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Term 3, Week 1

July 27, 2017

St Joachim and Anne

Feast Day 26 July

Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other, except Jesus Christ Himself. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

*O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

Mercy Value - Focus



- Hospitality

Hospitality:

Te Manaakitanga

From Catherine McAuley
we learn to reach out to others,
especially when they are lonely or sad.
our greatest gift is to welcome another
and to share a love that warms their hearts.

May our doors always be open
to those who come looking
for a place to call home.

May a good cup of tea await
every visitor who knocks at our door.

For none comes without a gift,
and no guest leaves without a blessing,
in Mercy's name.

Amen.



Principal's Piece

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone has enjoyed a well deserved break and are refreshed and ready for the learning challenges ahead. We have hit the ground running as we have re-established school and class routines and settled quickly into a new term of learning. This term our St Leo's Catholic School value is "Manaakitanga".

We warmly welcome to our St Leo's family Julia Wilson, Melissa Wilson, Selina Bu and Nicholas Busch to St Clare's classroom. We wish them all and their families a long and happy association with St Leo's. We also welcome our International Students from China who are with us for a period of up to five weeks. We are delighted to have them and it is lovely to see them all integrating so well with our students. We wish them and their families all the best. Term 3 looks to be a very busy term with many extra events happening. Please ensure that you check the calendar, website and facebook page for up to date news on what is happening. The School App has a link to our school google calendar and is regularly updated. If you have not downloaded the app and you would like to, please pop into the office and Renee or I will help you with that.

A reminder that this Sunday 31 July there is a Parish mid-winter gathering from 10.30 - 11.30 in the hall. It would be lovely to see you all there, especially our children and families who recently received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The Team newsletters outlining the details of the learning happening this term will be sent out electronically on Friday. It will also be available via the school app and website. Please ensure that you read this carefully and take the opportunities to talk to your children about their learning successes. Also talk to them about the challenges they have and how they have worked to overcome them. Research tells us most of our best learning is when we have had some challenges and had to work through them several times to achieve. Resilience and risk-taking are important skills for our children to have.

Last term I invited any interested parents to contact me if they were interested in taking part in a review of our reporting process. If you would like to take part in the review please contact me. We are investigating ways to share student learning in a timely manner with parents as the journey unfolds in real time and for many the online environment is serving as a vehicle for this.

We are also in the process of reviewing some of our curriculum learning areas. These include **Religious Education, Science and Maori**. We will be inviting parents to complete some surveys to help us effectively develop our curriculum to meet the current needs of our students.

Please note that we have a teacher only day this term on **Monday August 22**. School will be closed on this day.

God Bless,
Elizabeth Walker, Principal

Maori Focus Phrase: Kei te aha koe? What are you doing?

Important Messages

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. So please put the following dates in your diary for the year so that there are no clashes of dates.

- **Sunday 10 September** -students will meet on the courts at 8.30

Uniform

The Teachers will be paying close attention to uniform this term, so if your child is not wearing the correct uniform you need to send a note to the teacher explaining why. Girls are not to be wearing any bright colour hair ties or nail polish. Black lace up or Velcro shoes are to be worn **not sports shoes**. I ask that you help us adhere to this so that children wear the correct school uniform proudly.

PE Gear order

There will be an order placed next week for PE gear and sports jackets next. If you would like to order anything please let Renee know before Wednesday 2 August. This also includes boys school uniform shorts.

Scholastic Book Orders

Brochures will be coming home with the children. Please note that these orders are now done online not through the office.

Parsley

The parsley in our vegetable garden around the back of the school is growing really well. Please help yourself if you would like some.

Upcoming Events:

Remember to check out our website and facebook page to keep up to date with events.

www.stleos.school.nz <https://www.facebook.com/DevonportStLeosCatholicSchool>

Our school app is now linked to the community google calendar.

Celebration Book

Luke Haggitt & Christian Haggitt - had their first ever Kung Fu grading and they were both presented with three yellow strips and are well on their way to obtaining their yellow belts at the end of the year.

Rippa Rugby - Year 5/6 team won 2 out of 3 games

Rippa Rugby - Year 3/4 team won 2 out of 3 games

Sam Pita - Player of the day Rippa Rugby year 5/6 team

Theo Robinson - Player of the day Rippa Rugby year 3/4 team

Caoimhe Costello - got her outdoor award in cubs

Theo Robinson - Player of the day in his grade 6 rugby game.

PTFA News

Netball Fundraiser

We are delighted to advise that we have won a new netball pole thanks to the ANZ Netball Dream delivery.

The St Leo's netball girls raised \$400 at the Devonport Craft and Food market in the school holidays that will go towards new sports uniforms. The Busch family won the netball hamper raffle at the event.

PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be held Tuesday 1st August, 7.30pm.

Sausage Sizzle

The next planned Sausage Sizzle day is Friday 11th August.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016**.

Community Notices



Protecting personal, family and business wealth from the financial impacts of the death or disablement. Please call Jon Lockyer 021 554668, regarding an insurance solution with a personalised formula that can be regularly reviewed, reducing the chance of being over insured.

For every policy signed I will donate \$50 to the school

Rental Property wanted - House proud and very tidy corporate couple with one child currently living in Devonport, seeking a 3 bedroom house with garden for long term rent in Devonport/Stanley Bay from mid September. If you, or anyone else you know, have a lovely house for rent that will align with our timeline, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Belinda on 021 571 248 and/or Chris on 021 572 724.

Kristin
FUTURE READY

OPEN DAY

2 AUGUST 2017

KRISTIN STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT TO COME TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.

To find out why, come to our Open Day.

9.15am
Kindergarten and Junior School Tours

10am
Middle and Senior School Tours

Contact us to register your attendance.
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KIDS YOGA & YOGA FLOW

Wonderfully creative classes for ages 4 to 13yrs WED from 2nd Aug, Devonport **Info & bookings**, trial class www.YOGIKIDS.co.nz Thursdays 4pm 5-9yrs in Takapuna

"Current of Grace" Conference

"Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in NZ"

When: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017-06-23

Where: Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all!

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For further information please contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537



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15th – 17th September 2017 at Allenby Park Motor Inn, Manukau, Auckland.

A special weekend encouraging couples to focus on each other, your communication, priorities, lifestyle and relationship.

Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information or to BOOK NOW