

# St Leo's Catholic School

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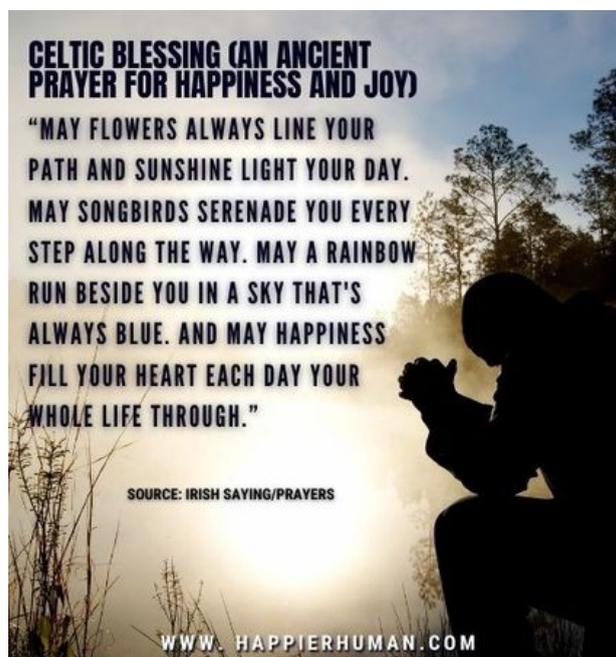
29 July 2021

Tena Koutou e te whanau

It is great to be back at school again after a break. The children and teachers are feeling refreshed and looking forward to another term of learning. This term we have 2 special events, a book week in Week 5 and a student expo of learning in Week 8. A detailed calendar of events is in this newsletter so take note of the important events coming up.

In the latest edition of the NZ Catholic there was an article about 'Joy' by Fr Ron Rolheiser. Seeing the joyfulness of our children returning to school and being with their friends again, I thought this would be a good focus for my Catholic Character thought this week.

Joy is not just a sure sign of the life of God in the soul, it is a sign of the life of God - full stop! God is joy. This is not something we believe easily, given the depictions of God we see around us. He is often depicted as disappointed or displeased with us. Scripture tells us though, that God is the author of all that is good and that all good things come from God. The article goes on to imagine God as a smiling grandmother or grandfather, delighting in our lives and energy, at ease with our littleness, forgiving our weakness, and forever gently trying to coax us towards something even greater. A much more positive image! We obviously cannot feel joyful all the time, life is not like that, but it gives hope that our faith in God helps us to try to live as fully as possible.



## Information evening

On Thursday 19 August at 7pm, we are having an information evening for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and traditions. In the survey we undertook last year, parents expressed a wish to know more about the Catholic faith, so Corenna Rooke from the church office has offered to run the meeting. All are welcome.

## Tima's Flagpole

When Tima resigned as our caretaker last year, he donated a flagpole to the school. We finally managed to get it installed over the holidays and on Wednesday, Tima came and was part of the official raising of the flag. All the children came out to watch it being raised for the first time and we all sang the National Anthem. Two senior children will now be responsible for raising it each morning and taking it back down in the afternoon. It is a wonderful gift for the school and we thank Tima very much.



## Caring Mass

Every year we nominate two children to represent St Leo's at the Caring Mass held at Christ the King Church. This year Lily Claxton and Yila Van Loggerenberg were nominated as shining examples of caring at St Leo's. They received their certificates from Bishop Michael on Wednesday at the Mass.



## Survey

Every two years the school is required to survey the community about our Health and Physical Education programme. A survey will be sent to you on Friday. It will only take about 3 minutes to complete and we would really appreciate your feedback. Please let me know if you don't receive it.

## Outreach

It is that time of year again where we have our annual 'Cans for Christmas' drive for St Vincent de Paul. The classes will be having a competition again as this is a very good cause which we like to support. Mufti Mania - We raised a total of \$73 from our mufti day on the last day of school.

## Open day

During the last week of term we held an open day at school. We had 6 families through the school and they were very positive about what we had to offer. A group of our ambassadors from St Catherine and St Patrick showed the families around the school. The feedback I received from the families was how impressed they were with the confidence and maturity our pupils showed. I was very proud of them and we hope that some families will enrol their children at our wonderful school.

## Olympic Experience

St Catherine went to the city on Tuesday to take part in the 'Olympic experience'. They got to participate in various activities. The feedback we received from the organisers was that St Leo's were the **best** group of children they had had through. They said they were calm, well mannered children who asked sensible questions. We are very proud of them all and thank you to Mr M for preparing the children so well.



## Olympic Day

On Friday 13 August we are holding an olympic sports afternoon. The children will be 'representing' countries as they compete in various activities. The winners will receive gold, silver and bronze medals.

## PTFA Wine and Cheese

It sounds like the wine and cheese night was successful with the families who attended having a pleasant evening and the children really enjoying the movie they watched.

## St Leo's Matariki Day

Our Matariki soup day was a great success. The children sang their Matariki Macarena well and showed they had a good understanding of what Matariki was. The soup was very popular with most of the children. Some came back for seconds. The idea of Matariki is for whanau to enjoy celebrating together and that is exactly what we did.



### Science RoadShow

In the last week of Term 2, some children from the senior school went to the science roadshow. The children all enjoyed the experiments which were available for them.



### Family Mass

family Mass this term on Sunday 19 September. Remember to add this date to your family calendar.

### Soccer Tournament

Also in the last week of Term 2, some children represented St Leo's in a soccer tournament. They all competed well and had a great day. The year 3/4 team came home with a cup for

winning the plate trophy. Congratulations and thanks to the coaches for all the teams.



### Peninsula Choir Festival

On Thursday 12 August, the choir will be performing at Belmont School along with other choirs from the Peninsula area. Many thanks to Dominic Blaazer who puts in so much effort to train our children to a high standard.

### High School Musical

During the school holidays, Sienna Warner and Juliette Goosen performed in the Auckland Performing Art Academy stage show of High School Musical at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. They had a wonderful time being on stage and are looking forward to taking part in another show toward the end of the year. Musical theatre is an excellent activity for children.



Ma te atua manaaki katoa  
God Bless,

*Maureen Harris*



### Upcoming events this term.

Week 1	Monday 26 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kapa haka starts for term at 8:45am</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 27 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Catherine to Olympic Experience at the Cloud</li> <li>• Y1-4 cricket day</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caring Mass at Christ the King 11:30am</li> </ul>
	Thursday 29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance/Drama classes start</li> </ul>
Week 2	Mon - Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Harris at NZ Principals Conference</li> </ul>
	Friday 6 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> </ul>

Week 3	Tuesday 10 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis sessions for whole school</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 11 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1/2 soccer tournament</li> </ul>
	Thursday 12 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peninsula Choir festival</li> </ul>
	Friday 13 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympic sports afternoon</li> </ul>
Week 4	Tuesday 17 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis sessions for whole school</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 18 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Whole school Mass 12 noon</b></li> </ul>
	Thursday 19 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rippa rugby tournament</li> <li>• Parent Catholic information evening</li> </ul>
	Friday 20 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> </ul>
Week 5	Monday 23 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Week begins</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 24 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rippa rugby savaday</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 25 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramental Programme begins</li> </ul>
	Friday 27 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book week dress up day</li> <li>• Daffodil Day</li> </ul>
	Saturday 28 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTFA Dad's night out</li> </ul>
Week 6	Tuesday 31 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peninsula Speech competition at St Leo's</li> </ul>
	Friday 2 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Disco</li> </ul>
Week 7	Friday 10 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day for Cans for Christmas</li> </ul>
Week 8	Social Justice week	
	Wednesday 15 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peninsula Dance Festival</li> </ul>
	Thursday 16 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Student led sharing of learning expo</b></li> </ul>
	Friday 17 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> </ul>
	Sunday 19 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Mass</b></li> </ul>
Week 9	Monday 20 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photolife team photos</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 21 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Schools Cross Country</li> </ul>
	Thursday 22 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy Marae visit for St Catherine &amp; St Patrick</li> </ul>
	Sunday 26 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PTFA car boot sale</b></li> </ul>
Week 10	Wednesday 29 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Schools Day visit to St John's</li> </ul>
	Friday 1 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Last day of Term 3</li> </ul>

## **Important Notices**

### **Term 2 Invoices**

Invoices for term 2 activities and term 3 fees were sent out at the end of the term. Payment of these as soon as possible would be appreciated.

### **Celebration Book**

Congratulations to the following students who have their names in the Celebration Book:  
Green machine tackle rugby team won their game and Hunter O'Keeffe was Player of the Day.  
Year 3/4 hockey team won their game and Parker Weekes was Player of the Day  
Year 3/4 hockey team won their game 8 - 0 and Poppy Weekes was Player of the Day  
Year 5/6 hockey team drew their game 1 -1 and Isabella Brodie was Player of the Day.

### **Letter stickers**

If anyone would like some more of these or have friends that would like some please let me know as we still have plenty left. These are removable stickers with a kiwi theme suitable for walls and bedroom doors.

### **Lego**

If anyone has any sets of lego with instructions that they are not using Mrs Lattimer in St Clare's is looking for some for her class.

### **PTFA News**

Mark these dates in your diaries for upcoming events.

28 August - men's night (rugby watching)

3 September - Children's Disco

26 September - Car boot Sale

28 November - FAIR

### **Parish News**

Last term we began a Greeters/Offertory roster for St Leo's Families during Sunday morning 9.30am Mass. We had a good response and are now looking to make up a roster for this term.

Would you like to be part of this roster?

What does it involve? – Arriving a few minutes before Mass, welcoming Parishioners, handing out hymn sheets, and taking the gifts forward at Offertory time. We ask the whole family to take part, parents, older siblings and St Leo's children. Or a couple of families could do this together if they wish. There is always someone at Mass to help or show you what to do. If you would like to become part of this roster please contact Renee in the School Office or email Coreenna at St Francis De Sales and All Souls directly [office@devonportcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@devonportcatholic.org.nz)

# Community notices



**HEAD HELD HIGH**

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LESSONS**

**WHO?**  
Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

**WHEN?**  
Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are at St George's Community Centre after school on Wednesdays, between 3.30pm - 7pm.

**WHERE?**  
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