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30 March 2023

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

This weekend is Palm Sunday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the most important part of the church calendar.

Holy Week is definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, His betrayal and arrest. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour Jesus is believed to have died. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

School/Parish Mass

What a wonderful way to connect as a school/parish community when we celebrated Sunday mass as a whanau. It was great to see many families who were able to join us to celebrate this special occasion. We joined together to share kai and it was fantastic to hear such beautiful comments from the parish on how wonderful and respectful our children are. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us.



St Patrick's Day

The school celebrated St Patrick's Day on 17 March with a liturgy. The children also iced biscuits which they shared after.





Whanau Day

The students had a wonderful time (including the teachers and myself) on Friday afternoon. The Whanau leaders had prepared an afternoon of fun and games allowing the students to show tuakana-tenina as they took part in the activities. The children cheered for each other in their whanau teams and showed aroha at all times. There were even prizes for students who showed aroha and the school Mercy values. Looks like this will be a regular event in future.



Girls Soccer Tournament

The girls had a fantastic time at the tournament showing determination and persistence and well done to the Year 6 team who were the unbeaten winners in their group. Excellent work and so very proud of you all.

Matariki Carving

Some students in St Catherine's are continuing their journey with the kowhaiwhai carving. This week we worked on very intricate designs that required very fine carving skills. This has been a great experience for me as well as the students.



Garden to Table

This week the students made feijoa cordial. Most students liked the taste of it.

Policy Review

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews a number of our policies. Some of these are reviewed by the Board, some are also reviewed by staff and for some policies feedback is sought by parents.

During term 1 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is **'Student Attendance'**, **'Uniform'** and **'Privacy'**

Please visit our school docs website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/policies.html>.

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies User name: StLeos Password: mercy

Click on the green current review tab at the top of the page.

Select the Student Attendance policy at the bottom of the page.

Read the policy content

Click on the blue 'Start your review' at the top of the page. Here is a link to "How-to"

YouTube videos: [Taking part in reviews](#) and [Viewing review feedback](#) .

Ma te atua manaaki

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra



Other notices

Anzac Parade

There will be an Anzac Parade held in Devonport this year and we have been invited to march. The parade starts at 11am and people parading are asked to meet in Fleet St at 10.30am. If your child would like to take part in the parade please let Renee know by Tuesday 4 April.

Beach Clean up

The Clean up Crew is organising a beach clean up of Narrow Neck beach on Saturday 8th April 8.30am if anyone would like to take part. www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz.

Celebrating Past Pupils

Tessa Clinton sailed at the recent New Zealand 420 National Championships in Wellington. They finished 3rd overall and won the Girls National Championships title. Tessa is the youngest female to ever win this title.

Louis Upton won Silver in Under 18 8s at North Island Secondary School Rowing Champs

Cake stall

The Aroha festival at Belmont Rose Centre is being held on April 2nd. We are asking for each family to bake one cake. Packaging is available from the office. Cakes can be dropped off to school on Friday or Saturday between 9.30 and 12.30 (if the weather is fine enough for the working to go ahead) or you can drop them straight to the festival on Sunday morning. We will be there from approximately 8.30 and need the cakes by 9.45am. This is a fundraiser for the school so all money we make comes back to the school.



International Students

We are hoping to start taking International Students at St Leo's again this year. We are wondering if any families would be interested in taking a home stay child and parent for a period of time usually between 1 and 6 weeks. If you are interested please let Renee know.

Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee on Saturday 1st April from 9am - 12.00pm. This will involve painting of the playground and moving mulch so bring along your paintbrush, wheelbarrow and spade. Please RSVP to Renee if you can attend.



Rewards Hub

St Leo's PTFA now automatically receives donations whenever you do online shopping through [Rewards Hub](#).

We ask that all friends and families of St Leo's sign up. Instead of going directly to an online shopping website, you go to Rewards Hub and 'click through' to it from there. The affiliated business will give a certain percentage back to the school. A \$300 shop at Countdown, for example, will generate \$3 for the school, with no cost or effort for you! More than 80 affiliated shops including Countdown, Pet Direct, Mighty Ape and Bedpost. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We are making money already.

Timetable of events

Thursday 30 March	Waterwise Parent Teacher Interviews
Saturday 1 April	Working Bee
Sunday 2 April	Aroha festival cake stall
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 ends 3pm

2023 Term dates

Term 1 ends Thursday 6 April

Term 2 starts Wednesday 26 April (Monday 24th April MOE teacher only day)

Bella Albrecht is collecting bread tags to use as currency at Scout Jamboree this year. If you could save these and drop them to Renee in the office that would be appreciated.



*Gigi, Chiara & Bella's
Scouts Fundraiser*



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*24 May, 6:30pm, doors open @ 6pm
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*Buy tickets in advance from Sarah - 021
209 4911 or Sarahalbrecht71@gmail.com*

PTFA NEWS

We are still in need of a Chairperson/co-chairpeople and Treasurer for the PTFA. If you want to know more of what is involved Sarah (the past chair) or myself are willing to talk to you about it. The PTFA is a very important part of the school and the money that is raised by the PTFA helps to fund one of our teachers as the Government funding does not cover all our teaching staff. It is also used to purchase resources for your children.

Thanks to Emma Hay who will be stepping up to take the Secretary role on.

Mother's Day High Tea - See ticket info on the next page.

Could all families please donate a luxury item in the first week of next term (or before the holidays) - ie by Fri 28th April. Looking specifically for luxury food /drink items and beauty / pamper products, for the High Tea raffle baskets.

Next PTFA meeting Wed 10 May 7.30pm

Cake Stall - see above notice

Get Easter sorted without going to the shops

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ORDER BY EMAIL BY 3PM ON TUES 4 APRIL

to School Office –
office@stleos.school.nz

Please state name and number of packs required (6 per pack)

Please pay on ordering, by online banking to St Leo's PTFA account: 12-3057-0067576-00

Reference – your surname and HotXBuns

PICK UP

Pick up from School Office –

between 1pm and 4pm on Wed 5 April or between 9 am and 3pm on Thurs 6 April.

SPONSORS

St Leo's PTFA gratefully acknowledges the support of Daily Bread, Belmont

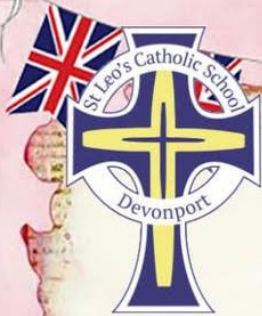


Easter Eggs for Sale

We have been given some marshmallow Easter Eggs through a St Leo's connection at Cadbury's and will be selling these from the office for \$1 each for the rest of this week and next week. Please see Renee or send me an email if you wish to order some.

Money can go into PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00





Grab your crowns and gowns
because it's time for the

St Leo's Ladies High Tea

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Dr Helen Smith
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Sunday
7 May
2PM - 5PM

LOCATION:
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\$79 upper level

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North Shore United soccer registration links

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Mixed: <https://nsu.org.nz/juniors-9-12>



**ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
SPEECH & DRAMA
LESSONS**

WHO?
Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

WHEN?
Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age-dependent) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are at St George's Community Centre after school on Wednesdays, between 3.30pm - 7pm.

WHERE?
St George's Community Centre, 2 The Terrace, Takapuna.

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

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

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is, the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

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TAKAPUNA FOOTBALL CLUB

Kids Easter Holiday Programme

With the football season just around the corner, get the kids out and having fun at our exciting football holiday programme!
Girls and boys from 4 to 14 are welcome.

The week is full of great games and tournaments. Our team of highly qualified staff will ensure your kids have a ball in a positive and safe environment.

Holiday Camp Details

Venue:
Takapuna FC, Taharoto Park, Taharoto Road, Takapuna, 0622

Dates:
Week 1: Tues 11th to Fri 14th April 2023
Week 2: Mon 17th to Thurs 20th April 2023

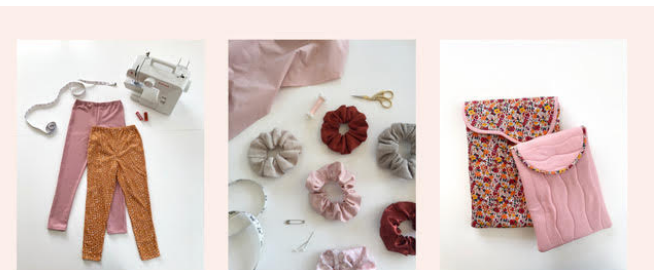
Times/Costs:

- 9am to 12pm: \$29 per day
- 9am to 3pm: \$49 per day

Register Your Child:
Go to <https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore/book-now/254-Takapuna-AFC-Holiday-Programme>

Queries: Contact Chris Bryson on: jd@takapunaafc.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Learn to Sew

School Holidays & Term 2

Thread Room - Belmont

School Holiday Kids Sewing Workshops:

9am - 3pm. Ages 8+

See website for all holiday workshops & Term 2 sewing classes:

www.threadroom.co.nz

NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP

invites women to come together to praise and worship and for prayer ministry at the next gathering on Wednesday, 19th April at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church Hall,

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Numeracy and Literacy

Holiday Programme

I am an Intermediate teacher who is offering a **booster numeracy and literacy holiday program** during the April Holidays for **Year 5-8** students.

It will be a 3 day programme running from:
Week 1: Wednesday 22th to Friday 14th April
Week 2: Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th April
9:30am - 11:30am

2 hour sessions:

- 45 min Numeracy (number knowledge like times tables and basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, problem solving and application of these skills)
- 15min break
- 45 minutes Literacy (Proofreading and editing- looking at punctuation and grammar, reading comprehension)
- 15 minutes of relevant educational games and activities

This is the perfect opportunity to boost your child's numeracy and literacy. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

Email to book your spot
thematclubnz@gmail.com

Where:
36 Dominion Street, Takapuna

Price:
One week \$150 for the 3 days or \$290 for both weeks (6 days)

The Math Club
www.thematclub.co.nz
thematclubnz@gmail.com



Jazz School

School Holiday Big Band Workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard.

Please visit jazzschool.co.nz or email jnrjazzschool@gmail.com for more information.

School Holiday Programme – at Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, Northcote

Week 1 – 11th & 12th April Week 2 – 17th & 18th April

For Year 1 to Year 7 players – beginner and experienced. Cost \$60.00 for one day or \$110.00 for 2 days. To

register go to <https://www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz/registrations-2023-1/register-here>

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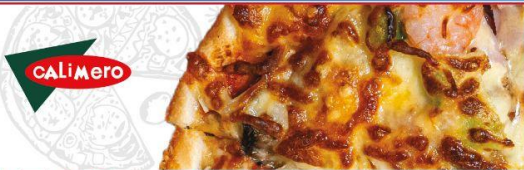
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