love and sacrifice.

Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament where you become united with Christ and the Church – no other sacrament can be received without it.

Confirmation

This is the sacrament that follows Baptism as part of the initiation process with God and the Church, where you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and continue your journey with Christ.

Eucharist

Eucharist means thanksgiving. This is when Christ's body and blood are offered and then received in the form of bread and wine. Christ during the Last Supper broke bread, ate it, gave to his disciples and told them to eat it. Food and drink nourishes our bodies -- Christ's blood and body nourishes us spiritually.

GALATIANS 3:27-29

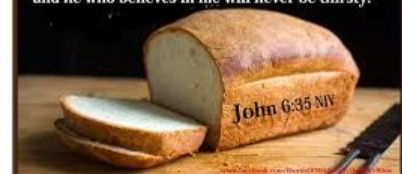
• 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

John 20:22



And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."



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Catholic Character Review On the 11 and 12 November two members of the Catholic Schools Office, Christine Smith and Phillip Mahoney, will be at school to conduct an external review of our school. They will be meeting with staff, students, parents and Board members to find out how our Catholic Character is expressed at St Leo's. External reviews happen every 4 years along with internal reviews which we carry out each year. It is a time for us to reflect on the culture of our school and to ensure we are maintaining the Catholic Character.

St Leo's Feast Day

On 10 November we will start our special feast day with Mass at 9am. Anyone is welcome to join us. This will be followed by a shared morning tea on the field if it is fine. Then we will have our inaugural talent show and will finish the day with tabloid sports. It will be a special way to celebrate the feast day of St Leo.



St Leo's Talent show

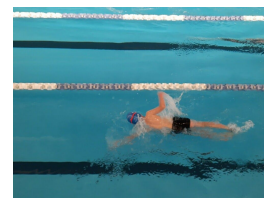
It has been wonderful to see groups of children practising their talents in anticipation of the talent show on St Leo's day. I will be collecting the entries next week.

Sports at St Leo's

Last week many of our children were involved in representing the school in sporting events. On Tuesday a couple of teams competed in the Peninsula soccer tournament, followed on Thursday by 3 teams taking part in the rippa rugby tournament at Kaipatiki Park in Glenfield. Then on Friday a small group competed in the Peninsula swimming tournament. A big thank you to all the parents that help to make these events successful by providing coaching and transport.

Inter-school Swimming Report

7 swimmers from across the school represented St Leo's at the recent inter-school swim competition. Whilst the competition was pretty tough, all our swimmers completed with the usual St Leo's spirit and competed very strongly. A special congratulation to Jacob McGivern for making the 8 year old boys backstroke final, to Chiara Albrecht for making the 9 year old girls freestyle and backstroke finals and to Sienna Glanville for making the open butterfly final and for winning the 9 year old girls breaststroke! It was great to see St Leo's do so well once again. A big thank you to Jody for looking after our swimmers and for all the running around she has been doing for us.



SPCA Cupcake Day

St Catherine have organised this fundraiser and they will be ready to sell their cupcakes on

Wednesday 4 November at lunchtime. They will be selling them for **\$2.00 each** so if your child would like to buy a cupcake, please send them along to school with \$2. There will be gluten free options available. All the proceeds will go to the SPCA. I commend the Y6 children for being so proactive in organising this and for demonstrating the school values. Cash only please.



Skool Loop

I am making an assessment about whether the school should continue using this app or investigate a more suitable one. It is important that we are able to contact families through an app which gives an instant notification, in case of an emergency such as a lockdown. I will send out a short survey and would appreciate you taking a couple of minutes to complete this.

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder to please make sure you mark **Thursday 19 November** in your calendar as a day off school.

Kiwi Kapers Concert

The school enjoyed the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra Kiwi Kapers trip that took place on Wednesday. As usual it was a great experience for the children. The lady's hands zoomed so fast across the piano that it was like a cheetah sprinting from one side to another - Julieta Sosa



The actress came sprinting down the theatre, asking questions like a detective on an investigation
- Kate McGruer

Waterwise

Congratulations to Helen Howcroft and Jody McGivern for earning their yellow caps for completing their Waterwise training.



Auckland Primary Principals Conference

Last week I attended a conference for Auckland Principals, one of the few that have managed to occur this year. I was able to gain fresh ideas to bring back to our lovely school and had a chance to network with other principals from around the re.

May God's Blessings be with you all

Ma te atua manaaki

Maureen Harris



Important dates this term:

Week 3	Sunday 1 Nov	First Communion/Confirmation Mass
Week 4	Wednesday 4 Nov	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music
	Thursday 5 Nov	Waterwise for St Catherine
	Friday 6 Nov	Assembly Mufti Day Fair collection - Luxury item for raffle
Week 5	Monday 9 Nov	St Mary's College orientation day
	Tuesday 10 Nov	St Leo's Day - Mass and Talent show
	Wednesday 11 Nov	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Catholic Character Review

	Thursday 12 Nov	Waterwise for St Catherine Catholic Character Review
	Friday 13 Nov	Carmel and Rosmini orientation day Fair collection - 2 x Christmas gifts - for lucky dip
Week 6	Monday 16 Nov	Kiwisport T-Ball
	Wednesday 18 Nov	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Puberty talks parent evening (Y6) - 6.30pm
	Thursday 19 Nov	Teacher only day
	Friday 20 Nov	Assembly Peninsula Kapa Haka Fair collection - Multi Packs of mini chocolates Drop off home made sweets eg fudge, coconut ice etc
Week 7	Monday 23 Nov	School Athletics
	Tuesday 24 Nov	Class, sport and individual photos with Photolife
	Wednesday 25 Nov	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Year 5/6 camp
	Thursday 26 Nov	Year 5/6 camp
	Friday 27 Nov	Year 5/6 camp
	Saturday 28 Nov	Drop off home baking to the hall
	Sunday 29 Nov	Christmas Fair
Week 8	Tuesday 1 Dec	Y6 trip to Rainbow's End
	Wednesday 2 Dec	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Peninsula Athletics
	Thursday 3 Dec	Y6 Puberty talks
	Friday 4 Dec	Assembly - Jesse Tree liturgy Peninsula savaday
Week 9	Wednesday 9 Dec	Kapa Haka 8.45am and Lewis Eady Music Y6 graduation dinner
	Thursday 10 Dec	Waterwise for St Catherine
	Friday 11 Dec	Nativity play Reports to go home
Week 10	Wednesday 16 Dec	Graduation Mass 9.15am School finishes at 12 noon
2021	Wednesday 3 Feb	Term 1 starts



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.

Photolife Photos

On November 24th we will be having class, individual, sibling and team photos done by Photolife.

PhotoLife

We had asked for all sports uniforms to be returned but if you haven't returned it please hold on to it until after the photos. If you have returned your uniform could you please ask your child to see Renee to collect a uniform before the 24th so we are ready on the day.

Yummy stickers

Thank you to those families who collected Yummy stickers. We received \$282 to spend on 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.

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children whose names are in the Celebration Book:

Honor Hansen - Merit in Highland Dancing

Sienna Warner - Merit in Highland Dancing

PTFA News and Events

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

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

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. Spaces still available are:

Runners

Money counters

Site set up (then you are free to go on a stall if you can)

Security

Bouncy Castle

Face Painting and Hair

Splat the Grinch

Pin the Nose on Rudolph

Christmas Decoration Making

Marbles stall (Ruth is unable to be here but is kindly providing items to sell)

Santa's Grotto

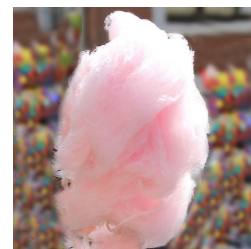
Deals of Devonport books and tea towel sales

Bacon & Egg Rolls

Tacos

Candy Floss & Popcorn

Cafe



Raffle tickets

Each family has been allocated 3 books of raffle tickets to sell and these were sent home with your child yesterday.

These are due back at school by Wednesday 18th November. If you are unable to sell all your books please return them to the school office so they can be reallocated.

If you are unable to get into the office to sign up 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.

Collections are:

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.

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.

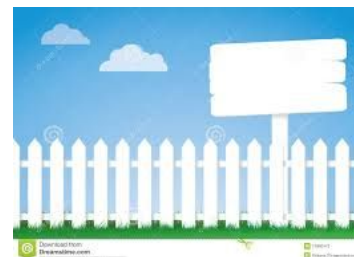
If you are able to be a super baker or sweet maker who can bake or make a higher volume of cakes and lollies please let us know.

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 please.

Fence for signs

Do you have a fence that is visible from a fairly busy road? If so and you are willing to put an A2 fair sign on your fence please let Renee know.



Jars

Do you have any jam jars and smaller lurking in your cupboards that you would like to get rid of. If so please drop these at the office as soon as possible.

Vouchers

Fair dollars vouchers will be on sale from the office from Tuesday 10 October. These vouchers are accepted in the stalls in place of cash and are for St Leo's students only, This saves your child having to carry around cash while you are working on a stall. \$10 gives you \$12 worth of vouchers. Pre buy these before the fair to make life easy. They will also be on sale on the day of the fair.

Community Notices

The Auckland Girls' Choir is looking for girls aged 10 to warmly welcome girls from St Leo's Catholic School to With a proud tradition spanning more than 20 years, the accessible, enriching choral experiences for young girls from the greater Auckland region. 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.

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17 to be part of the Choir. We audition.

choir was established to provide

"The Auckland Girls' Choir isn't just about teaching girls how to sing; it's also about empowering them to be strong leaders" Leonie Lawson, Founder

Membership in the Auckland Girls' Choir is via audition where vocal fluency, musicianship, and overall potential will be assessed.

Auditions for the 2021 intake will take place on:

Saturday, 7th November, 9am to 4pm and Saturday, 14th November, 9am to 4pm

For more information about the auditions process please refer to the [Audition Information Sheet](#) and complete the [Application Form Online](#) or [Download](#) from [the Auckland Girls' Choir website](#) to apply.

If accepted into the Choir, girls are expected to attend weekly choir rehearsals that span the regular school year. Attendance at a separate weekend workshop in each of the four school terms is also required, as well as full commitment to all performance engagements.

For more information about the choir, its history, values and operation please refer to our [FAQ](#). Web : <https://www.akgirlschoir.co.nz/auditions> Email: agcinfo@akgirlschoir.co.nz or laurajanethomson@gmail.com

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