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

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Catholics celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The colour of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost and the prayers of the faithful are often recited in different languages.

We are reminded that Jesus loves us more than we can imagine, and He wants us to be free from sin so that we would be at peace with Him and free to love Him with our whole heart.

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that the school will be **closed on the 3rd June** for a teacher only day.

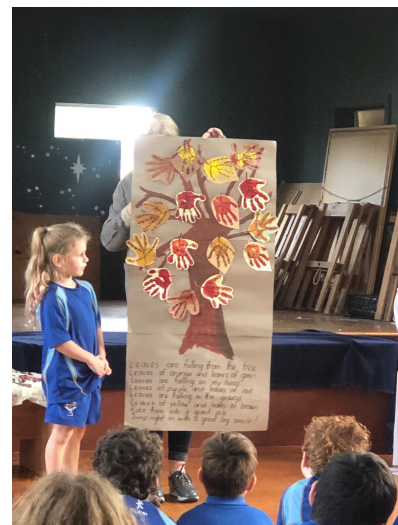
Whole School Mass

Next Thursday the 9th of June at 10am we will be celebrating our school Mass. The theme of the Mass will be the Holy Spirit to follow up the Pentecost celebration in the weekend. You are most welcome to join us in this special celebration.

Whole School Assembly

St Catherines dramatised angel Gabriel's visit to Mary through the bible reading from Luke 1:26-38. When Mary says 'yes' we are reminded that the openness of God's love is never ending, so wherever we find ourselves we are welcomed and embraced by his love: *'the Lord is with you, do not be afraid'*.

St Clare shared their autumn poems which brought the beautiful artwork to life.



New Pupils

Last week we welcomed Ella George to St Clare. Her older brothers are Ezra and Luke.

Science Roadshow

On Tuesday last week, St Catherines students attended the Science Roadshow at Murrays Bay Intermediate. The students had a fantastic time exploring and learning about Ecology and the Environment — Te hauropi me te taiao, Gravity — Te tō-ā-papa and other fun hands-on topics.



Cross Country

The weather certainly was in our favour on Friday last week when we held school cross country at Mt Cambria Reserve. The children all gave it their best, encouraged and cheered on as each group of students ran the course. Thank you to all the parents supporting and many thanks to all those who acted as marshalls around the course. A small group will now represent the school at the Peninsula cross country on the 8th of June.



Rippa Rugby

On Thursday 2 June 4 teams of our children competed in a rippa rugby tournament.

Thrill Zone Visit

On the 7 June the year 4-6 students will be taking part in ThrillZone Outdoor Escape Adventure Game which is a free technology experience funded by Auckland Activation Programme. Outdoor Escape Adventures is a fun game format suitable for all ages that is part escape room, part scavenger hunt, built around Augmented Reality. Teams work together to find clues and solve the puzzles in this engaging technology experience.

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

A reminder that all children should be in winter uniform after Queen's Birthday weekend. No mix and matching please. Please note examples of correct footwear. No sneakers please.



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

Before School Care

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

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children and teams who have their names in the Celebration Book. Louie Brodie - Player of the Day year 5/6 hockey. Year 5/6 hockey team won 7 - 0.

Firewood

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

STEM

In groups (using prior knowledge with their land yachts) the task today was to design and build a rubber band powered car. If needed they could do some research to help and the goal was to go the furthest. We ended the day looking at water molecules. Sprinkle pepper in a bowl of water then dip your finger in washing up liquid. Dip your finger



in and see what happens. We'll continue with this next time as we ran out of time.

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

Thanks to those who are keeping small boxes and dropping them off.

Timetable of events

Friday 3 June	Teacher Only Day
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 8 June	Lewis Eady Music Netball practice Peninsula Cross Country Assembly 10.30am
Thursday 9 June	Hockey practice Whole School Mass 10am
Friday 10 June	Royal Mufti Day- cancelled St Catherine to Mass 12.00
Sunday 12 June	First Communion Session 1
Monday 13 June	Kapa Haka 8.45am P'form dance lessons Girls basketball lunchtime
Tuesday 14 June	PTFA meeting
Wednesday 15 June	Netball practice Lewis Eady Music lessons Parent Observations
Thursday 16 June	Hockey practice
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 Girl's basketball lunchtime
Wednesday 22 June	Netball practice 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	Assembly - St Clare

	Cheese & Wine/Movie Night Mid year reports home
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 6 July	Hockey practice PTFA Meeting
Friday 7 July	Teacher only day End of term 2
Sunday 10 July	Confirmation & First Communion

PTFA News

Next meeting: 14 June 7pm on site, 7.30pm Zoom. We will be starting planning for our major fundraiser - our school fair so please make an effort to attend.

Sausage sizzle lunch: (note change of date) Thursday 23 June. Helpers from St Patrick's class needed. Please see Jane Weekes or Renee if you can help from 12pm - 1.30pm

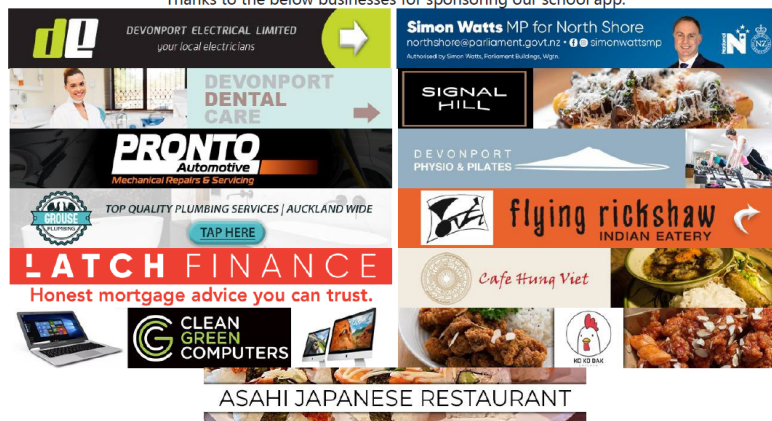
Cheese & Wine/Movie Night/Kids Movie Night: Friday 1st July. Helpers needed

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

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