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24 August 2023

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

Teacher Only Day Brother David Hall

On Monday, the staff were lucky enough to attend a special day with Brother David Hall. He took us on a journey through our own faith formation and Christian spirituality. Brother David Hall spoke about our new RE Curriculum O Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith and The Good News. This is something we reflected on at the end of our day:

*From the moment that a student sets foot in a Catholic school, he or she ought to have the impression of entering a new environment, one illuminated by the light of faith... permeated with the Gospel spirit of love and freedom...evident in a Christian way of thought and life which permeates all facets of the educational climate.
(Congregation of Catholic Education)*

School/Parish Mass

Our school/parish Mass will be held on the 27 August starting at 9.30am. Can we please have all students attending the Mass in their school uniform. For this Mass we will be sitting together as a school as the choir will be leading two songs alongside Dominic. Please bring a plate of finger food to share after the Mass. This is to be taken to the hall.



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.

Peninsula Choir

Last week on Thursday our St Leo's tamariki attended the Peninsula Choir Day at Belmont Primary School. What an amazing group of singers! They sang with so much pride and confidence. Thank you to Dominc who has been an inspiration to all the students and staff. We are so blessed to have to have him leading our choir and a part of our St Leo's school community.



Micheal Mangan

On Thursday last week, Micheal Mangan visited our school and showcased his amazing songs which we use in our Masses and liturgies. He was so impressed with the children's singing as some of the songs he performed were new and the tamariki had not heard them before. Again thanks to talented resident musician, Dominic Blazaar!!



Quiz Night

We had a wonderful quiz night and a huge thanks to the PTFA for organising this. We would like to acknowledge Anna Rumble, Brock West, Aston Talbot, and Sasha Radford for working behind the scenes to make this night a success. We would also like to thank Wild Wheat for donating the breads and Emborg for donating all the cheeses. A big thanks to Peter Wolfkamp for being our MC. This night would not have been possible without our hardworking PTFA. We made around \$4400.



St Catherine News

This week the children have been working on writing descriptive poems. Here is May Upton's poem.

Then The Wind Changed By May Upton

Drifting through trees
covered in pure snow.
Danielle
Blanket of gloomy clouds
covered the sky,
fluffy snow sprinkled for miles.
Wind wiped trees of leaves,
dancing across damp ground.
Crisp snow
Under cotton filled skies.
Evening fell
cloaking the sky
In a dark and dreary disguise
Winds picked up
pushed against her face.
Snow pattered on ground,
The chill
gliding through
the swaying trees



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



Speech finals

Congratulations to May Upton who won our speech finals today. Lucetta Thomas Cheng was second and Leo Radford third. Well done to everyone. Thanks to Joseph Wolfkamp for judging.

Cans for Christmas

From now until the 8th September we will be collecting cans for the St Vincent de Paul Society Cans for Christmas drive. Cans be dropped off to the office anytime between now and 8th September.

Uniform orders

A reminder that summer uniform orders close on Friday 25 August. Please get your orders to Renee.

Yummy stickers

If you have any Yummy sticker charts could you please return them to the office before the end of the term as they need to be sent off. We get free sports gear in return for the number of stickers we return so the more the better. It doesn't matter if the chart is not full. Don't forget to collect another chart from the office for next year.



After school care

Thank you to the parents who have responded to the email regarding after school care. If you haven't already done so and think you might need after school care please respond as soon as possible so we can get something in place.

Touch rugby

Touch rugby will be kicking off on Monday 9th October and running through until Monday 11th December.

As in previous years we would like to put together some touch teams. Traditionally these have been year 1/2, 3/4. and 5/6.

We will also require coaches/managers for these teams so please have a think about whether or not you can help.

Register your child before **Monday 11 September**. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/peninsulatouch/>



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
- Stiff cardboard
- Small hammers/tools

A promotional graphic for 'Skool Loop' on a background of blue-lined paper. On the left, a yellow school bus is shown driving through a hole in the paper. The text 'Don't miss the bus!' is written in a large, yellow, bubbly font. Below this, 'Download Skool Loop' is written in a cursive font with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, the 'SKOOL LOOP' logo (an infinity symbol with a blue dot) is shown next to the text 'Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.' The graphic is decorated with various school-related icons like a paper airplane, book, key, star, eraser, pencil, and lightbulb.

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PTFA News

Honey Sales fundraiser

This fundraiser will continue until the end of the year. Thank you to those of you who have purchased this honey.

Beebro Rewarewa fundraising Honey and/or Large Honey Comb options. Both have a retail value of \$18 **PRICE DROPPED TO \$15 UNTIL THE END OF 2023**



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Fair

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

Thank you to those people who have already signed up. If you have not yet done so please sign up next week so we can get planning well under way. There is a sign up sheet in the office or email Renee to see what is still available.

This is our major fundraiser of the year so we need all hands on deck to make it a successful event. Please ask any ex parents/pupils you may know if they would like to come along and help or rope in your extended family.

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. If you have not yet done this please send out your letters now.

Raffle

We would like to put together a raffle for the fair. If you know of anyone who might have something we can use as a raffle prize please let Renee know eg a bach you are happy to loan for a weekend, vouchers, etc.

Disco

We will be holding a disco for the children on Friday 27th October. Put the date in your diary. There will be a social event for the parents held in conjunction with the disco.

Calendars, diaries etc

Next term we will be doing calendar art with the children to be made into diaries, calendars etc. Ideal as Christmas presents. Watch this space for more details next term



Timetable of events

Friday 25 August	Daffodil Day - gold coin mufti NZ Playhouse at Vauxhall School 1.45 - 2.45
Sunday 27 August	School/Parish Mass 9.30am
Monday 28 August	Hockey tournament at Vauxhall School year 5/6 Last hockey game
Tuesday 29 August	Private music lessons Morning tea soccer sessions
Wednesday 30 August	Grandparents Day 9.30 BOT meeting
Thursday 31 August	Tennis lessons
Tuesday 5 September	Private music lessons Morning tea soccer sessions
Wednesday 6 September	Assembly 10.15
Thursday 7 September	Peninsula speeches
Friday 8 September	Classes attending Mass
Tuesday 12 September	Private music lessons Morning tea soccer sessions
Wednesday 13 September	Kapa Haka showcase at Rosmini whole school
Thursday 14 September	Student Learning Expo Cricket sessions
Monday 18 September	Beach clean up day 1.30 - 2.30 @ Devonport beach
Tuesday 19 September	Private music lessons
Wednesday 20 September	Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 21 September	Marae visit 10 - 1
Friday 22 September	Term ends Classes attending Mass

2023 Term dates

Term 3 ends Friday 22 September

Term 4 starts 9 October

Term 4 ends midday Friday 15 December

Term 1 2024 starts 31 January

Community Notices



**ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
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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?**
Takapuna Primary School.
- LESSONS INCLUDE...**
- Public speaking skills
 - Acting skills
 - Positive body language
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 - Vocal skills
 - Poetry recital
 - Reading aloud
 - Manners & relationship skills
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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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Mass at 9:15 a.m. Speaker Bev
McDonald, Scripture Psalm 23:2 Near
restful waters He leads me to revive my
drooping spirit. B.Y.O. lunch. Morning
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LOVE TENNIS open day
Sunday 10 September, 10am to 4pm. Come and try out tennis for free. Rackets supplied, free sausage sizzle, games and giveaways for kids and adults. If you're keen to get your kids into tennis this summer, this is the perfect opportunity to see what your local club has to offer. Takapuna, Belmont and Ngātaringa (Devonport) tennis clubs are all taking part.

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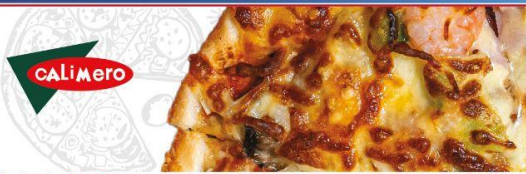


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