

# St Leo's Catholic School

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Tena koutou e te whanau

It is good to see we are finally at level 3 after 5 long weeks at level 4. I enjoyed popping down the road to the local cafe for a 'real' coffee.

It is great to see that people are taking up the vaccinations. I've had both my jabs and I know several of the staff are fully vaccinated too which gives us a little more confidence once we are back at school.

## Lord Let Me Walk With You

Lord let me walk with You

Although my steps are small

Stay beside, hold my hand

And never let me fall.

Amen.



### School grounds

I'm sure on your walks around Devonport over lockdown many of you would have noticed the length of the grass and the weeds in the garden. This week Renee and I have been busy cleaning up the gardens and grounds. Renee's brother with his ride-on mower took 860kg of lawn clippings to the dump. That's a lot of grass! The school is looking a lot neater although with another storm coming through we're sure to have more plant debris across the grounds, worst luck.

**Examples of distance learning happening at St Leo's.....**

The children have continued to produce some great work while in lockdown. Today I had 22 children from St Catherine and St Patrick join me for a Kahoot Zoom meeting. This was so popular that we will have another one next week.

I'm not usually one for sharing things from social media but I received this recently and thought it was worth sharing;

**Grateful for...**

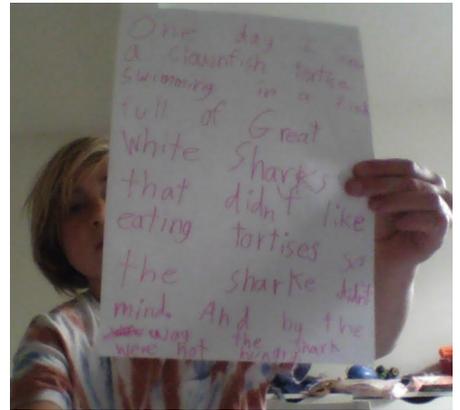
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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Early wake ups         | = Children to love     |
| 2. House to clean         | = Safe place to live   |
| 3. Laundry                | = Clothes to wear      |
| 4. Dishes to wash         | = Food to eat          |
| 5. Crumbs under table     | = Family meals         |
| 6. Grocery shopping       | = \$ to provide for us |
| 7. Toilets to clean       | = Indoor plumbing      |
| 8. Lots of noise          | = People in my life    |
| 9. Endless questions      | = Kids' brains growing |
| 10. Sore and tired in bed | = I'm still alive!     |

**Amen**



Kia haumaru te noho (Stay safe)  
Ma te atua manaaki e katoa  
God Bless,

*Maureen Harris*



<b>Proposed Term 4 dates (please note these are subject to change depending on Covid restrictions)</b>		
Week 1	18/10	Term 2 begins
	20/10	Peninsula Cricket tournament
Week 2	25/10	<b>Labour Day</b>
	29/10	Dad's night
Week 3	5/11	Last day for Cans for Christmas collection Rosmini Open Day
Week 5	18/11	Athletics Day
	19/11	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b> Carmel Open Day
Week 6	22/11	Photolife team and class photos
	24/11	Parents Puberty talks info evening via zoon
	25/11	Marae trip
	28/11	School fair
Week 7	1/12	Peninsula Athletics
Week 8	7/12	Year 6 to Rainbows End
	8/12	Leavers Mass (or liturgy)
	10/12	Nativity Play (to be confirmed) Reports home
Week 9	14/12	Leavers Dinner
	15/12	Last day of school. School finishes at midday.

## **Important Notices**

### **Term 3 Invoices**

Attendance Dues, and compulsory fees from terms two and three are now due. Reminders have been sent via email.

If you are having any problems paying these please contact Maureen or Renee

### **Weetbix Tryathlon 2022**

I have set up a school group registration for the 30th Weetbix Tryathlon and registrations will be opening in the next few weeks. The date is 10 April 2022 in Hibiscus Coast.

### **Touch Rugby**

Thank you to those parents who registered their children for Touch Rugby. It looks like we have a team in each group. More details will follow later.

### **Shore to Shore 2022**

This is also on 10 April 2022. More details to follow.

### **Cricket**

A notice was emailed earlier this week gauging interest in entering a Year 4 - 6 team in a girls 6-side cricket tournament. This will be held on Fridays after school for 4 weeks starting November 12th. If your daughter is interested in this please let me know.

### **Yummy stickers**

Thank you to those families who are collecting Yummy stickers to go towards sports equipment for the school. This has been extended until we enter level 2. The new date will be advised once I have it. It doesn't matter if the sheet is not full. Any little bit helps.

If you want to start collecting for next year please pick up a collection sheet from the office.

### **PTFA News**

**Mark these proposed dates in your diaries for upcoming events.**

29 October - Men's night

28 November - FAIR

### **Ezlunch**

ezlunch by Kindo have updated to their new look website!

You can still order exactly the same way through [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz) or the mykindo app.

### **Sushi**

Assuming the term goes to plan there will be 8 weeks of sushi in term 4. Those of you who paid for the term last term have 7 weeks credit.

## Community notices



### ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE SPEECH & DRAMA 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?

Takapuna Primary School.

#### LESSONS INCLUDE...

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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

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During the month of October, Aucklanders are encouraged to discover the city's street art scene by bike with the Street Art Bike Challenge, for a chance to win \$1,000 worth

of amazing prizes.

The EcoMatters Bike Hubs have launched the Street Art Bike Challenge, a month-long photo treasure hunt by bike, in which people are invited to look for street art across the Auckland region and share their photos with the hashtag #StreetArtBikeChallenge. The challenge is part of Biketober, Auckland's annual festival of bicycle fun.

The challenge is a family-friendly event all ages can enjoy while adhering to Covid-19 restrictions and physical distancing.

The Street Art Bike Challenge is made possible thanks to funding support provided by Auckland Transport. Find out more at [www.ecomatters.org.nz/bikechallenge](http://www.ecomatters.org.nz/bikechallenge).

#### HOW TO ENTER

1. Jump on your bike and discover Auckland's array of street art.
2. Take a photo that includes a piece of street art, you, and your bike.
3. Share your photo with the #StreetArtBikeChallenge hashtag in a public post on your Facebook or Instagram profile with the street name and suburb.

**OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS**



Sell your home with us and we will happily donate \$1,000 to St Leo's School

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