

# St Leo's Catholic School

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Tena koutou te whanau,

This weekend is Palm Sunday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the most important part of the church calendar.

Holy Week is definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, His betrayal and arrest. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour Jesus is believed to have died. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

## Guide to Holy Week



### Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



### Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



### Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



### Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



### Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. On this night, people who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Acknowledgement : Grace MacKinnon. "The Meaning of Holy Week." (March 2003)

### Special Baptism

It is a memorable day for families when their children get Baptised, especially so close to the Easter season. So it was very special when 2 of our St Leo's children were Baptised recently. Isabel and Amelia Mena-Levin were baptised on the 14 March. Welcome to our Catholic family Isabel and Amelia. You look happy and beautiful in your baptism dresses.



### Teacher Only Day

Just another reminder that we will be having a teacher only day next Thursday 1 April (Holy Thursday). The school will be closed to the children for the day to enable the teachers to take part in RE professional development.



### Stations of the Cross

This Friday a group of our children will be leading the Stations of the Cross at the Church at 7pm. We are very proud that they will be representing the school. Next week the same group will lead their classes around the Stations of the Cross in the church. The stations depict the Holy Week.

### Dance/Drama

After a late start because of lockdowns, we welcomed our new P'Form tutor Kody Watts to school last week. She has had a great start and all the children were engaged in the sessions she is taking. She will run 2 more sessions this term and will be back for more lessons in Term 3.



### Kapa Haka

Once again we have a keen group of students including ALL the children from St Patrick wanting to be part of the kapa haka. James Pita, brother of Anthony who took the group last year, is going to teach the children. James is also a past St Leo's pupil giving back to the school. He will be supported by Noah Meggitt, a teacher in charge of Maori at Rosmini. Last week they learnt their first waiata, Toia Mai te Waka Nei, with me so they are looking forward to learning more.

### Gardening club



If you have a chance to walk around the school you will see some new garden planting taking place. Renee and her band of keen gardening students are tackling our overgrown gardens and planting more



appropriate plants for the areas. A very special thanks to Renee for giving up her lunchtimes on a Tuesday to allow this to happen.

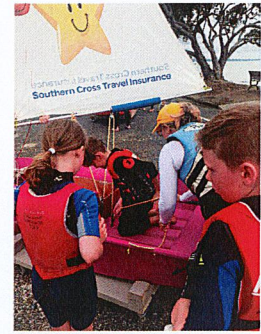
### Caritas Lenten Fundraiser

Every year Caritas has a focus for Lent. This year it is "A new Way Forward". Their mantra is - In our changing world we all need to work together to find a new way forward to transform our world into one that promotes love, hope and justice for all. Our Year 6 ambassadors have organised a mufti day on the last day of school, 16 April. Caritas will use the money raised for a community in Cambodia. More information next newsletter.



## Waterwise

We've had some fine days so it has meant that the Year 6 children have been able to have their waterwise sessions. This is valuable learning for our children and would not be possible without volunteer help. Last week a letter was sent home about training up as a waterwise tutor. Please consider this if you can. From all accounts it is a great social thing to do and gives back not only to your own children but to the wider school community. A number of the tutors currently taking our Year 6s no longer have children at St Leo's.



## Choir, Ukulele and Kapa Haka groups

All these Arts groups are now underway and we have some keen, talented children.



## Student Sharing

St Catherine has a display in the foyer of the office of the children's writing around a picture stimulus. One was in poem form and caught my attention so I am using this for my student sharing this week.

### Flying Solo

My dog and I  
Up in the bright blue sky  
Flying through the clouds  
Feeling so high  
Dizzy  
The freezing wind in my face  
The plane starts to wobble and I brace  
Feeling so high  
The plane beeps and tilts towards the ground  
Travelling at the speed of sound  
Not feeling so high.



By Jacob McGivern Year 5

## Upcoming events this term.

Week 9	Thursday 1 April	<b>Teacher Only day</b> - school closed for students
	Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 April	Easter break
Week 10	Thursday 8 April	Peninsula Swimming
Week 11	Friday 16 April	Mufti Day fundraiser for Caritas Last day of term 1



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

**An important reminder**

Last week I came out to the gate on Owens Rd and was surprised to see some people have forgotten or were not aware of traffic regulation on the road. The area around the school gate is supposed to be kept free (please see the outline below). I also observed children crossing the road alone when being called by someone across the street. This is a very dangerous practice. All adults must come to the Owens Rd gate and take the children across the road safely. There may be other family members picking up the children so please ensure they know the safety rules.

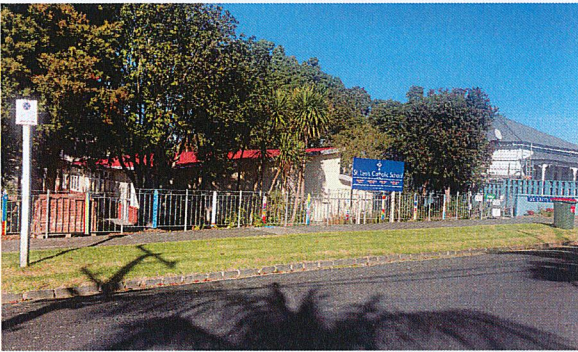
**Owens Rd drop off and pick up**

There are two 'No Stopping' signs on either side of the driveway into the school on Owens Rd. You must **not** park your car in either of these areas between 8.30 - 9.30 before school or 2.30 - 3.30 after school.



It is very important that there is a **strict no parking** policy in these areas for the safety of all children and families.

Visibility is poor for those crossing the road if cars are parked illegally.



The area to the right before the school gates can be used for pick up, **only** if the child/children are waiting - no parking to collect children permitted.

Parking or dropping off / picking up children is **never permitted** in front of this driveway.



Please be mindful of these safety requirements for the good of all our school community. Thank you.

Ma te atua manaaki  
God Bless,  
*Maureen Harris*



**AROHA  
COMPASSION**



**MANAAKITANGA  
HOSPITALITY**



**TIKA  
JUSTICE**



**KAITIAKITANGA  
RESPECT**



## Important Notices

### Attendance Dues

A reminder that Attendance Dues must be paid each term. So if you have not yet paid Term 1 please do so. Term 2 accounts will be sent out the last week of term.

If you have any questions or any problems paying this please contact Renee or Maureen.

### Winter uniforms

If you ordered winter uniforms please collect them from the office before the end of term.

### Celebrating past pupils

Carmel College Top Scholars 2020

Millie Wescott

Amy Usherwood

### Lost Property

There is a lot of footwear in the lost property box. If your child is missing sports shoes or sandals please come and have a look

### PTFA News

All Deals of Devonport books and money need to be returned to the office before the end of term.

### Catholic Schools Office Notice

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfi-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>



### eZlunch is celebrating turning 10! PARTY ON!!

We don't want the party to end! So we'll be running another class party competition.

**Order eZlunch for delivery Now - 1 April and be into WIN!** Party bags for your whole class including a **\$10 eZlunch voucher per child....** AND there's **10 cupcakes** for the school office!

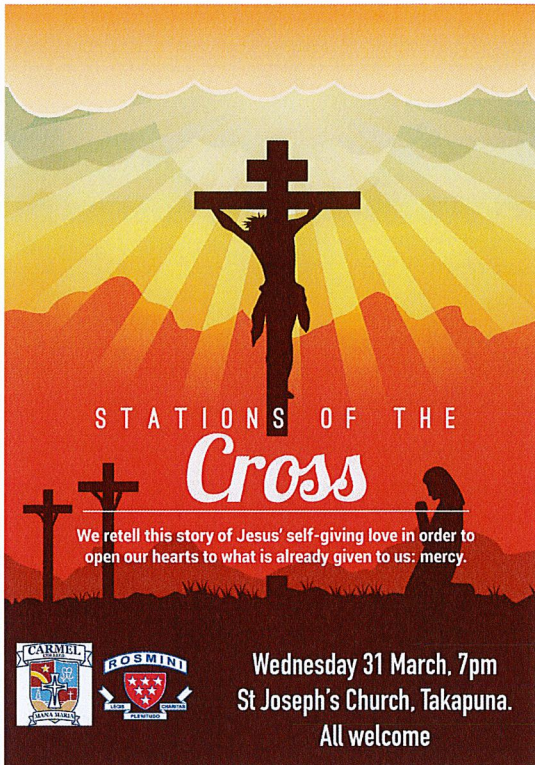


**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Marbles Holiday Programme -**

**Books of Wonder**

It's that time again and we are soooo excited to be offering a holiday programme that is adventurous, imaginative, creative and incredible! Pack your favourite books and join us for an amazing programme. Books of Wonder is our theme for these coming holidays and we have chosen our favourite themed books to celebrate. Visit our website and see what our projects are. This is going to be another sensational programme!



**April Holiday Computer Classes.**

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the April holidays at Westlake Boys High School for ages 5 to 15.

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- **NEW** Minecraft Modpacks
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for

younger children

For information & bookings 488-0787 or [grandtraining.co.nz](http://grandtraining.co.nz)

**"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"**

Come perform in our 17th Holiday show; a week of dance, singing, acting, making costumes and props, performing to family and friends on the last day.

Monday to Friday April 19th-23rd 9am-3pm with before and after school care available.

Programme held at Murrays Bay Intermediate

Boys and Girls aged 5-15 Welcome. Suitable for experienced kids and beginners.

Limited spaces available: Please ring 0211849849 or [email](mailto:info@studio246.co.nz)

[info@studio246.co.nz](mailto:info@studio246.co.nz) for more info.



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**RIPPA WORLD CUP SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
19TH AND 20TH APRIL 2021

The North Shore Rugby Club is running a two-day "Rippa World Cup" fun non-contact rugby tournament for boys and girls from Year 3 to Year 8. Kids in their respective grades from different clubs and schools will be mixed up to form teams "representing" various countries (e.g. England, Australia, New Zealand etc).

**This is a great chance for the kids to have some fun during the holidays, while learning new skills, getting active and making new friends.**

Dates: Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of April 2021  
Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm each day  
Venue: North Shore Rugby Club (Cambridge Terrace, Devonport).

Individual Entry fee: \$120 (Includes playing shirt)  
How to enter: <http://www.northshorerugby.co.nz/RWC> by 2nd April (spaces are limited).  
Please direct all questions to Kim on 021 024 66209 or [kimperch2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kimperch2002@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Pompallier Catholic College 50th Jubilee**

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2021 June 4th - June 6th

[Pompallier Jubilee](https://www.facebook.com/PompallierJubilee)  
[jubilee@pompallierschool.nz](mailto:jubilee@pompallierschool.nz)

Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened in 1971.

All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.

Go to the College website: [www.pompalliercollege.school.nz](http://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz), and click "Jubilee" for further information and to register.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

*"Dilige Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohata to Whakapono"*