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Tēnā koutou e te whanau

It is so lovely to be back at school again with the cooler mornings and still having warm days for the children to get out and play at break times. All the children seem so happy to be back again and have settled in well.

New Pupils

This term we welcome two new children to St Clare:

Aleczander Robertson, brother of Charlotte in St Patrick and Aria West. Wonderful to have a couple of new little ones join St Clare.

Catholic Character

Two new Bishops reps have been appointed to the Board. We welcome Rachel Steel whose daughter May is in St Patrick and Kath Petrie who is the retired Principal of Carmel and chair of the Parish Council. Both ladies bring a wealth of experience to the Board.

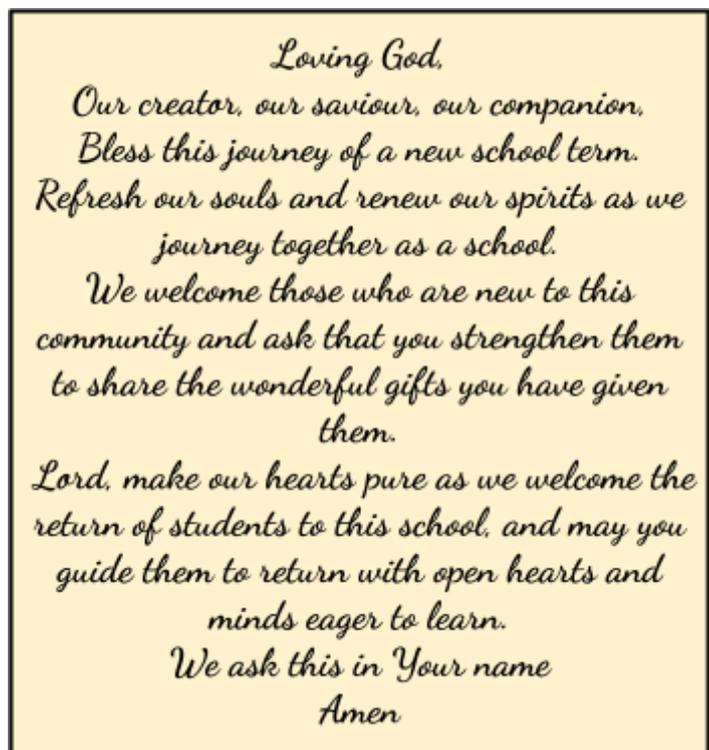
Toward the end of 2020 you may recall had our external Catholic Character review. As a result of the review, we have a number of recommendations to help strengthen the Catholic Character of the school. A lot of the recommendations have been added to our annual plan. This week the Bishops Reps on the Board met to put dates into place for various activities including:

- Whole School Mass - 28 May
- New Families afternoon tea - 10 June
- Family Mass - 27 June
- Catholic information evening event - date to be confirmed shortly

Corenna Rooke from the Parish office has been employed to work closely with the school to build closer ties. She will be liaising with Adrienne as DRS and myself and will be helping to support some of the activities we hope to do this year.

Knowledge-Athon

This term the children will be all taking part in a Knowledge-athon. This is a fundraising event which involves the children learning a set of questions appropriate to their class level, then sitting a test in Week 9. They will collect sponsorship for each question they get correct. The PTFA will be setting up a website to collect the sponsorship. The questions will go home with the children at the



beginning of Week 3 for them to find the answers and learn them. It will be a fun and challenging activity for the children.

High Tea

Although the total amount raised has not been finalised yet, it looks to be between \$4,000 - 5,000 which is an amazing total and a great start to our fundraising this year. Many thanks especially to Karla, Karrin, Sue, Deana, Gin, Gavin and Phill and all the rest of the



helpers. Without these people working tirelessly we would not be able to host these sort of events. There were also some wonderful helpers from Carmel College and the Scouts, mostly past pupils who gave up their Sunday

afternoon to do the waitressing. Many thanks to them. This year the overheads were low with not having to pay for a venue and for volunteers making most of the delicious food. Thanks also to Jane for organising such an interesting and personable speaker in Miriama Kamo. I really enjoyed hearing her speak, as did many others in the hall. Plus my grandchildren were very happy to receive a signed copy of her book.



Caritas Mufti day

On the last day of term we held a mufti day and coin trail for Caritas. A total of \$119.54 was raised. Then we had a yummy fish (or hotdog or nuggets!) and chip lunch.



The weather was beautiful and the children enjoyed sitting in the sun to have their special lunch. At the end of the lunch they were treated to an ice-cream. A great way to spend the last day of school while still raising funds for a worthy cause.



End of School procedures

While we were in the thick of Covid 19, parents were discouraged coming onsite. Now that we are back to normality, you are welcome to come back on to the school grounds again before and after school. At present the teachers are still gathering for prayers at the end of the day but this will not be happening as much as the weather gets colder. The teachers will no longer accompany the children to the gates. You can choose whether you continue to meet your children at the gates or on the school grounds. If parents are running late, please let us know so we can keep the children safe in the office area until they are picked up.

Waterwise Regatta

Orlando, Jonty, Lola and Sienna will be representing St Leo's at the Waterwise regatta tomorrow. We wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy the experience. We are very lucky to be involved in the Waterwise programme and I know the Year 6's look forward to it each year.

Ma te atua manaaki
God Bless,



Maureen Harris



Upcoming events this term.

Week 1	Thursday 6 May	Waterwise begins
	Friday 7 May	Waterwise regatta
Week 2	Thursday 13 May	Final waterwise session
	Friday 14 May	Assembly
Week 3	Wednesday 19 May	Navy Childcare visiting school
	Thursday 20 May	Board Meeting - 6.30pm
Week 4	Thursday 27 May	School Cross Country
	Friday 28 May	Whole school Mass - 12 noon in church
	Friday 28 May	Assembly
Week 5	Friday 4 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Week 6	Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
	Thursday 10 June	Families new to school afternoon tea - 2.15pm
	Friday 11 June	Kahui Ako cultural festival
Week 7	Wednesday 16 June	Peninsula Cross Country
	Friday 17 June	Peninsula Cross Country savaday
	Friday 17 June	Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 22 June	Olympic Ambassador to visit school
	Wednesday 23 June	Leadership day for Whanau leaders and ambassadors
	Thursday 24 June	Rippa Rugby tournament

	Thursday 24 June	Board meeting - 6.30
	Sunday 27 June	Family Mass - 9.30am followed by morning tea
Week 9	Tuesday 29 June	Rippa Rugby savaday
	Thursday 1 July	Knowledge-Athon test day
	Friday 2 July	Mid year reports home
	Friday 2 July	Assembly
Week 10	Friday 9 July	Last day of term

School Fees

Term 2 fees and activities invoices were sent out at the end of Term 1 and are now due.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that all children need to be in winter uniform after Queen's Birthday weekend.

Celebration Book

Well done to the children that represented St Leo's school at the Peninsular Swimming competition last term. They showed excellent sportsmanship and determination especially as we are a small team compared to the other schools.

Sienna Glanville - for water polo. Her team Atlantis City won gold for under 12 year olds and came 1st overall in the tournament.

Celebrating Past Pupils

Spirit of Mercy Awards were awarded to Rona Costello and Tessa Clinton

PTFA News

A massive thank you to Karla, Sarah, Deana, Karrin and Gin for all the efforts in organising the high tea. For those who attended you would agree it was a fantastic event. Thank you also to all that attended.

Parish/School Liaison Role

Over the last few months linking more closely with St Leo's has become a pastoral priority for the Parish Pastoral Council. With this in mind, a Parish/School Liaison role for 4 hours per week has been established to support and strengthen the relationship between St Francis and St Leo's. This could include things like supporting the DRS, providing Catholic Character Support to the BOT, supporting school Masses, assisting with Pastoral Care, facilitating Parish support to the PTFA, as this is a new role ideas and suggestions are welcome, please contact Corenna in the Parish Office, phone 4450078 or email office@devonportcatholic.org.nz with any ideas.

Hi there, my name is Corenna Rooke and I am delighted to be offered this opportunity to strengthen the links between our Parish and St Leo's. I am the Parish Secretary, involved in the Parish Sacramental Programme and volunteer as a Waterwise Instructor for St Leo's. My children both went to St Leo's (a long time ago!) and during that time I was on the Board of Trustees and PTFA, I have always loved St Leo's and felt really lucky that my children could go to such a wonderful school so I am super keen to be involved now. If you see me around do say Hello, I always love a chat and am eager to meet parents and hear ideas to bring our School and Parish closer together.

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