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Tena Koutou e te whanau

Today I have decided to share with you a psalm written by Joy Cowley. Joy is famous in New Zealand for writing many children's books. She is also a Catholic and often writes about her faith. At school each Friday the teachers meet for prayers and often they share some of her prayers.

## Conference

This week I am away in Wellington from Wednesday to Friday attending the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Conference. There are a lineup of interesting speakers which I am looking forward to hearing and bringing ideas back to St Leo's. On the last day we will be celebrating a Mass together with Cardinal John Dew.

## Family Mass

The Family Mass will be Sunday 27 June. The Mass begins at 9:30am and the children, dressed in their school uniform, sit with their families. Some of our children will be reading and doing the prayers of the faithful. Some will be receiving their school candle. There is an expectation that **all** families will attend Mass that Sunday. If you are unable to attend, please let the office know.

## Knowledge-athon

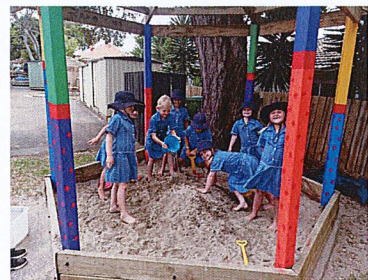
This is our main fundraiser for this term and it is great to have the children involved in a very real way. I hope all the children have been finding out the answers to their questions and have been learning them ready for the Knowledge-athon day on July 1.

We now have a Give a Little page set up to take donations. This is a great way to get grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who live overseas to sponsor the children. Often they miss out on being able to support the children being so far away.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/st-leos-catholic-school-knowledge-athon>

### *The Night Sky*

*Oh God, when I stand under the stars,  
I am filled with nameless awe  
at the immensity of your presence,  
and I wonder how, in my daily thinking,  
I can make You so small.  
Oh Holy One, the All of existence,  
how can I claim to know your mind?  
How can my tiny words describe the Word  
that brought this universe into being?  
Could it be that I worship an idol  
of my own making?  
In your all-pervading presence, You know  
the limitations of the human heart.  
Have You given us this night sky,  
this vision of galaxies growing and unfolding,  
to remind us that we have two gods,  
One that we make in our image,  
and the One who made us?  
Oh God, I stand under the stars,  
filled with nameless awe.*

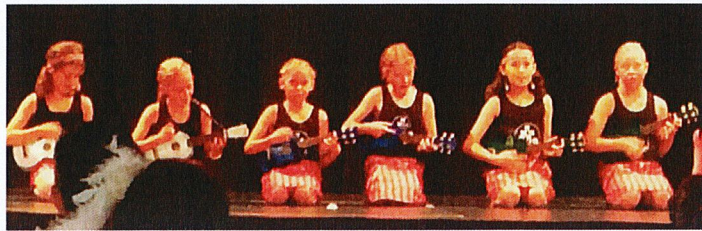




## Kahui Ako Cultural Festival

On Friday last week our very keen Kapa Haka joined the other Catholic Schools on the North Shore. They had a lot of fun and performed creditably. It was great for them to see their tutor, James Pita, front of stage during the Rosmini performance. Definitely gave them something to aspire to.

Six girls also performed a ukulele item after the Kapa Haka. They also did very well. Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day. We are very proud of them all.



## Peninsula Cross Country

On Wednesday 16th June a group of 13 children represented St Leo's at the Peninsula Cross Country. They all performed well and a special congratulations goes to Lucetta Thomas-Cheng who came 4th in her Year 4 race. Thank you to the parents who transported, judged and were marshalls.

## Olympic Ambassador



Next Tuesday Anna Willcox, who is an Olympic freestyle skier, will be coming to talk to all the children. She was born on the North Shore and attended Rangitoto College. Anna began skiing with her family at the age of four but it wasn't until she finished school and began dedicating full seasons to the sport that she discovered her passion for slopestyle skiing. She has competed in many world cups and the 2014 Winter Olympics. We are very lucky to have her come and speak to our school.

## Leadership Day

Next Wednesday I will be taking a group of our Year 6 children to a leadership day in Albany.

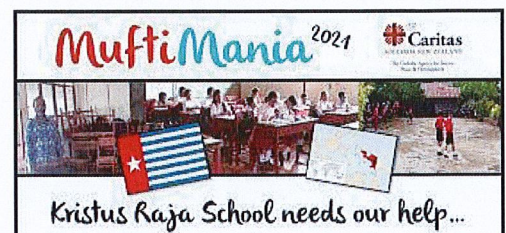
## Rippa Rugby

Next Thursday teams of our children will compete in a rippa rugby tournament.

## Mufti Mania

Mufti Mania is taking place at the end of term (Friday 9 July). Children can wear mufti to school for a GOLD coin donation. We have taken part in this over the past couple of years.

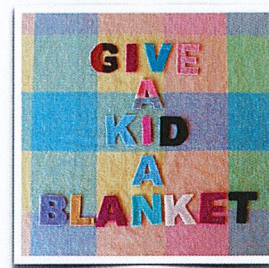
Funds raised this year will help repair toilets and provide new desks, chairs and resources for students at Kristus Raja School in West Papua for when they come back to school. Let's have fun in the last week of term and make a real difference.





## Donate a Blanket

Thank you to all the people who have sent blankets etc to school for this charity. The collection runs from May 29 - July 18. They are seeking blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, pyjamas, beanies, jumpers etc. Visit their website [giveakidablanket.co.nz](http://giveakidablanket.co.nz) or follow [#giveakidablanket](https://www.facebook.com/giveakidablanket) or on Facebook "give a kid a blanket. I will be dropping the items off during the school holidays so feel free to send donations until then.



Ma te atua manaaki katoa  
God Bless,

*Maureen Harris*



## Upcoming events this term.

Week 7	Friday 18 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
	<b>Sunday 27 June</b>	<b>Family Mass - 9.30am</b> followed by morning tea
Week 9	Tuesday 29 June	Rippa Rugby savaday
	Thursday 1 July	Knowledge-Athon test day Years 1 - 4 to Devonport Library for author visit
	Friday 2 July	Mid year reports home
	Friday 2 July	Matariki Celebration at school
	Friday 2 July	PTFA Wine and Cheese evening
	Friday 2 July	Assembly
Week 10	Tuesday 6 July	Open Day at school
	Tuesday 6 July	St Catherine to Science RoadShow Year 3 - 6 soccer tournament
	Friday 9 July	Mufti Mania - Last day of term Wear mufti for a gold coin donation



## Important Notices

### School fees

A reminder that term 2 fees and term 1 activities invoices are now due. If you are having any problems with paying your fees please see either Renee or Maureen.

### Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children who have their names in the Celebration Book:  
The year 5/6 netball team have been having some good games with scores of 17 - 16 win, 17 - 0 win and the latest game was a 12 - 11 win.  
Sienna Glanville - Player of the day netball  
Freya Jameson - Player of the day Fun Ferns netball  
Fun Ferns netball won their game 7 - 0  
Chiara Albrecht - Player of the day North Shore Under 11 Rippa. Scored two tries also.  
May Upton - Player of the day year 3/4 hockey  
Scarlett Inkster - Player of the day year 5/6 hockey  
Higgins Perks - Player of the day Flippa Ball

### Names

Over the next couple of days the children will be bringing home letter stickers. These are removable stickers with a kiwi theme suitable for walls and bedroom doors. Each child will bring home the letters of their name.

If you would like some of these for other siblings please let me know as we have plenty left. These were donated to the school.



### Lost property

There is quite a lot of unnamed lost property at the moment. If your child has lost a fleece jacket or sports jacket chances are it is here. Lost property will be displayed under the verandah by St Francis and Dominic classes tomorrow afternoon. Please come and have a look.

### Job vacancy in Diocese

The Catholic Caring Foundation is looking for a community-focused database/grants and administrator co-ordinator to join their busy team on a fixed term 11-month (August 2021 to July 2022) contract period for 20 hours per week.

The Foundation is the philanthropic trust of the Bishop of Auckland, and annually gives out grants to social service agencies who care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

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Please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies for a full position description and how to apply.

### PTFA News

Mark these dates in your diaries for upcoming events.

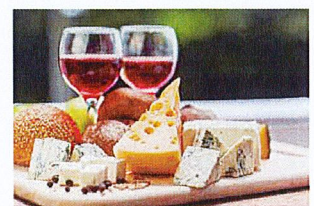
2 July - wine and cheese and movie next door for children

28 August - men's night (rugby watching)

3 September - Children's Disco

26 September - Car boot Sale

28 November - FAIR





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