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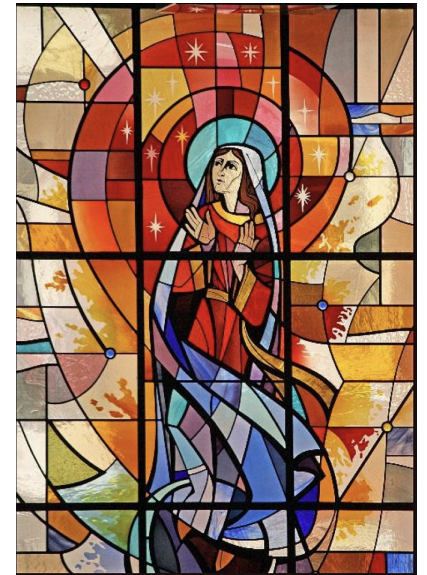
10 August 2023

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

Assumption of Blessed Mary

God chose Mary to be the mother of his son, Jesus. Mary was always ready and willing to do whatever God wanted. Because she was so special she was taken up body and soul to be with Jesus in heaven – this is what 'Assumption' means.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (to use the fancy name for this day), we remember when Mary was taken ("assumed") into heaven, body and soul, after she died. You will not find this story in the Bible. However, a tradition handed down from the earliest days of the Church says that Mary died in Jerusalem and was buried in a tomb. But when the apostles opened the tomb again, her body was gone. Why would God take Mary's body and soul into heaven? In part because Mary is special to God: she said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus. But God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death,

Amen.

Assumption of Mary Mass

On 15 August there will be a special Mass at St Francis de Sales Church to celebrate the assumption of Mary. The Mass will be at 12pm. You are most welcome to join the school.

Caring Mass

On Tuesday May Upton and Lucetta Thomas-Cheng, received caring awards at a special Mass which was held at Christ the King School. On this day the Auckland diocese remembers the work of the Bishop's Caring Foundation in connecting schools' generosity to the people in need.



The students are a vital and important part of our church community of care and support, especially this year as so many of our wonderful young people have stepped up to help those in need during the cyclone and floods.

Prayer Bag

As part of our faith journey, the students are bringing home a prayer bag. Please take time to talk about this with your child/children.

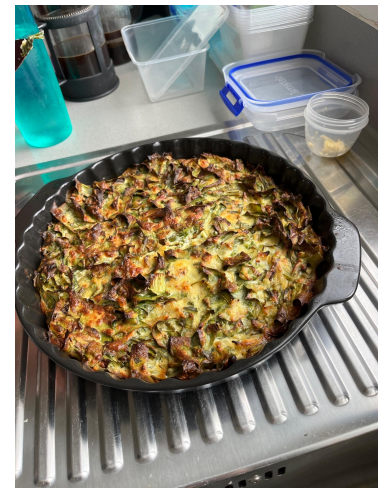
MOTAT Trip

Last week on Wednesday the whole school went to MOTAT. The focus for this trip was invent-a-machine which is part of our concept this term - Systems. The students started off at the Aviation section and had classroom exploration lessons on making a game using household materials. The students were given a challenge which they enjoyed working on as a team. Despite the weather, the tamariki had a fabulous time exploring MOTAT.



Garden to Table

This week St Patricks students made spinach and cheese quiche. They worked well together cutting up the spinach and grating cheese. The quiche looked and smelt good. The students are using up the vegetables that they planted earlier in the year.



Mandarin Lesson

In Mandarin St Catharines students are learning kung fu dance. There are some tricky moves and the tamariki are practising weekly so that they will be able to perform during one of our assemblies and show their amazing kung fu skills.

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.

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



STEAM notice

If you have any of the following could your child please bring them into school for the STEAM room.

Cardboard rolls

Paper towel rolls

Ice cream containers

Cotton reels

Tissue boxes

Small boxes

Old film canisters

Still cardboard

Small hammers/tools

After school sports Programme

Sports X co is looking at holding after school sports programmes at St Leo's.

Programmes run for between 8 - 10 weeks. Each session is one hour long with the main emphasis being having fun.

The programme runs on a user pay system and enrolments are done online.

If you think this is something you would like your child to take part in please let Renee know so we know whether or not it is worthwhile pursuing this.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Quiz night tomorrow night.

Cash/eftpos bar, raffle tickets and silent auctions so don't forget to bring your money.

Honey Sales fundraiser

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Fair

Planning is under way for the school fair on November 26th.

You were emailed a spreadsheet showing all the areas we need help with earlier this week.

Please let Renee know where you would like to work on the day of the fair. Feel free to sign up other family members, ex pupils etc to help out.

This is our major fundraiser of the year so we need all hands on deck to make it a successful event.

You should have received an email from your class rep with a list of businesses we would like you to contact re sponsorship. Please pass on any relevant details to Renee if a company would like to donate something.

Timetable of events

Friday 11 August	Classes attending Mass Quiz night 7.30pm
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 NZ Playhouse at Vauxhall School 1.45 - 2.45
Sunday 27 August	School/Parish mufti 9.30am
Monday 28 August	Hockey tournament at Vauxhall School Last hockey game
Tuesday 29 August	Private music lessons
Wednesday 30 August	Grandparents Day 9.30 BOT meeting
Thursday 31 August	Tennis lessons
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
Wednesday 13 September	Kapa Haka showcase at Rosmini
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



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- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Tues 15th August
- Time: Morning tea
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$49 per child
\$24.50 per extra sibling

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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?

Takapuna Primary School.

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.

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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.

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www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

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

2023 AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 31st August

Doors open - 7:15pm

Start - 7:30pm

Devonport Community House

32 Clarence Street, Devonport

(09) 445 3068

Join us for a look back at the past year and hear from a guest speaker. Light refreshments and networking afterwards



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AGE 5-9 YEARS

9AM - 11.30AM

ROSMINI COLLEGE GYM

AGE 10 - 16 YEARS

12 - 2.30PM

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Kobe Bryant

Matt Lacey

Sonny Tuaputa

\$35 per player. Register now on link below!

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Supporting the Rosmini Premier basketball team for their nationals tournament



CALLING ALL COMMUNITY MINDED INDIVIDUALS!

The Devonport Community House is looking to expand our committee and we need your help to achieve our goals and represent the diverse community we serve.

We are a passionate and ambitious group, but we know that we can achieve even more by adding new perspectives and talents to our team.

We are seeking a **treasurer** and **secretary** as well as people with an interest or experience in:

- Governance and leadership
- Fundraising and partnerships
- Building networks and connections
- Community development, events, and engagement

But we don't just want to hear from the usual suspects. We want to hear from anyone who is passionate about making a difference in our community, regardless of age or background!

Please send a brief note to gemma@devonportcomhouse.co.nz we look forward to hearing from you!

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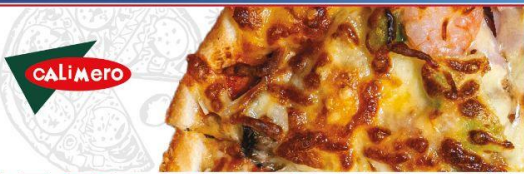


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