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11 February 2021

Tena koutou whanau,

Welcome back everyone and special welcome to our 6 new children, 4 new families and 2 new staff members, Kent and Carol. We have also employed Top Trust Cleaning company to do our daily cleaning. They are also responsible for Devonport and Stanley Bay Schools cleaning.

Over the summer break the playgrounds have had their bark supply topped up and the pohutukawa behind St Catherine and Patrick has been felled. It was a shame to see it go but it was causing damage to the neighbouring property. We have left part of the stump which we hope to incorporate into part of a new natural playground area.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of the Lenten season. We will be holding an ash burning liturgy on Monday and then the whole school will be joining the Parish for midday Mass.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (excluding Sundays) dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. Lent is a time to refocus and to re-enter a place of truth. It is here where we find our true identity.

Ash Wednesday is the best way to begin the season which calls us into self-examination as well as self-denial, into deeper contemplation about the mystery and grace of God's mercy, and towards more radical giving towards those most in need of comfort, sustenance, and hope.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The ancient practice of Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are obtained from the burning of the palms of a previous Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' return to Jerusalem, when people waved palm branches to celebrate his arrival. The ashes are blessed by the priest during the Ash Wednesday Mass after the homily. Then the ashes are applied to each person's forehead in the shape of a cross.
https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/a-printable-reflection-and-prayer-for-ash-wednesday

Community Picnic

The picnic was very popular last year and we hope to welcome as many school families as possible again this year. Bring along your picnic blanket and food and drink and relax and get to know other families in the school. The teachers will be manning the BBQ and there will also be some soft drinks available for sale. Some sport equipment will be available for families to use. 5pm start!

Dedication Mass

On Wednesday evening a group of teachers represented the school at the Diocesean Catholic Schools Dedication Mass. It is a time where we give thanks for our schools and recognise those who have achieved in their Catholic Education Studies. This year I was lucky enough to be recognised for my recent study of a Graduate Certificate in Catholic Leadership and Culture.

Swimming Sport

Next Tuesday we will be holding our annual swimming sports. We will be travelling by bus to the Birkenhead pools. The events are usually finished quite quickly and the children can then have a fun swim at the end before going back to school. Parents are welcome to join us at the pool. We will be there from 10am - 12.15pm. The cost for this is $10 and has been added to your account.

Sacramental Programme

A letter and forms were sent home yesterday for all children who may be eligible for being part of the programme. Just a reminder to return them to school as soon as possible as the programme starts in a couple of weeks. It is a special time for the children.

Lewis Eady music

Just a reminder about music lessons which are available at school on Wednesdays. The tutors provide tuition for guitar, keyboard, violin and other instruments. Click this link if you would like more information. https://www.lewiseady.co.nz/lessons-at-school

P'Form dance/drama sessions

We are once again providing each class with dance/drama lessons for 6 weeks on a Tuesday in Term 1 & 3. They will begin on 23 February. There will be a $20 per child cost and this will be added to your account.

Upcoming events this term.

Week 2	Thursday 11 February	BOT meeting
	Friday 12 February	Community picnic
Week 3	Tuesday 16 February	Swimming sports
	Wednesday 17 February	Ash Wednesday
	Thursday 18 February	Waterwise for Year 6 begins
Week 4	Tuesday 23 February	Dance/Drama lessons begin

	Thursday 25 February	PTFA AGM
Week 5	Wednesday 3 March	Sacramental programme begins
Week 6	Tuesday 6 March	Beach Clean up for senior classes
Week 8	Thursday 25 March	Parent Teacher conferences
Week 9	Thursday 1 April	**Teacher Only day**
	Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 April	Easter break
Week 10	Thursday 8 April	Peninsula Swimming
Week 11	Friday 16 April	Last day of term 1

A reminder that all dates are on the app and website calendars.

Ma te atua manaaki
God Bless,
Maureen Harris

Important Notices

From the Catholic Diocese
Walk a day in their shoes! Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: **www.nph-nz.org/walk**

From the Bishop
FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily email encouragements in LENT 2021 for those who sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz. Take a few minutes each day of Lent to experience Jesus Christ present with you and experience immediate benefits. This Lent's offerings include a TAKE ONE hour a week invitation to be in contact with others who are on the same journey. More information at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Car parking and car park
Just a reminder that no children should enter or leave the school via the staff car park. Please use either the Owens Rd, Victoria Rd or Albert Rd gates. Also a reminder that the space either side of the school driveway in Owens Rd is a no parking/stopping zone before and after school. Auckland Transport often police this and give out tickets to people parked there.

Celebrating Past Pupils
Francesca Lockyer - Service Award
Katarina Lockyer -Service Award and Diligence in Learning Award
Madison Lockyer - Distinction in Physics, Service Award
Gigi Albrecht - Academic Distinction

Singing Lessons

Jess Rogers, Maureen's niece is available for singing lessons. Jess has been performing from a very young age and obtained her Trinity teaching diploma when she was just 17. In her first year out of high school Jess left New Zealand to train at London's Emil Dale Academy. She now also holds a 2 year diploma in Musical Theatre from this academy. She specialises in Musical Theatre and Acting Through Song, but she is also available to teach Pop and Classical Crossover.
https://www.nzmusicteachers.co.nz/jess-rogers/

PTFA News

AGM

The PTFA AGM will be held on Thursday 25 February at 7.30pm in the hall. There will be wine and nibbles and we ask that each family send a representative (regardless of whether you are new to the school or in your last year). Please RSVP to Renee by Tuesday 23 Feb for catering purposes

Deals of Devonport Books - we still have some Deals of Devonport Books available at $25 each. Get these from the office or Paradox Books. Lots of great deals right through to the end of November.

Parish Notices

"Why Memory Matters" - a talk by Dr Rowan Light

Wednesday 24 February at 7pm

St Leo's Hall

Why remembering matters: communities and the past after COVID-19

Whether it's statues, place names, history in schools, or new days of commemoration, New Zealanders have been spending a great deal of time and energy talking about the past. Our public remembrance seems to be at once vital and volatile. How should we make sense of these debates? What is at stake here? Are we, in fact, better off leaving the past behind? Drawing on lessons from the impact of COVID-19 and his study of the history of memory, Rowan Light explores how, just as personal memory is key to the way we construct our identity over our lifetime, so too the collective memory of our communities links us to each other and provides a vision of continuity in the face of radical discontinuity in our everyday lives. In times of crisis and change, humans flourish in "communities of memory" that, providing longevity and cultural frameworks, go beyond our immediate family or household to communicate the value of shared practices and places. Thinking in these terms helps to understand why we should care about what we remember, and also how we might go about carrying out this remembrance.

Devonport's First World War memorial, 1928. Courtesy Auckland Museum

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LITTLECOOKS AT BELMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TERM 1
FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 9
FRIDAYS
3.30-4.30PM

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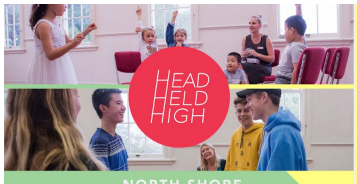

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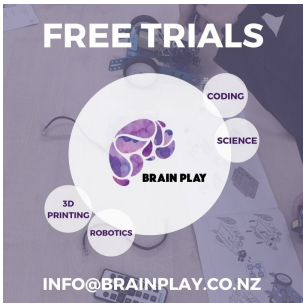

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