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

Welcome to week 4 of Term 2! The weeks are flying by and there are lots of exciting learning happening in the classrooms.

On Sunday 28 May Catholics all over the world will be celebrating Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, we remember how the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and disciples. When the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost, the apostles received the gifts of the Spirit. At baptism, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are strengthened during the Sacrament of Confirmation. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we show the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Saint Paul tells us that these fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



Pentecost Prayer

God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit and have the courage to share your peace in our world. Amen.

Board of Trustees Community Information Evening/PTFA Movie and Pizza

This will be held on Friday 19 May 5pm in St Catherine's class. Ticket sales will close on Thursday 18th May 3pm. Order your pizza when you buy your tickets. Choices are Cheese, Cheese and Ham, Hawaiian or Vegetarian.

Mother's Day High Tea

I would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA in particular Sarah Albrecht, Kimberly Ramsey-Reid Trish Fitzgerald and Tracey Lawrence from Barfoot and Thompson for all your hard work in putting this event together. Everyone who attended were amazed at the excellent venue and organisation and are already looking forward to next year. I even had principal friends who were disappointed that I had not invited them.

We raised \$10,500 dollars and I would also like to thank the people who had contributed towards all the raffles and



the major prizes for the auctions. Again a huge thank you to everyone who helped out and were able to make it to this special event. If you have any photos you would be happy to share please email them to Renee.

Please let myself or Renee know if you are able to help out with any PTFA events and major fundraisers. Our next event will be Quiz Night and we will let you know details well ahead of time.



Garden to Table

This week the students made choko fritters. We are finally trying out new recipes using the chokos. There are still lots of chokos available if anyone would like them. 50c each to raise funds to replant the garden.

Pink Shirt Day

A reminder that on Friday 19 May is Pink Shirt Day. By taking part in Pink Shirt Day, we are reminded to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying. You can wear a pink item of clothing or anything pink to signify this day.

Primary Catholic Principals Conference

I was lucky enough to attend a conference last week with Auckland Catholic primary school principals. Christina Neunzerling and Katrina Brill, Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were our presenters. They talked about the importance of breathing and how we view the world (turning). Our view of the world influences our world view (our world is turning). The world is not static, we are all connected - whanaungatanga. Life is about seeing things differently and being conscious. Life is a gift and it can get messy at times but we keep going because we believe that there is hope. With Pentecost coming, we are reminded about the importance of togetherness.

Swim Bags

Our St Leo's marketing team are putting together branded swim bags to distribute to preschools around the area to promote our wonderful school. We are filling the bags with fun activities for children and we are seeking families to contribute \$20 towards the contents. If you would like to support this idea and contribute \$20 towards the contents please let Renee or Vimi know. You can either donate via school bank account or cash. 12-3015-0474771-00. Thank you for your support.

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 2 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is '**EOTC Communicating with Parents**', '**EOTC External Providers**' and '**EOTC Risk Management**

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

Signing in and out

When you are picking your child up early please remember to come to the office and sign them out. If your child is late, you also need to come into the office to sign them in. If you are on the premises for any reason you need to sign in for health and safety reasons.

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. Thank you to those who have signed up already, we have raised \$78. Keep it up.

Yummy stickers

Please save your yummy stickers off your fruit, grab a chart from the office or download it from <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>. Fill the chart and return it to the office. The school gets points for the number of stickers collected and the points are collected to dollars for us to spend on sports equipment.



New World receipts

If you keep your New World receipt and write the name of the school on it and drop it in the box at the front of the shop the school gets a donation from New World on a pro rata basis from the receipts.

Give a Kid a Blanket

We will be collection donations of new and excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inner and covers, pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, rain coats, Moses baskets, new pillows and new hot water bottles (No other types of clothing please). All preloved donations must be washed by the donor before donating. We will be collecting from now until June 25th.

Please drop any donations to the school office and we will pass them on.

Timetable of events

Friday 19 May	Pink shirt day - wear something pink Wine & Cheese/Movie/Information Evening 5pm
Saturday 20 May	Netball game 11am
Monday 22 May	Hockey game
Wednesday 24 May	Netball practice 8am Cross Country 2pm @ Mt Cambria
Thursday 25 May	Hockey practice Rippa Rugby tournament Waterwise Regatta
Friday 26 May	Open Day 9am - 3pm
Saturday 27 May	Netball game
Monday 29 May	Hockey game
Wednesday 31 May	Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 1 June	Hockey practice Save Day Waterwise regatta
Saturday 3 June	No netball
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday No hockey
Wednesday 7 June	Netball practice Peninsula Cross Country PTFA meeting 7,30pm
Thursday 8 June	Hockey practice
Friday 9 June	Save Day Peninsula Cross Country
Saturday 10 June	Netball game
Sunday 11 June	Family/Parish Mass
Monday 12 June	Hockey game
Wednesday 14 June	Netball practice 8am Assembly 10.15am BOT meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 15 June	Hockey practice 8am
Friday 16 June	SPCA cupcake day
Saturday 17 June	Netball game
Monday 19 June	Hockey game
Wednesday 21 June	Netball practice

Thursday 22 June	Hockey practice Year 3- 6 to CATS show
Friday 23 June	Sausage sizzle lunch
Saturday 24 June	Netball game
Monday 26 June	Hockey game
Wednesday 28 June	Netball practice Assembly
Thursday 29 June	Hockey practice Whole school to Science Roadshow
Friday 30 June	Caritas mufti day Term ends

2023 Term dates

Term 2 ends Friday 30 June

Term 3 starts Monday 17 July

PTFA NEWS

Sausage sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle lunch on Friday 23 June. Order forms will come home closer to the time. \$6 for a sausage in bread, treat and a drink. Please send along a cup for the drink.



Next PTFA meeting Wednesday 7 June 7.30pm

It would be great if all class reps could attend along with anyone else that is interested. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Community Notices

Vauxhall Art & Laughs Evening (VALE)

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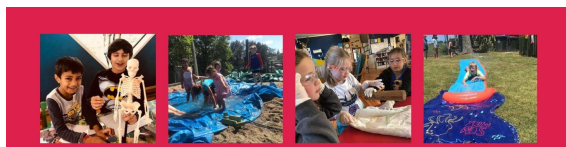
Tamariki (0-5 years) time to play with big toys and be active!

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10th -13th July 2023 (4 day Workshop)

Takapuna Normal Intermediate School
26 Northcote Road, Takapuna
(inside the school hall)

View our website; www.artzonsow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonsow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

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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

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.

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

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

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To enrol for your no-obligation intro lesson simply visit: www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

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

For more information
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Jazz School - Weekly Bands

Jazz School is excited to announce the formation of two new Jazz Big Bands that will meet after school on Mondays or Thursdays throughout the year providing experience, performance opportunities and the chance to play amazing music with like minded musicians. The bands will cater for students in years 6-11 playing at grade 2 level up to very advanced students. The instruments included are Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, Flute and Clarinet. Registrations are also open for our next school holiday workshop on July 3, 4 and 5. For more information please visit jazzschool.co.nz or contact Drew Hutchinson at jnrjazzschool@gmail.com 021 134 1693

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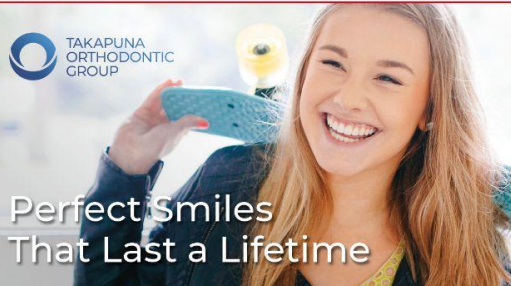
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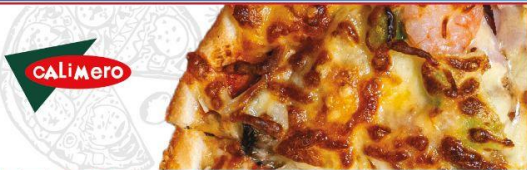
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