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

In RE we are learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and this week I thought to share a poem about Joy published in the Catholic Refuge:

## **A Gentle Joy**

*There is a kind of Joy that does not offend  
That does not hurt the grieving heart  
A Joy that does not boast that does not look down  
On those who are weeping  
On those who are sad  
But a Joy that lifts up  
A Joy that cares  
A Joy that shares the peace that it has  
For it is a Joy that is deep  
A Joy that is steeped  
In goodness and in love*



## **Whole School Mass**

On Thursday we celebrated our first school Mass of the year. The theme of the Mass was Come Holy Spirit to follow up the Pentecost celebration in the weekend. The students showed reverence and kaitiakitanga during this special occasion. Thank you to the parents and whānau who were able to join us on the day.



## **Teacher Only Day**

The teachers worked alongside Viv Hall from Core Education to unpack the new NZ Histories Curriculum. It was a productive day where the teachers were able to make connections with the local history and charism of the school. This is an ongoing professional development that the teachers will undertake during the year.

## **Mask Wearing**

After careful consideration we strongly encourage students to continue to wear masks during the cold and flu season.

We also require that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors and on school grounds

Just a reminder that we have RAT tests available in the office. If you or your family would like to grab a few, please do let us know or you are most welcome to collect them at the office.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. The teacher has recovered now and we believe that there is no known spread of the virus.

## Whole School Assembly

St Clare led our assembly dramatising the Pentecost story. They showed us how the Holy Spirit helps us to spread the good news about Jesus. Assembly next week will be on Thursday at 12pm.

## Matariki Celebration

Matariki celebrates people, culture, language, spirituality, history and respect for the environment. Respecting Mother Earth: Me aro ki te ha o papatuanuku” Matariki is a time to prepare the whenua on which we live. Matariki is an important constellation for the provision of kai as the whakatauki states, “Nga kai a Matariki nana i ao ake i runga”-Matariki scoops up the food. It is the start for all things new.

On Thursday the 23rd of June we will celebrate Matariki by gathering together as a school starting off with a whole school assembly at 12 pm. A sausage sizzle is being organised by the PTFA followed by traditional Maori games in the afternoon. We would also like the students to please bring either a **kumara** or a **potato** which will be roasted so that the students can share some kai together as a whanau. Please drop these at the office by 22nd June.



### Lantern Making for Matariki Festival

The Year 3-6 students made lanterns on Wednesday 15th of June. This initiative is tied to our Indigenous Ecology and Arts Wānanga and upcoming events around Puanga Matariki. In particular, we have a lantern hikoi (and connecting Peninsula hikoi through the green route earlier in the day) on Saturday, 25 June. Natanahira, parent volunteers and Wānanga volunteers helped the students learn the technique on a pyramidal lantern using patterning from Natanahira's carvings

and traditional stories about Matariki and Puanga stars and whakapapa. More information about the hikoi can be found on this website :

<https://devonport.co.nz/puanga-matariki-celebrations>



## Thrill Zone Technology Experience

The Years 3-6 students took part in a technology challenge and had an awesome time problem solving using their mathematical and technological skills. It was really good to see the students collaborating and supporting each other to achieve their goals.



## Support Staff Day

On Wednesday 8th June we celebrated all the hard mahi that our support staff do. Thank you to Renee, Tania, Jeff, Clare and Dominic for all your support, aroha and care that you give to St Leo's and our community. You are the key to a successful school.



## Peninsula Cross Country

A small group represented the school at the Peninsula cross country on the 8th of June. Congratulations to Lucetta Thomas Cheng who came first in her race.



## Parking

One of our neighbours on Victoria Rd has complained about cars parking across their driveway after school. We realise parking is at a premium but if you could please avoid parking across driveways that would be appreciated. Also no parents are to drop off or pick up children in the staff car park. This is for safety reasons.

## 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. Help us fill this box.



## 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.

## 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

### Firewood

We have bags of firewood for sale. Black rubbish bag full for \$20. Please see Renee if you would like some.

### STEM

St Clare's looked at geometric shapes and patterns. They drew patterns on their Kendamas (Japanese game) and then practised catching a ball in their cup. We ended the day trying to find the class champ.

Appeal to parents... we always need milk bottle tops, eye droppers, any old weights i.e. 100g, 200g etc.



## Timetable of events

Friday 17 June	Year 6 student leaders to GRIP leadership course St Clare to Mass 12.00
Sunday 19 June	First Communion Session 2
Monday 20 June	Kapa Haka 8.45am Pform Dance lessons (last one) Girl's basketball lunchtime (last one)
Wednesday 22 June	Netball practice Year 5/6 netball field day Lewis Eady Music lessons Assembly 10.30am
Thursday 23 June	Hockey practice Sausage sizzle lunch Matariki celebration
Friday 24 June	Matariki Holiday
Monday 27 June	Kapa Haka 8.45am
Wednesday 29 June	Netball practice Lewis Eady Music Lessons
Thursday 30 June	Hockey practice
Friday 1 July	Cheese & Wine/Movie Night Mid year reports home Pyjama Day - Gold coin for Starship
Sunday 3 July	Mass & Practice for ceremony after Mass
Monday 4 July	Kapa Haka 8.45am
Wednesday 6 July	Netball practice Lewis Eady music lessons Assembly 10.30am
Thursday 7 July	Hockey practice PTFA Meeting
Friday 8 July	<b>Teacher only day</b> End of term 2
Sunday 10 July	Confirmation & First Communion



## PTFA News

### Movie/Wine & Cheese Night

Tickets now on Sale for Kids movie night on **Friday 1 July 2022 - 5pm to 9pm** - \$10 per child. Includes 3 slices of pizza, drink and a treat. Options are Margarita, Cheese & Ham, Hawaiian and Pepperoni

Payments can be made by cash / EFTPOS / to School PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00 ref: child's name and movie.

### All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver throughout the evening.

Movies will be shown in St Catherine's and St Luke's classrooms. Children are welcome to wear their Onesies and Oodies, and bring a pillow or beanbag!

Children will be supervised by ex St Leo's pupils, and will not be permitted to play outside.

Tickets available from Renee in the School Office, from 8.30am Friday 17 June to 3pm Wednesday 29 June. Order your pizza when you get your tickets or by emailing Renee.

Tickets to be purchased in advance (Sorry - no door sales due to pre ordering food)

**Cheese and Wine Social** for all parents / Caregivers at the same time.

St Patrick's classroom - **Cash and Eftpos Bar** - Wine, Beers and soft drinks available. No BYO, sorry!

NB we are required by our Special Licence for Alcohol to keep alcohol consumption limited to St Patrick's room.

Come and meet your fellow parents and caregivers!! It's a great evening!!

PS All families are asked to please donate a cheese or two and some crackers towards the evening. Please deliver to Renee's office on Thursday 30 June or Friday 1 July (am) - thank you!!

Sausage sizzle lunch: Thursday 23 June. Orders due by Wednesday 22nd June. Order forms came home earlier this week.

Cheese & Wine/Kids Movie Night: Friday 1st July.

Next meeting: 7 July We will be continuing planning for our major fundraiser - our school fair so please make an effort to attend.

Car Boot Sale - Sunday 7 August - Need someone to lead this please. Guidance can be given.

Dad's Night - 27 August - Helpers needed. Please see Gavin Busch or Renee

Meeting next Wednesday 22 June for those that are interested in helping put together the Dads night. Meet Gavin and Steve at the Vic Road Wine bar at 8pm.



## Parish News:

Podcasts you might be interested in listening to:

1. The Word on Fire Show –

[The Word on Fire Show](#)

2. The Bible in a Year It's the number one podcast in the world apparently and the priest does a reading from the Bible each day so that the Bible is read from start to finish in a full year.

[The Bible in a Year](#)

3. The Road to Emmaus – This is a podcast presenting talks and discussions about the biblical roots of Catholic teaching and practice. The talks are always quite informative and interesting

[The Road to Emmaus with Dr. Scott Hahn](#)

4. Catholic Sprouts – this is a daily 5–6 minute podcast aimed at Kids.

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