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28 March 2024

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

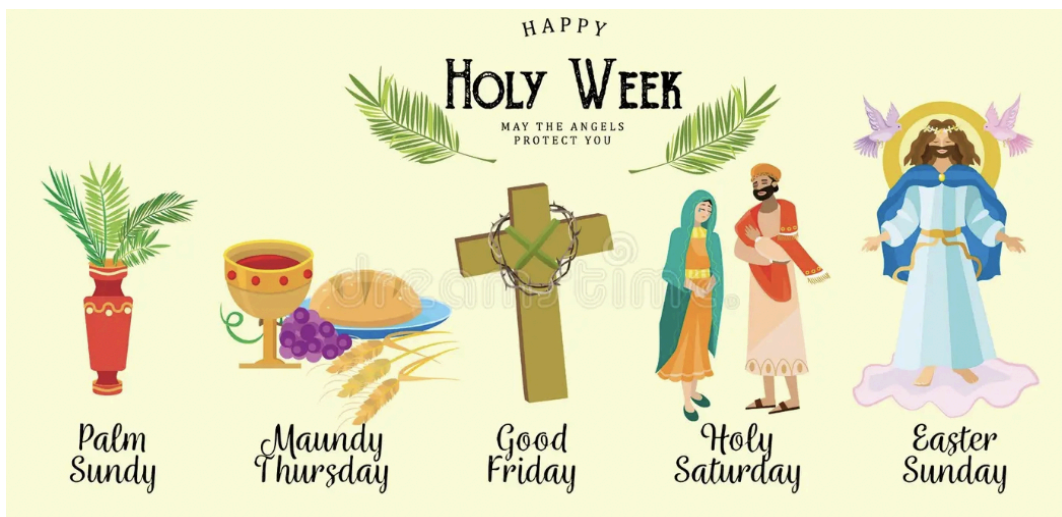
It has been a wonderful two weeks of school, despite the chilly mornings. I have been visiting classrooms frequently and it is great to see the tamariki happy and enjoying being at school. There is so much fun and amazing learning happening and I am so proud to share this with you in this week's newsletter.

Holy Week

Holy Week is a significant period in the Catholic faith that commemorates the final week of Jesus Christ's life on Earth, leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. It begins with Palm Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where crowds greeted him with palm branches. It has been wonderful to see classes learning about this special time in Jesus's life and reflecting on how the people felt when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Thursday marks the Last Supper, where Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples and instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist. Good Friday solemnly observes Jesus' crucifixion and death, reflecting on his sacrifice for humanity's sins. Holy Saturday is a day of quiet anticipation, symbolising the time between Jesus' death and resurrection. St Catherine reenacted the stations of the cross to the whole school today and this was a time where we revived the time in Jesus's life before he was crucified.

Finally, Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead, signifying victory over sin and death, and is a joyful culmination of Holy Week. Throughout Holy Week, Catholics engage in special prayers, liturgies, and rituals to reflect on the profound events of Jesus' final days and to deepen their spiritual connection with God.



St Catherine News

On Monday, I was lucky to be working alongside the St Catherine tamariki. We painted crosses on canvas and reflected on Holy Week and remembered Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. The children enjoyed Garden to Table where we made potato chips in air fryers. We managed to source lots of potatoes from our school garden. We liked this to kitchen chemistry and discussed chemical reactions.



No School on Tuesday 2 April

The Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not be open.

The terms and holidays are usually set so that Easter occurs during the first term break and the Easter Tuesday school holiday goes unnoticed. However, in some years Easter falls much earlier than usual such as in 1997, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2021 and 2024.

Whānau Games and Picnic

On Thursday 11 April the children will be taking part in some games organised by the Whānau Leaders. Tamariki can come to school dressed in the house colours: Koromiko - Blue, Kowhai - Yellow, Kauri - Green, Pohutukawa - Red. After the games at 1pm, parents and whānau are most welcome to join your child/children for a picnic. This will be a nice way to connect as a school community to end a wonderful term.

School Docs and 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 1 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is **'Parent Involvement'**, **'Communicating with Parents'** and **'Community Conduct Expectations'**

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 Student Attendance policy at the bottom of the page.

Read the policy content

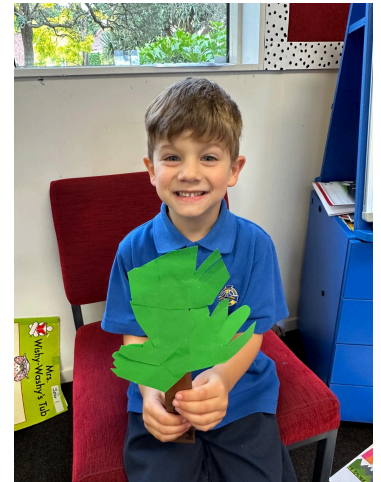
Click on the blue 'Start your review' at the top of the page. Here is a link to "How-to" YouTube videos: [Taking part in reviews](#) and [Viewing review feedback](#).

St Clare News

This week St Clare has been learning about and celebrating Holy week. We made palms from our palms to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance.

This is what St Clare had to say about Palm Sunday:

- Jesus was the King – Victoria
- He was riding a donkey – Bodhi
- Jesus was happy – Roger
- He was crying – Callen
- The other ones didn't believe Jesus – Frankie
- Jesus cried – Alessa
- Jesus told people to get a donkey – Hunter
- Jesus was crying – Cody
- Some people didn't believe that Jesus was God's son. All the others waved branches around – Gunner
- Everyone waved palms around – Lucy
- Some people didn't know that God was the King – Nysa



We have also learnt about when Jesus washed his disciples feet. Then we "recreated" this by washing each other's feet. The water was really cold but we talked about where Jesus would have gotten the water he used from (probably a well) and how that would have also been cold. St Clare said when asked:

- One of Jesus' disciples didn't want Jesus to wash his feet – Hunter
- Because Jesus was their leader – Gunner
- Jesus was washing everyone's feet – Roger
- They were in a big tent – Frankie
- Their feet were muddy – Lucy
- Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet - Bodhi



We are excited to continue Holy week this week and finish it off next week.

Sharing Images of Children

We are currently reviewing our parent involvement policy on School Docs. While reviewing this with the board, we thought to share a part of this policy on sharing images of children.

St Leo's Catholic School follows guidelines to protect students' privacy and safety at school when we publish student information. This includes sharing photos of our students. We encourage our school community to also consider privacy issues when sharing photos and videos taken at school events.

You can read the rest of the policy on School Docs.

Ma te atua manaaki
God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices

Flippa Ball & Splash Polo

If your child would like to play Flippa Ball (Year 3/4 or 5/6) or Splash Polo (year 2/3) as part of a school team on a Sunday afternoon at AUT Millenium Mairangi Bay next term please let Renee know before the last day of term.

Sushi

If you don't have a standing order for sushi and want to order sushi for Wednesday 3rd April please email me your order and drop the money off on Wednesday as the order has to go in on Tuesday. If you would like to order sushi for the term next term there are 10 weeks in the term at \$4.50 per week.

Vector works

Vector have advised us that from April until October there is going to be work to strengthen the electricity network carried out in our area. They are doing it in blocks and stage 1 from April - May will involve works around Shoal Bay Rd, Lake Rd from Albert to Owens Rds, Lake Rd and the beginning of Old Lake Rd and Lake Rd and the corner of Alamein Ave.

Stage 2 from May June will involve Patuone Ave and Lake Rd from Allenby Ave to Seabreeze Rd and Lake Rd into Egremont St & Westwell Rd. Stage 3 June to October will involve Owens Rd and Lake Rd Seabreeze to Old Lake Rd. Please be aware that parking around the school could be at a premium during some of this work. Please respect the neighbours and do not park across their driveways. There will be traffic management in place.

Flower arranging at church

Are you interested in flower arranging? Sue Storey from the Parish is looking for people to help with simple flower arrangements for church. Flowers are provided all you need to do is arrange them. Training will be given if you don't know what to do but are keen to help.

Please contact Sue Storey on 027 2222846 if you would like to help.

Rosmini College Open Day for new students in 2025

Thursday 16 May 2024 - The presentation will commence at 1:30pm in the Auditorium and the Open Day concludes at 3pm. The online application form is available on the school website (www.rosmini.school.nz) for enrolment for 2025. Enrolment queries to Eunice 09 488 3750 or email enquiries@rosmini.school.nz.

Timetable of events

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April (inclusive)	Easter holiday
Wednesday 3 April	Music with Dominic
Thursday 4 April	Waterwise
Friday 5 April	St Catherine to Navy museum workshop
Tuesday 9 April	Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 10 April	Music with Dominic Assembly 10.15 PTFA meeting 7.30pm staffroom
Thursday 11 April	Waterwise Fun Day/Whanau picnic 1pm
Friday 12 April	Whole school to midday mass End of term

2024 Term dates

Term 1 ends Friday 12 April

Term 2 starts Monday 29 April

PTFA NEWS

Hot cross buns

Thank you to those who supported our last minute hot cross bun fundraiser.

High Tea

Save the date: **Saturday 4 May** at the Devonport Yacht Club. More details to follow but keep the date free for a fun filled afternoon. Tickets will be going on sale soon so keep an eye out.

Does anyone have contacts for prizes, goodie bags items or silent auction items that we could use for the High tea. Please let me know if you do.

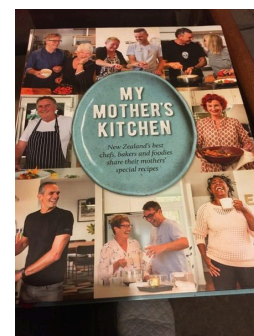
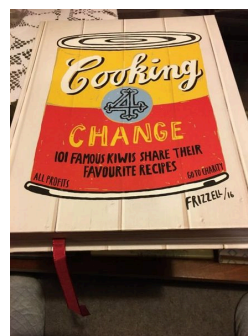
If you have pretty china teacups that we could use for the High tea please let me know as soon as possible if we can borrow them.



Cookbooks

Don't forget we have our ongoing Cookbook fundraiser happening. \$25 per book. Stocks are limited so get in quick.

Next PTFA meeting 10th April 7.30pm in the staff room.



Sign up for this and link to our school and we get money for sports equipment.

Get a school team together.



Shop at Shore City and enter your receipt in the Shop for your School promotion.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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*4 day workshop

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Tuesday 2 April
EASTER TUESDAY

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We've got an amazing Easter Tuesday programme planned, including an Easter Egg Hunt, baking, crafts, games and more!
Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Days: \$56 School Days: \$47 Half Days: \$40
7:30am to 6pm 8:30am to 5pm 7:30am to 12:30pm OR 12:30pm to 6pm

Contact: Melanie Amuroa Phone: 020 4163 6747 Email: stanleybay@kellyclub.co.nz
Facebook: @KellyClubStanleyBaySchool

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

WIN ME

Devonport Kids' Easter Bunny Hunt!

Find all 12 cotton bunnies hiding in Devonport store windows & enter the draw!

Friday 16th March - Tuesday 2nd April

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KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

WEEK 1				
Mon 15 April	Tues 16 April	Wed 17 April	Thurs 18 April	Fri 19 April
KELLY CLUB NINJAS	RAINFOREST ADVENTURE	WHEELS DAY	FLASH BANG SCIENCE	ROCK 'N' ROLL
WEEK 2				
Mon 22 April	Tues 23 April	Wed 24 April	Thurs 25 April	Fri 26 April
BUBBLES & BOUNCE	SERGEANTS & SOLDIERS	MEGAZONE TRIP DAY	PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY	HUMAN BOARD GAMES

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DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME APRIL 2024

<p>MON 15TH APRIL PETER RABBIT DAY!</p> <p>CARROT HUNT AND HOPPING FUN ACTIVITIES AND CLUTE CRAFTS!</p>	<p>TUES 16TH APRIL HUGE HUT CITY!!</p> <p>YESS! SUPER FUN GIANT FORT HUT BUILDING! CRAZY CHALLENGES AND COOL CRAFTS!</p>	<p>WED 17TH APRIL OUTER SPACE! GREAT GALAXIES DAY!</p> <p>SPACE CRITTERS AND CREATIONS! CHALLENGES AND CRAFTS FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD!</p>	<p>THURS 18TH APRIL KUNG FU PANDA 4 MOVIE & AN ICE CREAM! EXTRA COST \$17</p> <p>MOVIE AT THE VIC AND EPIC KUNG FU PANDA ACTIVITIES!</p>	<p>FRI 19TH APRIL MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY IN WONDERLAND!</p> <p>CRAZY MAD FUNNY FUN DAY!! IF FINE MAD FUN ACTIVITIES AT WINDSOR RESERVE!</p>
<p>MON 22ND APRIL COOL KIWI AND AWESOME AUSSIE ANIMALS!</p> <p>WILD NATIVE ANIMAL FUN AND GAMES! PLUS SUPER COOL CRITTER ART & CRAFTS!</p>	<p>TUES 23RD APRIL MYSTICAL PIRATE ADVENTURES</p> <p>AARRGH ME HEARTIES! WE MAY BE OUT ADVENTURING AROUND DEVONPORT! PLEASE BRING A HAT, WATER BOTTLE SHOES & JACKET</p>	<p>WED 24TH APRIL WHOO? WHOOP! BOUNCY CASTLE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE!! \$14</p> <p>BOUNCING FUN ACTIVITIES AND AN ICE CREAM! WOO HOO!</p>	<p>THURS 25TH APRIL PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY</p> <p>NO PROGRAMME TODAY</p>	<p>FRI 26TH APRIL LAST DAY FREAKY FRIDAY!! DRESS UPS AND DJ PARTY!! MAKEOVERS AND SHARED LUNCH PARTY!</p> <p>WEAR YOUR PYS CRAZY OR CUTE DRESS UPS OR ONESE! IF YOU LIKE BRING SOMETHING FUN FOR OUR SHARED LUNCH!</p>

We are looking for families of children and teenagers (age 5-17 years) who have had a concussion or mild TBI in the last ten days, to take part in a study to find out how long it takes them to recover. We would like to talk to families up to five times over the 6 months after injury. The interviews can be conducted by phone, on zoom, or in person at a time that suits you. Each participating family will be given a \$20 voucher for each assessment in appreciation of your time. To find out more, email concussion@waikato.ac.nz, ring 0220159773 or [facebook.com/craniac.nz](https://www.facebook.com/craniac.nz).

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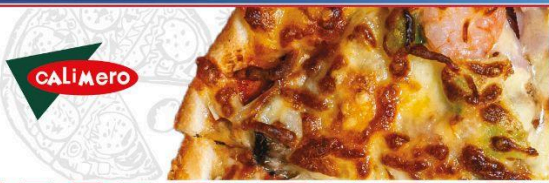
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