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Season of Creation

In 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This 1 September, Feast of Creation, also known as Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, opens the Season of Creation 2023. Our theme for 2023 is Let Justice and Peace Flow.

This offers an opportunity to reflect on and take action to address the needs of the Earth, our common home. Pope Francis has been a strong advocate for the church paying more serious attention to the issues of climate change, global warming and the way these affect people, particularly the most vulnerable nations and communities.

Laudato Si, the Pope's encyclical on care of the Earth impresses upon us all that we cannot ignore the planet when we are living out our calling as followers of Christ.

A Prayer in Union with Creation – Pope Francis

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!
Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!
Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!
Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness



for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.
God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen. (wn.catholic.org.nz)

School/Parish Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this special Mass. The students sang beautifully supported by Dominic Blazar on guitar.



Grandparents Day

On Wednesday the school held a special day for our grandparents. We started off with a beautiful liturgy and the choir and kapa haka performed. After morning tea, the tamariki showed their grandparents and whanau around the school. Thank you to all the grandparents and whanau who were able to attend this special day.



NZ Playhouse

The school were lucky enough to join Vauxhall School to watch Treasure Island performed by NZ Playhouse. The children enjoyed the show and it was great to see them getting involved with the performers.

Student Learning Expo

On Thursday 14 September we will be hosting the student learning expo. The ākongā will be showcasing the awesome learning that has been happening throughout the year. The expo will be held in the classrooms from 3.30-5.30pm and you do not need to make appointment times. Please come and have a look at all the exciting mahi that your children have been working on. Don't forget to check out the STEM and Art rooms.

St Clare and St Patrick News

On Friday the children worked with Ruth to make Father's Day cards. They had a fantastic time designing and creating some wonderful cards.

Speech Competition and Peninsula Speeches

Nine students presented their speeches to the whole school on a wide range of topics. Thank you to Joseph Wolfcamp and Mr M for narrowing the finalists down to two winners which was very difficult. In the end, we selected May Upton and Lucetta Thomas-Cheng as our winners and Leo Radford as our runner-up. They both represented our kura with pride at the Peninsula Speech Competition. So proud of you both!

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

Thank you to those people who donated for Daffodil Day. We raised \$92.

Cans for Christmas

The last day for Cans for Christmas is the morning of Friday 8 September. We will be dropping them off on Friday afternoon.

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.



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/>



Beach clean up and Marae visit

Notices regarding these events were emailed to you recently. They were also made available through the Skool Loop app and St Leo's Families facebook page. Please return the permission slips early next week or email the office.

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

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 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 20th October. (note change of date) Put the date in your diary. The parents will be taking part in the disco with their children. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of term 4.



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

Fair donation thank yous

Thank you to the following businesses who have sponsored the fair, sponsored a stall or donated goods for the fair.

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Timetable of events

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| 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 |
| | School resumes |

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 SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO? Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

WHEN? Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age depending) 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 guessmate 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.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

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

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25-27 SEPT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
75 Bush Rd, Albany
- EVENTINDA STADIUM**
25-28 SEPT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
17 Sharnford Lane, Waiata Valley
- THE Y MOUTH SQUARE**
26-28 SEPT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
3 Maranga Drive, Northcote
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SEPT/OCT HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS

Week 2

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2-3 OCT
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36 Dominion St, Takapuna
- EVENTINDA STADIUM**
2-3 OCT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
17 Sharnford Lane, Waiata Valley
- PINEHURST SCHOOL**
2-4 OCT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
75 Bush Rd, Albany
- THE Y MOUTH SQUARE**
3-5 OCT
HOURS: 9AM-3PM
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- ROSMINI COLLEGE**
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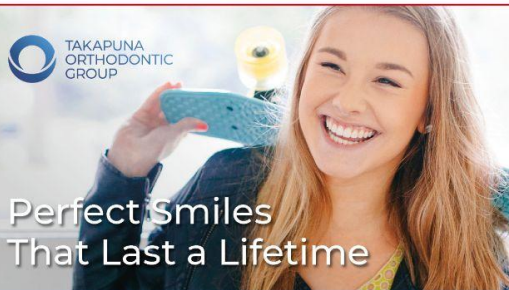
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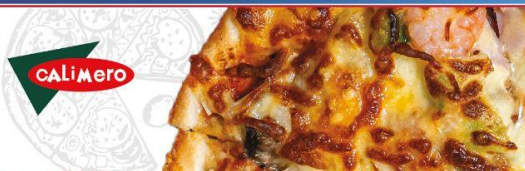
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