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21 September, 2023

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

Spring - A Season of Creation

This season is a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in our vocation as stewards of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and His mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

As we pray in gratitude this season for God's blessing upon all of creation and the work of our hands, let us not forget that we must each do the works of holiness in our lives.

We praise and bless you, Te Atua,

*At the beginning of the beginning, you breathed upon the waters of creation,
and filled the earth with life through your vibrant Spirit.*

You spoke, and the earth burst forth in life, you saw that it was good.

You called forth creation and enlivened every creature on land and sea.

We praise you for your manifold gifts.

May our daily care for your creation show reverence for your name,

and reveal your saving power in every creature under heaven.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amene.

I Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Last week we celebrated **Māori Language Week**. It was great that the tamariki were able to join the rest of the schools at the Catholic Schools Kahui Ako showcase to take part in the Kapa Haka Showcase. They made us really proud and this is what Matua Maurice had to say about our performance:

Your group was truly inspirational! Many of the staff and students I spoke with hi-lighted your school's performance.

Your tutor led and supported your students with such a gentle aura, but your students well and truly stole the show!

My heart was bursting with happiness and pride as your group performed. It was truly one of the best performances of the day!



Retirement

On behalf of the BOT, I would like to let you know that Adrienne Williams will be retiring at the end of 2023. She has been a part of the St Leo's community for nearly 30 years. We will be sad to see her go but she is truly deserving of a much needed break (holiday). We will let you know early next term the details of a farewell assembly.

Student Learning Expo

On Thursday 20 September we hosted the student learning expo. The ākonga showcased their awesome learning that has been happening throughout the year. Thank you to all the whanau who were able to make it. This term has been a really busy term with so many learning opportunities happening outside the classroom. I am sure your child/children shared these with you and all the fantastic learning that has happened this year.

Sponsorship: Your chance to sponsor a child to come to St Leo's

St Leo's Catholic Primary School Board invites you to consider sponsoring a child's attendance dues for 2024 (total \$516 for the year or \$129 a term). What a great way to support our young Catholic community and grow our local school. We have a few people who have already become sponsors and this is also tax deductible. Please contact the school office at 09 445 9339 if you are able to help. The marketing committee has designed the following poster which has been distributed to selected kindies.

NZPF Conference

I was lucky enough to attend the New Zealand Principals' Conference in Queenstown. Thank you to NZPF for awarding the Don Le Prou Award for me to be able to do this. There were three amazing speakers who were inspiring and spoke about the importance of knowing your learner and building strong relationships to have successful learning outcomes. One way of doing this is through a system which the Finnish use (originally from the US) is called 'looping'. Looping refers to a teaching and learning approach where a teacher remains with the same group of students for more than one academic year, typically for two consecutive years. Instead of students moving on to a new teacher each year, they continue with the same teacher for an additional year. I was one of those principals who put their hand up and proudly said that this is what we do at St Leo's. The benefits of being in a small school. It was also great to network with other principals and even caught up with Maureen Harris.

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



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*Details of offer: 'School fees' refers to attendance dues only, amounting to \$516. Excludes school activities/trips, uniform provided in excellent condition, excludes shoes. For enrolments submitted in 2023. Subject to St Leo's enrolment criteria. Limited spaces available.



Other notices

Sushi Term 4

If you wish to order sushi for lunches on Wednesday term 4 will be for 10 weeks @ \$4.50. Orders need to be made by 9am on Tuesday for lunch Wednesday.

Megaland vouchers

We have been given two double tickets to Megaland for the school holidays. Megaland is a remarkable inflatable obstacle course spanning an impressive 345 metres. It is at North Harbour Stadium in Albany.

We would like to offer these to two families in the school. First in first served. Please email Renee for the unique code so you can book the tickets.



Summer uniforms

On return to school in term 4 children may wear their summer uniforms. We would like everyone to be in their summer uniform by the Tuesday after Labour weekend please. If you ordered a uniform these haven't arrived yet.

All Black Experience Trip

Please remember to send back your permission slips for this trip or email permission for your child to attend.

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**

FOR EACH JAR/HONEYCOMB SOLD \$5 goes to St Leo's School

\$1 goes to Nutters Club (Mike King's mental health foundation)

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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 you will receive an email next week reminding you. 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.

Disco

We will be holding a disco for the children on Friday 13th October. (note change of date) The parents will be taking part in the disco with their children. Tickets are on sale tomorrow and in Term 4 until Wednesday 11 October

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

Don't miss it

PRE SALE NOW!

13TH OCTOBER 5:30-7:30PM

\$15 p ticket incl one American holdog and a drink

Tickets for sale from the office

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER @5:30PM UNTIL 7:30PM

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE

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St Leo's PTFA presents **2023 SPACE ODYSSEY DISCO**

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Fair donation thank yous

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Timetable of events

Friday 22 September	Term ends Classes attending Mass
Monday 9 October	School resumes Dance with Pform Touch rugby starts
Tuesday 10 October	Private music lessons
Wednesday 11 October	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 12 October	All Black Experience Trip
Friday 13 October	School disco 5.30 - 7.30
Monday 16 October	Dance with Pform Touch rugby
Tuesday 17 October	Private music lessons
Wednesday 18 October	Assembly 10.15
Thursday 19 October	Year 5/6 Cricket tournament at TGS
Friday 20 October	Choir to Freeman's Bay school
Monday 23 October	Dance with Pform Touch rugby
Tuesday 24 October	Private music lessons
Wednesday 25 October	BOT meeting
Thursday 26 October	Peninsula Kapa Haka group
Friday 27 October	Open Day
Monday 30 October	Dance with Pform Touch rugby
Tuesday 31 October	Private music lessons Year 6 Mass
Wednesday 1 November	Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 2 November	Waterwise
Friday 3 November	Rosmini Orientation Day
Monday 6 November	Dance with Pform Touch rugby
Tuesday 7 November	Private music lessons
Wednesday 8 November	NZ Sculpture on the Shore visit
Thursday 9 November	Waterwise
Monday 13 November	School Athletics

Tuesday 14 November	Private music lessons
Wednesday 15 November	Assembly 10.15
Thursday 16 November	Waterwise TBC
Friday 17 November	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 21 November	Private music lessons Yr 6 Puberty Talks
Thursday 23 November	Waterwise
Sunday 26 November	School Fair
Tuesday 28 November	Private music lessons
Wednesday 29 November	Waterwise
Friday 1 December	Peninsula Athletics
Monday 4 December	Choir to TGS evening TBC
Tuesday 5 December	Private music lessons
Wednesday 6 December	Save Day Peninsula Athletics
Friday 8 December	Reports to go home Year 6 to Rainbow's End
Tuesday 12 December	Private music lessons
Wednesday 13 December	Assembly The Christmas Show Leaver's Dinner
Thursday 14 December	Farewell & Fun day
Friday 15 December	School finishes midday

2023 Term dates

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
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?
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To enrol for your no-obligation trial lesson simply visit:

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MONDAY 25/9	TUESDAY 26/9	WEDNESDAY 27/9	THURSDAY 28/9	FRIDAY 29/9
9:00 Spanish class 10:00 Morning tea 10:30 Art (pencil/color pencils) 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Make a felt bookmark for you and your family 2:30 Snack 2:45 Games in Spanish 4:00 Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (oil pencils) Lunch Paint your own blanket (part 1) Snack Paint your own blanket (part 2) Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (acrylic paint) Lunch Paper houses make your own city (part 1) Snack Paper houses make your own city (part 2) Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (acrylic paint or digital art if you have procreate) Lunch Make a piñata (part 1) Snack Make a piñata (part 2) Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (Clay) Lunch Make Halloween decorations (part 1) Snack Make Halloween decorations (part 2) Pick up time
MONDAY 02/10	TUESDAY 03/10	WEDNESDAY 04/10	THURSDAY 05/10	FRIDAY 06/10
9:00 Spanish class 10:00 Morning tea 10:30 Art (water color) 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Make your own board game (part 1) 2:30 Snack 2:45 Make your own board game (part 2) 4:00 Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (water color) Lunch Write a story and make your own book (part 1) Snack Write a story and make your own book (part 2) Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (if you have procreate) Lunch Camping (at the centre) kids need to bring stuff for camping and play games Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (origami or digital art if you have procreate) Lunch Make a calendar with wood (part 1) Snack Make a calendar with wood (part 2) Pick up time	Spanish class Morning tea Art (make a memory cards game) Lunch Party start Break the piñata Pick up time

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