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Term 3, Week 3

August 10, 2017

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Feast Day 8 August

Wherever we gather to celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, may we be encouraged by the words of Pope Francis and also of Mary in 1873 'It is by love that God has always led me, by love that God reproves me, by love that God lets me see love in all'. May we be renewed by God's grace and be channels of that grace for all whom we meet, so that God's Mission of love will continue to spread throughout the world.

*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request.....
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Mercy Value - Focus

"If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction."

~ Martin Kornfeld

Kindness
is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."
~Mark Twain

LET THERE BE KINDNESS IN YOUR FACE, IN YOUR EYES, IN YOUR SMILE, IN THE WARMTH OF YOUR GREETING. DON'T ONLY GIVE YOUR CARE, BUT GIVE YOUR HEART AS WELL.

howtopraythescriptures.com **Mother Teresa**

Principal's Piece

We warmly welcome to our St Leo's family Higgins Perks who has started school this week in St Clare's classroom. We wish Higgins and his family a long and happy association with St Leo's.

Last week our wonderfully talented choir performed at the Peninsula Choir day at Belmont Primary school. They were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellence in their performance. Follow this link to see the performance.

<https://www.facebook.com/DevonportStLeosCatholicSchool/>

Yesterday your child should have come home with their Religious Education Learning Book. Please take the time to discuss your child's learning and reflections and make a comment. As part of our Internal RE review this year we have a focus on the Curriculum. We will be sending you a link to complete an online survey. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

Mrs Buchanan and I were fortunate to attend a Fit for Mission talk given by a leading Catholic educator and researcher, David Wells earlier this week. David talked to us about evangelisation and the part we play in supporting our children in their faith journey. It was very uplifting and reminded us to always think of the "joy" that brought us to work in Catholic Schools. I encourage you all to reflect on "what is your joy?".

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: He pātai pai tēnā. That's a good question.

Important Messages

Assembly

Please join us next Friday - 18 August at 9.00am for Assembly - St Dominic Classroom will be sharing.

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.

Attendance Dues

Term 3 Attendance Dues are now due. If you are having any problem paying these please see Renee or Liz,

Parsley

Our great little team of gardeners has our vegetable garden looking great. We have a good crop of parsley growing so 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.

Cans for Christmas

St Leo's will be supporting this can drive for the week of September 15th. Start collecting cans when you do your weekly shop and let's support this worthwhile cause.



Celebration Book

Year 3/4 hockey team won 2 - 0

Eli Hansen scored his first goal of the year

Charlie Lane - performed musical theatre songs and opera at Sir James Wallace's home in Epsom on Wednesday night.

Celebrating Past Pupils

Congratulations to Rona Costello and Klara Sharplin who won bronze at the North Harbour Synchronised Swimming Championships and have been chosen as part of a team who will be heading to the Singapore National Open Synchronised Swimming champs in November.

PTFA News

Sausage sizzle

Friday 11 August at lunchtime. \$5 for a sausage in bread, milo (bring your own cup) and a treat.



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