

# St Leo's Catholic School

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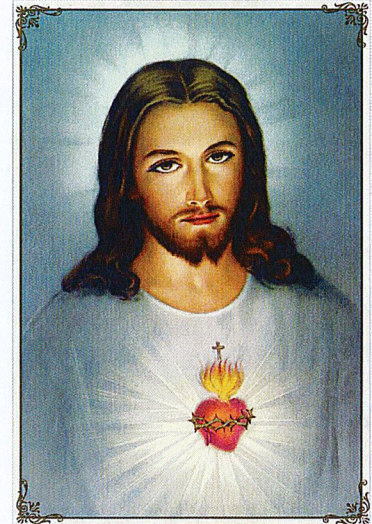
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Tena Koutou e te whanau

Many of you who were brought up in a Catholic family would have been familiar with the image of the sacred heart of Jesus. There was always one on the wall when I was growing up. They were often seen in churches and homes. Next Friday is the feast day of the Sacred Heart so I thought I would share a little about this topic today.

In 1672 a young girl from France, now known as Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, was visited by Our Lord in such a special and profound way that would transform the world. This visitation was the spark for the devotion of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was during the many visitations that Christ explained the devotion to the Sacred Heart and how He wanted people to practice it. He then attached many graces and blessings to the veneration of His adorable Sacred Heart.



The image is one of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.

Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son, Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (or the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ as it is now called), the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

<https://todayscatholic.org/the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>

<https://catholicdigest.com>

## Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that the school will be closed tomorrow for a teacher only day.

## Trip to Devonport Museum

Yesterday St Clare and St Francis walked to the Devonport Museum for a visit as part of the study 'Turangawaewae - the place we stand'. Feedback was that it was a successful learning experience for everyone. It is great to access the local curriculum by making use of resources on our doorstep. Many thanks to all the parents who helped on the day and for Julie Lattimer for organising it.



## New families afternoon tea

Next Thursday at 2:15pm we will be holding a new families afternoon tea in the staffroom. It is an opportunity for our new families to mix and mingle, ask any questions they may have and to meet various representatives from the Board and PTFA.



### **Kahui Ako Cultural Festival**

Next Friday 11 June, our school kapa haka which makes up about half our school, will be travelling to Rosmini College to take part in the North Shore Catholic Schools Cultural Festival. A small group of ukulele players will also share an item. It is a great occasion for our children as it allows them to experience other cultural groups from other schools and the Rosmini kapa haka is particularly impressive with their haka.

### **Whole School Mass**



Last Friday we celebrated a beautiful Mass with the Parish. I had some Parishioners compliment the school on the beautiful singing and involvement in the Mass. Fr Neil talked about the Holy Spirit to the children and asked them about their knowledge. It was special to see a group of children on the altar with Father and then all the children receiving a blessing during communion.

Thanks to everyone who donated food for the St Vincent de Paul food bank. Everyone was very generous and we brought 4 baskets full of food to the altar which was amazing for our small school.

### **Cross Country**

The weather was perfect last week for our cross country. We had plenty of parents supporting and many thanks to all those who acted as marshalls around the course. I loved the way our children encouraged each other and cheered everyone's efforts. The course was quite long and challenging for some and it is wonderful to see them rise to the occasion and to do their best. A small group will now represent the school at the Peninsula cross country in a couple of weeks.



### **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 come along to Mass that Sunday. If you are unable to attend, please let the office know.

### **Methodist Pre-school visit**

Today the Methodist preschool came for a visit to our school. When I went in to visit they were all enjoying reading one of my favourite big books about Greedy Cat. It is lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning.



### **Knowledge-athon**

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. The sponsorship details will be coming out soon.

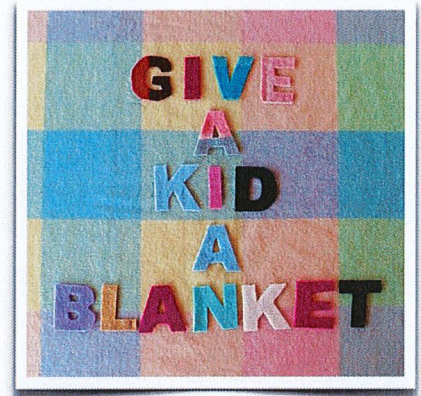


## Welcome back to Juliette Goosen

It has been lovely to welcome Juliette back to St Leo's. Juliette used to go to St Leo's a few years ago and seeing her beautiful smiling face back again is a treat. She has settled back into St Catherines with her old friends.

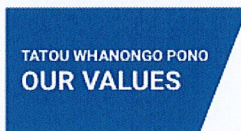
## Donate a Blanket

Often charities sending information come to my attention but this is one I thought the school community might be interested in. This charity donates excellent quality pre-loved items and new items to families in need, through health and social agencies. 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** or on Facebook "give a kid a blanket. I think this charity encapsulates our school values very well. I am happy to collect any items at school and to get them to a drop off point.



Ma te atua manaaki katoa  
God Bless,

*Maureen Harris*



## Upcoming events this term.

Week 5	Friday 4 June	<b>Teacher Only Day - school closed</b>
Week 6	Monday 7 June	<b>Queen's Birthday - school closed</b>
	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 18 June	Peninsula Cross Country savaday
	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
	Friday 2 July	Mid year reports home
	Friday 2 July	Assembly
Week 10	Tuesday 6 July	Open Day at school
	Tuesday 6 July	St Catherine to Science Road Show Year 3 - 6 soccer tournament
	Friday 9 July	Last day of term

### **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.

#### **Winter uniform**

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

#### **Celebration Book**

Congratulations to the following children who have their names in the Celebration Book:

Nicolas Busch - Player of the day Flippa Ball

Year 4/5 netball team won 13 - 0 against Takapuna Primary

Pippa Copus - Player of the day Netball

Fun Ferns netball team won their game 9 - 0

Grace Rumble - Player of the day Fun Ferns Netball

Isabelle Atkinson - Player of the day Fun Ferns Netball

Louie Brodie - Player of the day year 3/4 hockey

Bella Albrecht - Player of the day year 3/4 hockey

Year 3/4 hockey team drew 1 -1

May Upton - notable mention for her entry into the Kaitiaki2Share competition (almost made it to the top 10)



## Parish News

Thank you so much to all the St Leo's children and their families for their kind donations of food items to St Vincent de Paul, these will be used in our food parcels to the needy. We really appreciate your generosity.



Thank you to all the St Leo's families who have signed up for the Greeting/Offertory roster for Sunday morning Mass. We will start this Sunday, please contact Corenna in the Parish Office if wish to be added to this roster. Please email [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

We would like to invite St Leo's families to the Parish Matariki Pot luck family Dinner, on Saturday 3 July 6.30pm in St Leo's hall. Please contact Corenna for more details. All welcome, we would love to see you there.

## EZLunch

### Win a lunch shout!

To brighten up these Winter days... we're excited to be running the Lunch Shout giveaway.

## Win \$50 to spend on lunches Plus \$10 to shout your teacher.

Order lunch to be delivered between Tuesday 8 June and Friday 18 June and go in the draw to win.

- Every order gets you another entry.
- Three winners will be drawn. Each winner will receive a \$50 ezlunch credit and a \$10 ezlunch voucher for their teacher.

T&C's - Winners will be selected randomly and notified by phone or email. Open to NZ residents only. Competition ends and will be drawn on Friday 18th June 2021 at 10am.