



## St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport

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### Term 2 Week 3

May 18, 2017

*The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. During this month we offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.*

#### **Prayer: The Memorare**

*REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

#### **Mercy Value - Focus**



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*I am a good listener!*



## Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

"Each of us by our love and care leaves a mark on the life of others" - Pope Francis 2017.  
This quote by Pope Francis leads us beautifully into the St Leo's Mercy Value of AROHA, we are working on this term. Promoting how we can leave lots of "positive marks" on others and treat others with Aroha is reflected each week during our Prayer reflection. These messages are reinforced daily in our classrooms and the playground. I am always heartened to hear how our Mercy Values are acted upon in all aspects of our daily lives.

Our teachers are working in partnership with the students to help them understand what they need to learn and their next learning steps. This is an important step to empower our students in their learning. The concept of learner agency has had a profound impact on modern educational theory and practice. One way of thinking of learner agency is when learners have "the power to act". Agency is when learning involves the activity and the initiative of the learner. In the past, schools have catered mostly for groups of learners, for classes of kids, with a one size fits all approach. Current educational practice is moving the learners from being passive recipients to being much more active in the learning process, and actively involved in the decisions about the learning. This approach is more a partnership for learning between teacher and learner. This is learner agency.

Congratulations to Honor Braid, James Lynch, Lily McGivern and Louis Upton on winning the Peninsula Waterwise regatta. A great effort from you all. This is an outstanding achievement from these students who demonstrated a great sense of teamwork throughout the day. Also congratulations to both our rippa rugby teams who competed at the North Shore Rippa Rugby Field days. Both teams represented the school demonstrating our Mercy Values of Panekiritanga and Te Tapu o Te Tangata. The year 5 /6 team won all three games and the year 3/4 team won two of their three games. Thank you to all the parents who helped support this event.

God Bless,  
Elizabeth Walker,  
Principal

<b>Maori Focus Phrase:</b> He tino pai tō mahi. You've done a good job
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## Enviroschools

Yesterday Miss Dawbin and I attended an Enviroschools Reflections Skills Hub to support how we can use this process to guide the next steps of our schools sustainability journey. We will be keeping you informed and would welcome parent support to help with some of our Enviro initiatives.



## Important Messages

### **Howick Village - School Trip**

A reminder that all children will need to be at school by 8.45 on Friday for our trip to Howick Village. A reminder that children may come dressed for the 1850's. Please ensure that your child has plenty to eat and a drink. Please remember to pay the \$12 per child for this trip either in cash/cheque or into the school bank account

### **Assembly**

Next Friday St Catherine's Class will be sharing at assembly.  
A reminder that assembly is now at 9.00 am.

### **Family Mass**

We ask families to attend a Sunday Mass as a St Leo's Community. The children are asked to wear their school uniform and we sit together as a school. It is expected that all children and their families attend these masses. If you are unable to attend for a genuine reason please email [principal@stleos.school.nz](mailto:principal@stleos.school.nz) Please bring a nonperishable food item for the foodbank.

**Sunday 28 May - Ascension** - students will meet on the courts at 8.30

### **Accounts**

Term 2 Attendance Dues are now due. Accounts were sent out during the holidays. If you have not received yours please contact the office.

### **Lewis Eady Music Lessons**

We now have enough students for these to resume and for our singing and ukulele groups to resume. The music programme will start next week. Thanks to those parents who enrolled their children.

### **Tax Receipts**

If you require a 2016 tax receipt please contact the office.

### **Chess**

The North Shore chess club are holding an interschool chess competition in August. If your child is interested in taking part in this competition please let Renee know by 31 May. If we get enough interest we will need a parent or two to run some training sessions for the children. There will be a cost of \$8 per team member.

### **Shoes for Sale**

A brand new, never been worn pair of size 6 black Skecher school shoes purchased from Rebel Sport for sale. If you are interested please see Renee if you are interested. The family who donated these shoes will be donating the money to a charity in India that supports orphans.

### **Celebration Book**

Jacob Larsen - Player of the day and scored two goals and team won 4 - 0.

Flynn Lane - Player of the day and team won 3 - 2

Ben Dunlops team won 7 - 2 and he scored 2 goals

Benjamin Dobbs - Player of the day in basketball

Cooper Firkin - 1st in a swimming race

Year 5/6 netball team won 11 - 1

Freya Williamson - Player of the day in netball

Molly Claxton - dancer of the day in tap

Year 2 netball team won 4 - 0

Juju Goosen - player of the day in netball

Rosina Joseph - player of the day in netball

Caoimhe Costello - got 3rd place in the snail race

### School Awards

Principal Awards	Spirit Awards
Caoimhe Costello Melissa Busch Jessie Wescott Isabel Mena-Levin	Molly Claxton Katie Kubala Orlando Thomas-Cheng
Star Student Awards	Whanau Awards
Evan Joseph Ivy Wallis Alice Gillies	Kauri - Rosina Joseph Koromiko - Mikayla Vellekoop Kowhai - Molly Claxton Pohutukawa - Jacob Larsen

## PTFA News

Thank you to all the parents who have purchased tickets for the Heavenly High Tea on Saturday. 100 tickets were sold and it should be a great afternoon. Don't forget to bring along some money for the raffles and silent auctions. Eftpos will also be available.

We have more exciting fundraisers for Term Two, helping get together funds for shading for the Junior classroom area.

### Sausage Sizzle

The next Sausage Sizzle will be held Friday 26th May

### Disco

Save the date for the school disco, Friday 9th June.....details to come.

## Community Notices

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**WENDY PIRIE (MHSC)**  
Preschool Movement Expert, NZ Early Childhood Educator, Teacher Training Facilitator, and Parenting Movement Consultant

Wendy is a mother to three boys and previously held the role of Early Childhood Development Officer for Sport Hawkes Bay. Wendy has completed a Master of Health Science from the University of Auckland with a research thesis investigating the impact of perceptual motor program Smart Start with PMP on new entrant children's learning and behaviour. Wendy is co-author of the new book **MOVE, PLAY AND LEARN WITH SMART STEPS.**



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- Be the liaison person between NSNS, the Police and the Group
- Organize an annual or 6 monthly neighbours get together
- Receive NSNS signs, stickers, and info packs for your Group
- Keep the Group contact list updated annually for safety and connection
- Encourage the members to have a personal and street Civil Defence Plan

If this sounds like something you could do please email the manager Jacquie Jarry: <[admin@neighbourhood.org.nz](mailto:admin@neighbourhood.org.nz)> or visit their web site: [www.neighbourhood.org.nz](http://www.neighbourhood.org.nz)




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**Saturday 27 May, 2.00-3.30 p.m.** Opening

Events after school during the week - make a peace flag, peace poppy, paper crane.

**Saturday 10 June, 12.30 p.m.** Join us at The Depot Artspace to meet some of the people who helped to make it happen and hear their stories, including Phil Goff, Mayor of Tamaki Makaurau Auckland

**Tuesday 13 June, 8 p.m.** An evening of songs for peace presented by the Devonport Folk Club The Bunker, Mt. Victoria, Devonport. Access via Kerr Street. *Koha appreciated*

For more details, see [www.wilpf.org.nz](http://www.wilpf.org.nz)

Contact: [ruth.calliope@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.calliope@gmail.com) 021 169 7638 09 445 1254

Depot Artspace [www.depotartspace.co.nz](http://www.depotartspace.co.nz) 09 963 2331

**Sunday 11 June 12-2 p.m.** A Peace Foundation event at Auckland Domain, behind the museum.

Peace activities include creating a giant peace sign for an aerial photograph.

Information: [www.nuclearfreeNZ30.org.nz](http://www.nuclearfreeNZ30.org.nz)

**OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS**



**Your local Devonport property people.**

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