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27 July 2023

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

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you had a good, relaxing break with your child/children. I had a lovely break with my family and loved the hot summer days in Japan (although the temperature reached 36 degrees some days). It is great to be back to another fun-filled and exciting term.

Beginning of Term Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We gather in your presence, grateful for the gift of education and the opportunity to learn and grow.

Bless our school community - students, teachers, staff, and parents. Guide us with your wisdom and fill our hearts with your love.

Help us to be compassionate and kind towards one another, always seeking to understand and support one another in our journey of faith and learning.

Grant us the courage to face challenges, the perseverance to overcome obstacles, and the humility to seek your guidance in all that we do.

May our school be a place of peace and harmony, where we shine your light and share your love with those around us.

We entrust this school term to the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and all the saints who inspire us to walk in your ways.

Amene

Matariki Celebrations

The word Matariki can be translated as Mata Riki (Tiny Eyes) or Mata Arika (Eyes of God). These eyes watch over the land and her people. Matariki is a special time to celebrate our connection to the whenua (land) and admiration for Papatuanuku, our mother earth. It is time to remember our history and roots. Matariki is a time of growth and change, a time to celebrate what we have and what gifts we have to use. Matariki is a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people.



We give thanks for Matariki, the season of new beginnings and quiet growth. Let us give thanks specially for the tangata whenua, and pray that we may all continue to grow together to understand and honour the treasures of our heritage.

In the holidays, St Leo's tamariki performed at Windsor Reserve and it was such a proud moment for our kura. Thank you to all the parents and tamariki who were able to make it to the performance. In the evening, I was also lucky enough to perform with Te Hau Kapua Kapa Haka group. I had been practising all term. Thank you to Ngahiwi and Terehia Walker for leading this.

Visit to DEPOT Artspace

Depot is a unique arts organisation and ecosystem founded on the belief that nurturing creativity is essential to all of our lives and the future. Last week our tamariki visited this special space and had a tour led by Terehia Walker.

The themes for this visit were sustainability, climate change and composting. It is about how we care for our planet and natural resources. It was also great to have Ngahiwi Walker join the tour and play the Maori war trumpet which is called a Pūkāea.

Some of the artwork the students viewed on display were ketes made from harakeke, and pieces of artwork carved and weaved by our local artists, one of them being Ngatanahira Pona. Another main aspect of sustainability is the use of Māori medicine, such as kawakawa. Kawakawa is used in balms, teas and natural medicine. The tamariki also learnt about planting and taking care of harakeke. They are learning a karakia which they will use when planting harakere at school in September, during Māori Language Week.



International Students

We welcomed nine international students to St Leo's. Some will be with us for a week and one student will be here for six weeks. We are very excited to have them and they have all settled in well. Their St Leo's buddies have been great and are showing them our school Mercy values through everything they do.



Science Roadshow

Last term the children visited the Science Roadshow which was held at Wairau Intermediate. The tamariki had a wonderful time learning about sound and other science concepts through the hands on displays. This was the first time the whole school was able to visit and we are hoping to do it again next year.



School/Parish Mass

This term our school/parish Mass will be held on 27 August. Please mark this special day on your calendar. We would like everyone to attend as this will be the last school/parish Mass for the year.



St Patricks Garden to Table

Last week St Patricks made cheese, spinach and macaroni bites. The students really enjoyed making and eating these because there was none leftover! It smelt wonderful when I walked past the staffroom. The spinach was from our garden.

MOTAT Trip

Next week on 2 August, the students will be going to MOTAT. This term our focus topic is Systems and we will be looking at how machines work and how some were invented. We will also be visiting other areas of MOTAT during the day. You would have received a notice so please make sure you return this as soon as possible.

Grandparents Day

On Wednesday 30th August St Leo's will be hosting a special day for our Grandparents. The day will begin with a liturgy at 9:30am in the hall. The school choir and kapa haka groups will then perform after the liturgy. After the performance, there will be morning tea for our guests in the hall. There will then be an opportunity for students to show their grandparents around their classes and the school after morning tea.

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 3 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is '**Inclusive Education**', '**Learning Support**' and '**Māori Educational Success**'.

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 appropriate 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

Daffodil Day

For Daffodil Day this year you can either donate online or send money to school with your child on the day. Daffodil mufti day will be on August 25th or you can donate anytime in August.

Here are the account details for your local Cancer Society:

Name: Cancer Society Auckland Northland

Account number: 06-0193-0148529-00

Code: DDCom

Reference: St Leo's



Fees

Invoices for term 2 activity fees have been sent out. Term 3 Attendance dues are also due now and invoices have been sent out for this too. These are now sent via email so watch out for them please.

Celebrating Past Pupils

Congratulations to Poppy Lyons who was awarded a spirit of Mercy Award at Carmel College.

Skool Loop App

If you haven't already done so could you please download this app as we are using it a lot more now for communications.



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Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, Free Source Design e.g. Canva and knowledge of websites (WordPress), social media, Facebook. Can work under own initiative be creative and have a can-do approach to work and is efficient, accurate and organised.

For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

Applications close on 18 August 2023.

PTFA News

We are in desperate need of a Treasurer and Chairperson/Co chair for the PTFA. If you think you can help please see Renee.

Quiz Night

Come along for a night of fun and laughter. Peter Wolfkamp is our MC for the night. **Only 2 weeks until this event so get your tickets now.**

Enter as an individual or get a table of 8 together. \$25 per person

<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz>



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Timetable of events

Thursday 27 July	Rippa rugby tournament Hockey practice Belmont Intermediate Info Evening
Friday 28 July	Classes attending Mass
Tuesday 1 August	Private music lessons
Wednesday 2 August	Whole school to Motat 9 - 2.30 Netball practice
Thursday 3 August	Hockey practice
Tuesday 8 August	Photolife class & team photos Private music lessons Belmont Intermediate Open day tour 9.15am
Wednesday 9 August	Netball practice Carmel welcome meetings Assembly Belmont Intermediate Open day tour 11.30am
Thursday 10 August	Hockey practice Carmel welcome meetings
Friday 11 August	Classes attending Mass Quiz night
Tuesday 15 August	Private music lessons Assumption of Mary liturgy 10.30am
Wednesday 16 August	Netball practice
Thursday 17 August	Hockey practice Michael Mangan concert Peninsula Choir Day
Friday 18 August	Open Day
Saturday 19 August	Last netball game
Monday 21 August	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 22 August	Private music lessons
Wednesday 23 August	Assembly 10.15am PTFA meeting 7.30am
Thursday 24 August	Hockey practice Tennis lessons School speeches
Friday 25 August	Daffodil Day - gold coin mufti
Sunday 27 August	School/Parish mufti 9.30am
Monday 28 August	Last hockey game

Tuesday 29 August	Private music lessons
Wednesday 30 August	Grandparents Day 9.30 BOT meeting
Thursday 31 August	Tennis lessons
Friday 1 September	Peninsula orchestra event
Tuesday 5 September	Private music lessons
Wednesday 6 September	Assembly
Thursday 7 September	Peninsula speeches
Friday 8 September	Classes attending Mass
Tuesday 12 September	Private music lessons
Thursday 14 September	Student Learning Expo
Monday 18 September	Beach clean up day 1.30 - 2.30 @ Devonport beach
Tuesday 19 September	Private music lessons
Wednesday 20 September	Assembly
Thursday 21 September	Marae visit 10 - 1
Friday 22 September	Term ends Classes attending Mass

2023 Term dates

Term 3 starts Monday 17 July

Term 3 ends Friday 22 September

Term 4 starts 9 October

Term 4 ends midday Friday 15 December

Community Notices

Join a Fantails Hub today!

TRY SOCCER IN A FUN GIRLS ENVIRONMENT STARTING IN TERM 3

Sessions are \$5 - make friends and be active
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GIRLS 4-6 YEAR OLDS HUB:
FRIDAY @ ALLEN HILL 3.45PM-4.30PM

GIRLS 7-8 YEAR OLDS HUB:
FRIDAY @ ALLEN HILL 4.35PM-5.20PM

GIRLS 9-10 YEAR OLDS HUB:
THURSDAY @ BAYSWATER PARK 4.00PM-5.00PM

GIRLS 11-12 YEAR OLD HUB:
THURSDAY @ BELMONT INTERMEDIATE 7.30-8.30AM

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2024 Enrolments at Belmont Intermediate School

2024 New Parent Information Evening – Thursday, 27 July at 6:30pm in the School Hall (No pre-registration is required, students are welcome to attend)

Open Day Tour 1 - Tuesday, 8 August 9:15am
Open Day Tour 2 - Wednesday, 9 August 11:30am (Parents accompany their students. Tours start from the School Hall)

2024 Enrolment Dates

Online in-zone applications open Friday, 28 July 2023.
Please apply via our website
www.belmontint.school.nz/join-us/enrolment
Enrolments close on Friday, 1 September 2023.

We look forward to meeting you.

DEVONPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

AN EVENING WITH ULTRAMARATHON SWIMMER
'JONO RIDLER'
THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2023 AT 7PM

On the 2 May 2023, Jono Ridler embarked on a NZ record non-stop ultra-distance open water swim from Akaroa Great Barrier Island to Tamaiki Makaurau, Auckland.

The unprecedented attempt at the 100km open water swim tested the limits of human endurance and is driven by a personal desire to inspire urgent action to protect and restore the health of the beautiful coast.

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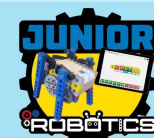
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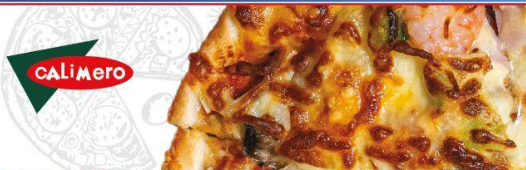
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