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

Welcome to Term 2! Hope everyone had a bit of a break and enjoyed their time with whanau and friends. It was great to see the children arriving at school with smiles on their faces. They looked well rested and ready to tackle exciting and wonderful learning experiences this term.

This term our concept focus is Sustainability. Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is about taking care of the planet so that it can continue to support life in the long run. Some activities we have organised include a visit to the Science Roadshow, online learning through a programme called Farmer Time, Garden to Table, Year 6 leaders to organise events to take care of the school environment, Life Education visit, and many more exciting activities planned by the classroom teachers. Keep an eye out for notices coming home.

Our Mercy value focus for this term is Manaakitanga which ties in beautifully to sustainability. Essentially it is "building the mana of others, through nurturing, growing and challenging." Even when we are being "hospitable" the emphasis can sometimes be on ourselves. Manaakitanga is outward-looking. It is the mana of other's, not our own, which we are hoping to grow. This involves kindness and generosity, since we must want to act for the best of the other even at our own expense. It is about looking after our environment and taking care of people and the world around us.

## Manaakitanga Prayer

From Catherine McAuley we learn to reach out to others, especially when they are lonely or sad. Our greatest gift is to welcome another and to share a love that warms their hearts. May our doors always be open to those who come looking for a place to call home. May a good cup of tea await every visitor who knocks at our door. For none comes without a gift, and no guest leaves without a blessing, in Mercy's name. Amen.

## Teacher Only Day

On Monday the 24 April we joined St John's Mairangi Bay to start looking at the new refreshed draft New Zealand Curriculum (Te Mataiaho). It was a great opportunity to collaborate and have some in-depth conversation about the vision and whakapapa of the new draft curriculum.



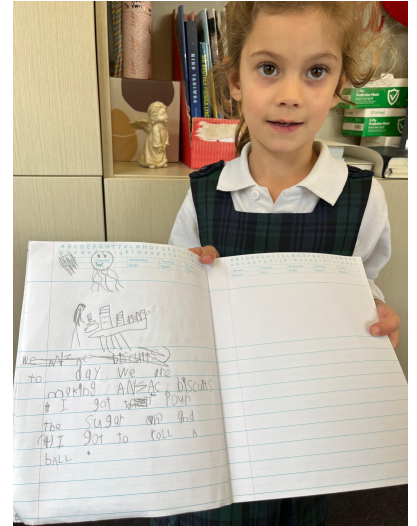


**ANZAC**

St Clares made ANZAC biscuits to remember ANZAC Day. They also worked alongside Mrs Christy to create some wonderful artwork which is displayed in the office area. All children wrote a recount of the biscuits which they made and it was great to read some of their stories.

**Assemblies**

This term we will be having assemblies fortnightly starting week 2. You are welcome to attend. Assembly will start at 10.20am. Singing assemblies are held in the odd weeks.



**Board of Trustees Community Information Evening/PTFA Movie and Pizza**

This will be held on Friday 19 May 6pm in St Catherine's class. Tickets will go on sale Monday 8th May. Ticket sales will close on Thursday 18th May 3pm. Order your pizza when you buy your tickets. Choices are Cheese, Cheese and Ham, Hawaiian and Vegetarian.

**Matariki Carving**

Five students are continuing their journey carving the bigger piece which is part of the creation story. In the holidays some of the students started working on the pieces. We are working on the 2nd piece now.

**Garden to Table**

This week the students baked cauliflower cheese. It looked amazing and yummy. Am sure they all enjoyed it.



## 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. We need a bubbles sponsor family, a sticker sponsor family and a colour pencil sponsor family!

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.  
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Thank you for your support.

## Lake House Open Day

This is an opportunity for you to see what Lake House is all about. Visit on Saturday 13 May from 10am - 4pm.

## 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

### International Students

We already have several enrolments from International students for term 3. We are looking for any families who would be 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 the great group of parents and children who helped out at the working bee. The gardens and playground are looking great.



## **Rosmini College Open Day for new students in 2024**

Wednesday 10 May 1.30 - 3pm

Applications are open now for enrolment in 2024. Please enrol online at

[www.rosmini.school.nz](http://www.rosmini.school.nz)

Enrolment enquiries to Jane 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@rosmini.school.nz).

### **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.

### **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.

### **New shoes for sale**

We have been given a brand new pair of girls Surefit school shoes size 10. RRP \$109.95  
Make an offer if you would like these.

### **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 inners 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

Saturday 6 May	Netball game 11am
Sunday 7 May	High Tea
Monday 8 May	Life Education sessions start Hockey starts
Wednesday 10 May	Netball practice 8am Rosmini Open Day 1.30 - 3pm PTFA meeting 7.30pm staffroom
Thursday 11 May	Hockey practice 8am Waterwise
Saturday 13 May	Netball game
Monday 15 May	Hockey game
Wednesday 17 May	Netball practice Assembly 10.15am BOT meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 18 May	Hockey practice 8am
Friday 19 May	Pink shirt day - wear something pink Wine & Cheese/Movie/Information Evening 6pm
Saturday 20 May	Netball game
Monday 22 May	Hockey game
Wednesday 24 May	Netball practice 8am Cross Country 2pm
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
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**



Adults, a chance to catch up with one another and hear a short update from the Board of Trustees over

*Wine and Cheese*

while the children enjoy a...



**Friday. 19th May  
at 5pm  
St Catherine Classroom**

\$10/child for pizza, drink and a treat!  
Pop into or email the school office to purchase tickets.  
(Pay by cash or bank transfer to PTFA account)

**Tickets will be on sale from 8.30  
Monday 8th May and will close  
3pm Thursday 18th May**

Order your pizza when you buy your tickets. Choices are Cheese, Cheese and Ham, Hawaiian and Vegetarian.



### **Next PTFA meeting Wed 10 May 7.30pm**

We will be doing the final organising for the Movie/Wine & Cheese evening and organising our termly sausage sizzles. 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**



## 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

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.

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To enrol for your no-obligation intro lesson simply visit:

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

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## THE DEVONPORT SWAP SHOP

Saturday 13 May | 1- 4pm  
Devonport Community House  
Gold Coin Donation On Entry



ON WEEKDAYS FROM WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL TILL FRIDAY 12 MAY AND SATURDAY 6 MAY BETWEEN 9-2PM, BRING IN UP TO 10 ITEMS OF GOOD QUALITY/PRELOVED MEN OR WOMEN'S CLOTHING AND RECEIVE A TOKEN FOR EVERY ITEM

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End date: 26 June 2023  
Robotics Class: 3:30 - 4:30pm  
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- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- ✓ Name: Niklas Gemmell
- ✓ Email: [info@wcresearch.co.nz](mailto:info@wcresearch.co.nz)
- ✓ Phone: 0800 48 74 25

What does it involve?

1 year

3 In person + 2 phone calls

Inhalers provided free of charge

Asthma education

Reimbursement for travel expenses



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This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTB/200)



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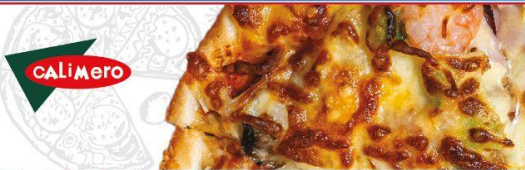
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