

St Leo's Catholic School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whanau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

COVID POSITIVE CASE - I need to inform you that one of our students tested positive for Covid 19 this morning. The student is from Miss Dawbin's class. The family are all isolating at home at present. The student's symptoms are relatively mild. Children in Miss Dawbin's class are not considered to be close contacts under the current settings. At this stage we ask you to monitor for symptoms and get your child tested if they do develop symptoms. I also emphasise that children should still attend school. On site learning is the most normal setting for their learning to take place and staff are working diligently to keep their learning as normal as possible but also to ensure COVID safety settings are being observed.

Ash Wednesday - Yesterday we gathered under the trees for our Ash Wednesday liturgy. At that liturgy staff and students received the ashes that mark the beginning of our Lenten journey, ashes we prepared the previous day when we burnt the palms saved by parishioners from last year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

The ashes are a visible sign of our commitment to a form of spiritual housekeeping that we undergo during Lent in preparation for Easter. They also mark our commitment to some form of spiritual exercise, whether it be in the traditional forms of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, or in some other form of preparation.

Whatever we choose, the main point of these actions is to ready ourselves to welcome the risen Christ on Easter Sunday, after the solemnity of Good Friday.



May your own spiritual journey through Lent bring you to a renewed commitment to live life in love for our Risen Lord; may you raise your children to know Christ's love for them, and may we all live as faithful disciples of Christ. God bless you all in your Lenten journey this year.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

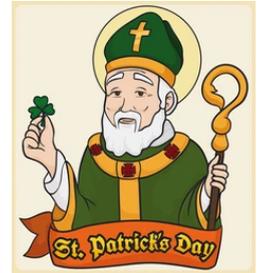
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

Long Live Normality! - It is so nice to spend time around the school and to see children engaged in school life. While masks are in evidence, in all other respects it is the familiar sight of children working on their learning and playing with their friends at the break times, and teachers engaging with their students to support, challenge and encourage them. Long may it continue!

Teacher Only Day - Please note on your calendars that the school will be holding a Teacher Only Day on **Thursday 14th April**, and the school will be closed for instruction. **That means the children's last day this term will be Wednesday 13th April.**

St Patrick's Day "Green" Mufti Day - On Wednesday 17th March we are holding a "green" mufti day. Children can come to school in green clothes, to celebrate a much-loved saint of the church and of our school. You are invited to send along a gold coin donation in support of Caritas' appeal for the people of the Ukraine.



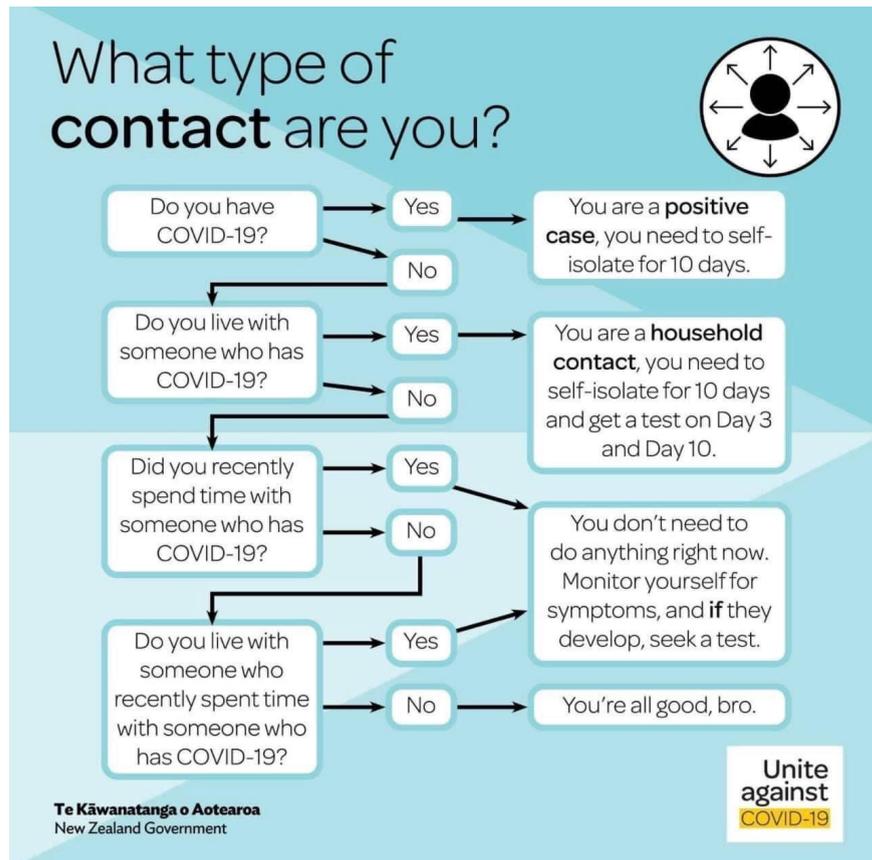
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Keep the Date - Please note that we will be holding our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday 31st March. We will let you know when the booking system is available. Please note that school will finish at 1 pm that day to facilitate the conferences being held.

Can You Help? - The staff would like to set up a Kitchen Kit of equipment to use with the students to carry out a range of cooking activities. If you can assist by donating any items from the list below, please let Renee know at the office. She will coordinate any donations so we don't double up unnecessarily. We are asking for donated items to retain as much of our curriculum budget as possible for other items needed during the year.

Items Requested - Measuring cups, measuring spoons, rubber spatulas, ladles, glass bowls, stainless steel bowls, egg beater, muffin tray, loaf tins, chopping boards (plastic for dishwashers), vegetable peelers, sieves, potato masher, paper towels, rolling pins, electric frypan, crock pot, funnels, paper plates, paper cups (not plastic) , cooking pots (with lids), pot mitts/oven gloves, aprons. Any donations would be gratefully received.

What Type of Contact Are You? - This chart is a quick summary of contact type. I hope it helps.



God Bless,
David Tennent



Important Notices

Safe Speeds for Devonport

Auckland Transport is seeking feedback on a proposed speed reduction for streets [near our school and town centre](#).

We believe that tamariki (children) are some of our most important and vulnerable road users. These proposed changes will help improve safety for our children as they walk and cycle [the streets near the school](#).

The consultation is open until 3 April 2022 and we encourage all of our school community to have their say. The best way to provide feedback is online through the [survey](#) or the [interactive map](#) (a login is required for this option).

For more information on the consultation you can visit [Proposed Speed Limit Changes - Phase Three \(at.govt.nz\)](#)

Attendance Dues

Term 1 Attendance Dues must be paid by the end of the term. If you are having trouble paying these please see David or Renee. You may set up an automatic payment for your fees if you like.

Timetable of events

Monday 7 March	Kapa Haka 8.45am on the small field
Tuesday 8 March	Cricket skills sessions for all classes - PE gear please
Wednesday 9 March	Lewis Eady Music lessons
Thursday 10 March	Year 6 waterwise
Monday 14 March	Kapa Haka 8.45am on the small field
Wednesday 16 March	Lewis Eady Music lessons
Thursday 17 March	St Patrick's Day Green Mufti Day Year 6 Waterwise PTFA AGM 7pm
Monday 21 March	Kapa Haka 8.45am on the small field
Wednesday 23 March	Lewis Eady Music lessons
Thursday 24 March	Year 6 Waterwise Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 31 March	Year 6 Waterwise Parent Teacher Conferences TBC
Monday 4 April	Kapa Haka 8.45am on the small field
Wednesday 6 April	Lewis Eady Music lessons
Thursday 7 April	Year 6 Waterwise PTFA meeting
Wednesday 13 April	Last day of school term for students
Thursday 14 April	TEACHER ONLY DAY Holy Thursday - End of Term 1

Celebration Book

Congratulations to Jameson Oleson from St Clare's class who won the Beanstack Kids Summer Reading prize at Auckland library. Jameson read every day of the 40 week challenge. He also enjoyed picking up rubbish at his local park to earn an activity badge.



PTFA News

Wine fundraiser

After lots of positive feedback and a number of enquiries from parents looking to stock back up after a hot summer break we are running another wine fundraiser.

Please note there are two different wines this time round, the Elara and the Awatere River.

Close off date is the 21st of March.

If you need an order form please contact Renee.

Easter Hamper Raffle and Colouring in competition

Hi St. Leo's Families,

The PTFA are organising an Easter hamper raffle and colouring competition to start the fundraising and create a little fun at the beginning of the year!

We need donations of Easter treats or gourmet food items from each family to fill the hamper. Each child will receive whanau points for their item and donations can be dropped into Renee at the front office. (make sure someone knows you have dropped it off so we can award whanau points). Donations can be brought in anytime from today through to 11 March so we can compile the hamper for viewing.

Tickets will be \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5 and will be on sale from 7 March from the office or by emailing Renee. Cash, eftpos or internet banking available. Raffle will be drawn on Saturday 16th April 2022.



Colour & Win – (Easter colouring in competition for St Leo's students).

This is just a bit of fun for the kids so no pressure to complete – but there will be prizes for the winners! The draw will take place also on Easter Saturday 16th April 2022.

2 different pictures for different age groups:

Categories: year 1-3 students and year 4-6 students.

Colouring in sheets have come home with children and can be returned to our competition post box in the school library before Monday 11 March! Remember to put your Name and age on your sheets. Spares are available from the office.



