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6 April 2023

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

With this week being the last week of term, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the students, staff, parents and St Leo's wider community for the wonderful term we have had. I know we had a bit of a rocky start but managed to fit in fun and exciting learning experiences for our ākonga. We have planned for another exciting term next term so keep an eye out for notices.

Have a blessed Easter and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Lent Reflection:

"Follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, tell courageously the truth of Jesus Christ, live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ"



Holy Week

On Monday we joined together to remember Palm Sunday. St Clare waved palms which were given to us from the Parish. We reflected on Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On Wednesday St Catherine showed us Jesus's journey to the cross and his resurrection through their passion play. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us.



Takarunga Historial Tour

As part of our Aotearoa Histories Curriculum, St Catherine's have been looking at life on a Pa. On Wednesday they were lucky enough to go on a historical walk up Mount Takarunga. We were extremely grateful for Matua Walker's expertise on explaining the history of the mountain and Devonport.



Kapa Haka

Next term the school will be taking part in the Bayswater Matariki Festival. We welcomed Terehia Walker and Ngahiwi Walker to St Leo's last Thursday. The children are really excited to be part of this and are looking forward to being part of the kapa haka group next term. We are hoping that all students are able to take part.

Ma te atua manaaki

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

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Other notices

Kindy packs

As part of our marketing for St Leo's we are going to be making up packs including colouring pencils, felts, colouring books etc along with material introducing the school and distributing them to 4 year olds in all the local kindergartens. If you have any unused colouring pencils etc that you would like to donate to the school for this, please bring them in next term.

Uniform

From term 2 children may wear their winter uniforms. If however it is hot they may continue to wear their summer uniforms until King's Birthday weekend when all children will be expected to wear their winter uniform.

If you have ordered winter uniforms please note that there has been a delay with these and they will be with us soon.

International Students

We are starting to get inquiries regarding International Students visiting St Leo's in term 3 this year. We are looking for families interested in taking a homestay child and parent for a period of time usually between 1 and 6 weeks. If you are interested please let Renee know.

Working Bee

Thank you to those parents and children who worked hard at the working bee last weekend. The gardens are looking great and we have made a start on the painting of the playground.



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.

Sushi

There are 9 weeks in the next term so if you want to do a sushi order for a term the cost will be \$40.50. Please note that there will be no sushi order the first week back (26th April).

Devonport Volunteer Fire Brigade will be at the school on Saturday from 9am washing cars to raise funds for the Sky Tower climb in May for Blood Cancer.

Garden to Table

This term my class did Garden to Table with Miss Dawbin, Renee and Tania. We do it in two groups. In my group I have Henery, Joe, Johnathan and Alec. One group cooks and the other plants and weeds in the garden. We always do it at 11.30 on Mondays. I really like it because my group is small so we can take more turns,

but the best bit is when we get to eat it! Yum! Yum! **Tommy Sosa**



Timetable of events

Monday 24 April	Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day
Wednesday 26 April	School starts Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am
Thursday 27 April	Waterwise
Wednesday 3 May	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.20am
Thursday 4 May	Waterwise
Sunday 7 May	Ladies High Tea
Monday 8 May - Wednesday 10 May	Life Education Caravan
Wednesday 10 May	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Rosmini Open Day 1.30 - 3pm PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 11 May	Waterwise
Wednesday 17 May	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.20am Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 18 May	Waterwise
Friday 19 May	Wine & Cheese/Movie Night
Wednesday 24 May	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Cross Country 2pm
Thursday 25 May	Rippa Rugby Tournament Waterwise Regatta
Friday 26 May	Open Day
Wednesday 31 May	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.20am
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday
Wednesday 7 June	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Peninsula Cross Country PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Friday 9 June	Save Day Peninsula Cross Country
Wednesday 14 June	Year 5/6 Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.20am BOT meeting
Wednesday 21 June	Year 5/6 netball practice

Thursday 22 June	Year 3 - 6 to CATS
Sunday 25 June	School/Parish Mass
Wednesday 28 June	Year 5/6 netball practice Assembly
Thursday 29 June	Science RoadShow
Friday 30 June	Term finishes

Term dates

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

Finishes Friday 0 June 3pm

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.



*Pigi, Chiara & Bella's
Scouts fundraiser*

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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



The poster is for 'St Leos Ladies High Tea' and features a decorative border with a string of Union Jack bunting at the top. On the left, there is a logo for St Leos Catholic School, Devonport, which includes a cross and the school's name. The main text is centered and reads: 'Grab your crowns and gowns because it's time for the St Leos Ladies High Tea with a Coronation twist!'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'We've got an all-star lineup of wellness and health panel experts, fun games, fundraising auctions and delicious treats fit for a Queen!'. Three circular portraits of the panel experts are shown: Dr Helen Smith (Hormones & Holistic Health), Kirsten Taylor (Sleep Drops), and Megan Dempsey (Ultimate Block & The Clinic). The event details are listed in a table-like format: Sunday 7 May, 2PM - 5PM; Location: Devonport Yacht Club; Cost: \$69 lower level, \$79 upper level; Dress Code: Crown, jewels, & majestic attire highly encouraged!. A booking link is provided: WWW.EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/ST-LEOS-HIGH-TEA. The bottom section encourages attendance: 'Don't be a commoner, be a Queen for a day and join us for a royal good time!'. It also lists sponsors: BARFOOT & THOMPSON (PROUD SPONSORS), TRISH FITZGERALD (021 952 452), and TRACEY LAWRENCE (021 1720 681). The poster is decorated with a crown, a teacup with a Union Jack, and various flowers.

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Devonport

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Community Notices



ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?
Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

WHEN?
Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) 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

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guess 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.

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Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them! Simply email: jenni@headheldhigh.co.nz

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Wednesday
4.30pm All ages
Devonport
Community House
heymacarena.co.nz

THE DEVONPORT - TAKAPUNA ETHNIC PLAN WORKSHOPS

Hearts & Minds, in partnership with the Devonport – Takapuna Local Board and the Police Ethnic Services, warmly invite our local ethnic leaders and communities to contribute to our workshops that will help towards the development of our first Devonport - Takapuna Ethnic Plan

If you live, work or play in the area please come and join us, have your say!

Please join us at:

Workshop 1:
Date: Wednesday 3rd May 2023
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Glenfield Greyhounds Rugby League Club (Sunnynook)

Or

Workshop 2:
Date: Thursday 4th May 2023
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Location: Mary Thomas Centre (Takapuna)

RSVP: directory@heartsandminds.org.nz

The Devonport – Takapuna Local Board area encompasses: Bayswater, Belmont, Castor Bay, Cheltenham, Devonport, Forrest Hill, Hauraki, Milford, Narrowneck, Stanley Bay, Sunnynook, Takapuna, Vauxhall.



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Week 1: 11 to 14 April

Tuesday - 11 APRIL Mystery Hunt	Wednesday - 12 APRIL Pirates Quest	Thursday - 13 APRIL Speedy Sonic	Friday - 14 APRIL Superhero Academy
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Week 2: 17 to 21 April

Monday - 17 APRIL Galaxy Far Away	Tuesday - 18 APRIL Jungle Adventure	Wednesday - 19 APRIL Blox	Thursday - 20 APRIL Way of the Water	Friday - 21 APRIL Jurassic Journey
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Typical Day:
Educational learning
Creative LEGO play
Motorised builds
Coding
Science Experiments
Arts and Craft

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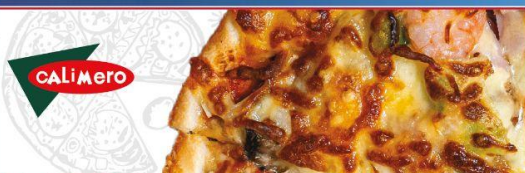
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