

St Leo's Catholic School

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

We were certainly blessed last week with cool, sunny weather where the children have been able to enjoy playing in the lovely sunshine. I have also been lucky to be out on duty and have been getting to know the children and enjoying a game or two of 'bump'. I must say, I am getting better at it.

On Wednesday last week we were fortunate to celebrate our first assembly of the year. The assembly started off with a lovely prayer led by St Patricks. The bible story we reflected on was taken from Mathew 13:1-9. The story was brought to life through a beautiful dramatisation of the sower and the seeds. It allowed us to reflect on the teachings of God and how that helps us to grow and develop in our faith journey. We also celebrated all the wonderful achievements in class and on the sports field.

Just as a planted seed starts to grow, the word of God starts to deepen and grow within a person

High Tea

Thank you to Deana and the PTFA for organising a successful high tea event on Sunday. We had a fantastic turn out. There were also some wonderful helpers from Carmel College and Westlake Girls High, mostly past pupils of St Leo's who gave up their Sunday afternoon to do the waitressing. Many thanks to them. We would also like to thank Nicole from Ivy and Birch for showing us some tricks on how to do a floral arrangement successfully.

Waterwise regatta

Anya Dickinson, Isabel Mena-Levin, Luke George and Patrick Welson represented the school at the annual Peninsula Waterwise regatta. They did a great job and came 3rd overall.



New Pupils

This week we welcome Evie Atkinson to St Clare. Her older sisters are Madison and Isabelle.

Whole School Mass

On Thursday the 9th of June at 10 am, we will be celebrating a school Mass. The theme of the Mass will be Holy Spirit Come to follow up the Pentecost celebration in the weekend. You are most welcome to join the school to celebrate our first Mass of the year.

Cross Country

The Y3-6 children have all been out practising for the cross country run which is scheduled to take place next Friday at Mt Cambria Reserve. They will leave school at 1:30 to walk to the park. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. You are welcome to come along and cheer the children on. You can either meet us at the park or walk down to the park with the children. We will need a couple of parents to walk with the children and teachers.

Can Drive for St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul has a long and proud history of helping people in need in New Zealand. To support families in need during their difficult times we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the rest of this term. Please bring the cans to the office. Bring one can, bring a can a week - whatever you can manage will be gratefully received.



End of School procedures

Now that we are back to normality, you are welcome to come back on to the school grounds again before and after school. At present the teachers are still gathering for prayers at the end of the day but this will not be happening as much as the weather gets colder. You can choose whether you continue to meet your children at the gates or on the school grounds. If parents are running late, please let us know so we can keep the children safe in the office area until they are picked up.

Winter Uniform

We would like all children in their winter uniforms by Queen's Birthday weekend. No mix and matching please. Please note examples of correct footwear.



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

May God's blessings and protection be with you all

Ma te atua koutou e manaaki

Ma te atua manaaki

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*



Other Notices

Attendance Dues

Term 2 Attendance Dues and term 1 activity fees are now due. If you are having trouble paying these please see Vimi or Renee. You may wish to set up an automatic payment for your fees.

Before School Care

Bookings are open for June before school care. Please make sure you book your child in for health and safety reasons.

Dance & STEM classes

The children are really enjoying their dance lessons with P'form dance school and STEM classes with Mr Smallfield.



Yummy Stickers

The Yummy sticker promotion is set to go again for 2022, time to get crunching and collecting stickers. Last year threw us all some curved balls, but this year we are excited to be celebrating our 25th anniversary of running this promotion for schools.

Everything is basically the same as previous years, sticker charts are the same and available on our website. One thing you may find, is some Hailstone Hero apple bags. We had a wild spring storm hit us in Hawkes Bay, damaging a significant amount of our apple crop with hail. Although these look funny, they still taste yummy. The official cut-out is not on these bags, but you can collect the round bar-code sticker as 10 points. These are Yummy apples but branded Hailstone Heroes and available in both New World and Pak'n Saves.



Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children and teams who have their names in the Celebration Book.

Charlotte Robertson - Player of the Day year 4/5 netball (her first ever game)

Year 4/5 team won their game against Devonport School 9 - 6

Sophie Howcroft - Player of the Day year 5/6 netball

Year 5/6 team won their game against Birkdale 11 - 1

Hunter O'Keeffe - Player of the day year 3/4 hockey

Patrick Welson - Player of the day year 5/6 hockey

Madison Atkinson - Player of the day year 5/6 hockey

Year 5/6 hockey won their game 5 - 3