



Term 3 Class Newsletter 2017

**Nurture
The Whole Child**

**Gracious
Mercy Values**

**Excellence
No Compromise**

Tena koutou katoa Greetings to everyone

Welcome to Term 3 at St Leo's Catholic School. I have listed below some information that will be useful to you over the coming term. Our school newsletter every fortnight also provides you with upcoming events and dates.

We teach and model behaviour through our Mercy Values. By teaching and rewarding expected behaviour this assists with the prevention of inappropriate behaviour. 'He waka eke noa'. We are all in this waka together.

Dates/Happenings in Term 3

Please check the school calendar on the website, school app and school newsletter for up to date information

- Week 2 Peninsula Choir Belmont Pry
- Week 3 MM2 visit Yr 5 Maths Week,
- Week 4 Whole School Mass - Assumption /Rippa Rugby (Thursday)/
Young Leaders Day (Wed)
- Week 5 Teacher Only Day (Monday)/Save Rippa rugby Day Tuesday/Daffodil
day Friday, Speeches Completed,
- Week 6 Wala Show Monday/Speech Finals and Poetry Recital,Father's Day
Sunday
- Week 8 Whole School Family Mass Sunday (10/9)Tuesday Cricket day at school/
Thursday Cricket Save day/Student Led Conversations Tuesday

Key Curriculum Principles @ St Leo's Catholic School

These 4 guiding principles determine our curriculum, what and how we teach.

- Student Agency: Giving students the power to act and have ownership of their learning. Each learning space and the school grounds themselves belong not to teachers but to all, equally.
- Inquiry: Involving students in the learning process by helping them ask questions about things they are curious about.
- Collaboration: Modelled first and foremost by staff, students learn to work and grow together and benefit from each others strengths.
- Differentiation: This means valuing and planning diversity in our learners.



Curriculum

Mercy Value focus Manaakitanga-Hospitality

Religious Education

Week 1-5 Sacrament Strand

Week 4 The Assumption

Week 6-10 God Strand

English

Integrated with all curriculum studies:

Writing

- Speeches- Year 4-6 Poetry Reciting- Year 0-3
- Emotive Language Theme 'Advertisements' Factual Writing
- Scientific Explanations
- Procedural Writing and Instructions.

Handwriting

Oral Language

Drama

Spelling - Steps

Reading

- To, with, and by.
- Group, shared and individual sessions.
- Guided Library sessions,

Health and P.E.

Daily Fitness in individual classes/Gymnastics/

Life Ed Van www.healthyharold.org.nz - Kia Kaha

Te Reo - Maori

Te Reo/Kapa Haka every Friday school wide

Hauora (Health) Concept Hauora covers more than physical health and well-being (taha tinana). It also includes spiritual (taha wairua) and mental (taha hinengaro) aspects and one's family in the broadest sense (taha whānau). All these aspects have an effect on the hauora of a person

Science

The wonder of Science. Children in whanau groups on Thursdays in even weeks. The teachers will prepare science activities and the children will rotate to explore each activity.



Inquiry Junior and Senior teaching themes

Theme: Advertising and Marketing

- How advertisers influence audiences and get attention
- The effects of advertising
- The responsibilities of advertisers
- Ethical advertising and what is the purpose of advertisements
- Where do we see advertisements?
- Jingles the effect of music on advertising
- Creating our own advertisements.

Theme: The NZ Election

- How we organize ourselves
- Understand that people have different roles and responsibilities as part of their participation in groups.

Mathematics

Juniors - **Algebra** Patterns /relationships link with number **Number** - Addition /Subtraction. **Geometry** - Translations/Reflections

Seniors - **Number** Fractions/Decimals/Percentages/Ratios Revisit Multiplication and Division. **Geometry**-Position & Orientation, Enlargements

Mandarin

Once a week for 30 -45 minutes with Miss Ying. This exciting relationship with the Ministry and Te whare Wananga o Tamaki Makaurā (The University of Auckland) is provided freely to our children. In this hour the children explore language through the arts/culture and music.

Home Learning

- Each child should be reading every night.
- Seniors have a list of 10 words each week and times tables to learn.
- Work not finished in class could be asked to be completed at home.
- Athletics
- Steps

Welcome back to school everyone. We look forward to a wonderful partnership of learning and working together.

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God Bless you and your families
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