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Tena koutou whanau

We have come to the end of another year at St Leo's and what a year it has been! Definitely not what we had planned but we have made it through and achieved an awful lot despite the lockdowns.

It is always sad to say farewell to our Year 6's and this year we also farewell Tima Moataane after 15 years of service to our school. They will be moving to new horizons and we wish them well and I see success in each and every one of them. May God bless them all.

I wish you and your families a very restful and happy holiday full of sunshine and fun (and no more lockdowns!). Have a blessed Christmas and I will see most of you again next year.

I used this prayer in my final newsletter last year but it is a beautiful prayer so here it is again...

*At the end of this school year we give thanks to
God:*

*For all the teaching and learning that has taken
place in our school,*

both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared;

For the respect and care that has been given.

*We give thanks for the friendships that have just
begun*

and for those which have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily lives,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

*We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask
you Lord -*

Bless our students as they finish their school year.

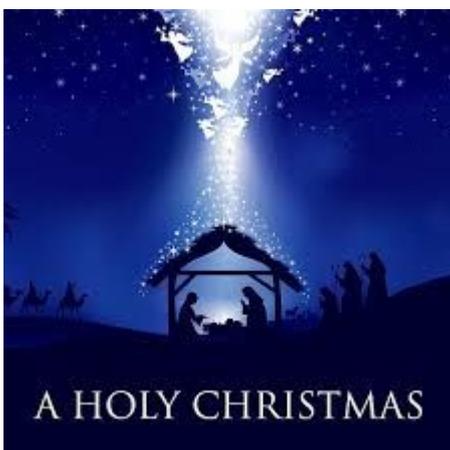
Bless our families as we take our holidays,

may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

*Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and
refreshed*

to continue our journey together .

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



Tima's official Farewell

This afternoon we will celebrate a poroporoaki to farewell Tima. Many thanks to Jessie Wescott who will act as Kai Karanga (the person who calls for the school family) and Alice Gillies who will act as Kai Whakaatu (the person who calls for the manuhiri, the visitors). This is the first time we have done this and it should be a special occasion for Tima. Thanks also to Morris Pita who will be speaking for the manuhiri. We are going to miss Tima as he has been such an integral part of our school and we want this celebration to be an amazing send off for him. We will present him with a gift from the school and Board. Many thanks to the families who donated money toward the gift.



Tile wall

The tiles have been put up on the wall outside St Catherine on the Owens Rd side. This was Tima's final job as the caretaker. I think the children will enjoy seeing their artwork with their names on and this will last for many years to come.



End of Year Graduation Mass

Tomorrow will begin with the Graduation Mass. Please make sure children are on time to school so we can be seated and ready for Mass at 9.15, in the church. This is a special school occasion, not just for the children graduating from St Leo's. All families are welcome and can join us afterwards for a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Celebrating Past Pupils

We are proud to highlight the successes of our past pupils after the announcement of the Rosmini Dux with Anthony Pita.

Eli Hansen - outstanding achievement (top 10% of year) in Music, Math, English, Science, Health and commitment to learning award.

Honor Braid - 3 Distinctions in Mathematics, Religious Education, Social Studies

Jack Copus - excellence top 10% in Science

Ed Wescott - academic awards for Science, Social Studies and Technology and a Commitment to learning award.

Anthony Angelo - Outstanding Academic Achievement in English and Art as well as an award for Commitment to Learning.

Sam Murphy - Certificates for Commitment to Learning and Academic achievements.

Joseph Wolfkamp - Certificate for Outstanding Level of Academic Achievement in 8 subjects and was awarded the Ian Johnson Cup for Persistence for Year 7 & 8 boys.

Abigail Goosen - Deputy Principal cup for outstanding commitment and consistent attitude in all curriculum areas and the Suckling cup for academic excellence.

Jesse Tree Liturgy



Many thanks to Lucia and Adrienne for putting together the Jesse tree liturgy. The ornaments remind the children of the Bible stories which make up Jesus' family genealogy. The decorations were made by Stephanie Brosnan, Charlie's mum, which is special.

Graduation Dinner

The graduation dinner went very well and Michelle Dickinson spoke to the children about following their passions. A very good message for them to take forward as they move on to their secondary schooling.



Santa Parade

Many thanks to Renee for organising and accompanying the children during the parade. Thank you to Matt Atkinson who drove the float and to the parents who walked with us.

Nativity Play

Many thanks to Julie, Adrienne, Lucia and Dominic who prepared the children for the Nativity play and to Karrin and Molly who helped backstage. It was a wonderful performance by our younger members of the school - definitely the best one yet! We had a large crowd to watch the show too which was fantastic.



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

Maureen Harris



Important dates this term:

	Wednesday 16 Dec	Graduation Mass 9.15am School finishes at 12 noon
2021	Wednesday 3 Feb	Term 1 starts

Sushi

Due to the price of sushi material and employee salary increases it has become necessary for Fishy Business to put the price of sushi up to \$5 from term 1. If you wish to do a term order next year it will be for 10 weeks starting 10 February. There are two options for paying - collect an envelope from the office and return it first thing Tuesday morning (or before) for lunch on Wednesday or order directly from Fishy Business. Pay the money into bank account 06--323-0666763-06, then send a screenshot of your payment and your order to helen_cana@hotmail.com or text to Helen on 021 036 1148

Waterwise

New St Leo's Waterwise Instructors

Congratulations to Matt Atkinson (father of Madison and Izzy) and Caitlin Rooke (St Leo's Old Girl) who have passed their sailing exam and are now qualified as Waterwise Instructors for St Leo's.

We really appreciate all the St Leo's instructors volunteering for us as we can only offer the Waterwise program to our Year 6 kids if we have sufficient numbers. The next Waterwise Instructor training course is expected to run in May/June next year. Instructors learn to sail Optimists and safely operate patrol boats and other water safety skills.

Many of the St Leo's instructors no longer have children at school but keep volunteering for the love of it. However to keep the program going we do need to keep training new current parents every year. I urge all parents to give it some thought over the Christmas break. No prior experience needed!! It is fantastic fun, enables you to meet lots of other instructors across the Devonport Peninsula and, most importantly, makes a real difference to our children and their water confidence.

Details of the next training course will be sent out next year but in the meantime If you have any questions do speak to any of our parent St Leo's Instructors who will be happy to help:

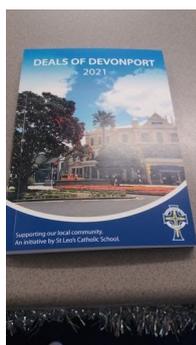
Rachel Steel
Hayley and Kevin Law
Helen Howcroft
Jo Cumberland
Jody McGivern
Matt Atkinson

St Leo's Waterwise Instructors on a recent special tour and morning tea onboard HMNZS Aotearoa



PTFA News and Events

Don't forget to buy your 2021 Deals of Devonport book for friends and family in time for Christmas. There's no better time to shop, dine and get gorgeous locally! Books available from the school office or from Anna and Jane over the holidays or pick one up from The Vic or Paradox Books.



Community Notices

ECC teacher wanted for Small is Beautiful
ECC, 4 & a half days a week. Contact
Val, 0277139958.

STAYCATION SCAVENGER HUNT

DEVONPORT



Meet Kanoa the Clumsy Kākāpō!

Like many of us this summer, Kanoa the Kākāpō is on a kiwi-staycation in the stunning Devonport. After a long journey from her nest on Little Barrier Island, Kanoa the forgetful Kākāpō opened her suitcase to find *there was nothing there!*

Help Kanoa find her missing holiday items in the shop windows on Victoria Road, Devonport!

Buy the *official* scavenger hunt map, with a list of the participating shops and list of missing items, at Devonport Library or via the New Zealand Red Cross website for \$4.

100% of the proceeds will go to New Zealand Red Cross!

Find all missing items and enter a prize draw to WIN awesome prizes!!!

End of December to March 2021

Message from the Government

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has asked if the material below could appear in schools newsletters and notice boards as a reminder for everyone to beware of Covid-19 this holy and festive season.



COVID-19 update from the New Zealand Government

13 December 2020

Make Summer Unstoppable kicks off

The Make Summer Unstoppable campaign has begun!

Make Summer Unstoppable - E te whānau, tautokohia te kaupapa - reminds all New Zealanders about doing the right things to keep each other safe.

This summer will be our first under COVID-19 conditions. It's important we look after ourselves and our whānau over the festive season and summer holidays.

As New Zealanders we cherish our annual summer holidays. We all want an uninterrupted summer — uninterrupted by the weather and uninterrupted by COVID-19.

While we cannot control the weather, we can control COVID-19. Here are four simple things we can all do to keep each other safe:

- Scanning QR codes with the NZ COVID Tracer app keeps us one step ahead of the virus
- Turning on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app allows you to be notified if you've been near another app user who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Staying home if you're sick and do not travel or take part in activities
- Washing your hands often and regularly is one of the easiest ways to keep yourself safe.

This summer, many of us will be travelling around New Zealand and going to big events. Shops will be more crowded than usual, and we'll be going to more social gatherings.

Here are some other things you can do over our first summer under COVID-19 conditions:

- Have your phone ready to make scanning QR codes quick and easy
- You could pack a summer essentials bag if you're travelling, with hand sanitiser, face coverings, cleaning products and a booklet for contact tracing
- Keep hand sanitiser in your pocket or bag
- Shops and events can be very crowded at this time of year, but try and keep your distance from people you do not know

If you're hosting a gathering for friends and whānau, create a QR code for your guests to scan in

- If you're hosting a gathering, consider holding it outdoors. The more space people have, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

If you run a business, use [our Make Summer Unstoppable resources](#), including posters, templates, social media tiles and digital banners.

Check out [our Make Summer Unstoppable page](#) on the Unite Against COVID-19 website

[Make Summer Unstoppable at the beach](#)

[Make Summer Unstoppable at the pool](#)

[Make Summer Unstoppable at the BBQ](#)

[Make Summer Unstoppable at the party](#)



Resources

Information is available in [NZ Sign Language](#), [large print & audio](#), [easy read](#) as well te reo Māori, nine Pacific languages, simplified Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. [Find all the translations here.](#)

Information for [Pacific peoples](#).

Useful [posters for your workplace or community](#).

[Financial support for individuals, whānau, foreign nationals, and businesses.](#)

[Up-to-date Alert Level information](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Alert Levels 3 and 2\) Order 2020](#)

[Case information and numbers from the Ministry of Health](#)

Contact information

Call Healthline if you have symptoms **0800 358 5453**

Need to talk? For mental health help, call or text **1737**

Free helpline for businesses, offering advice and access to Government business support, HR and general business advice and access to online resources and webinars. Call **0800 500 362** for North Island, or **0800 50 50 96** for South Island.

Report issues and people or businesses not following advice to [COVID-19](#)

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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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