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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We trust you had a great break with your children and they are feeling refreshed, relaxed and ready for some exciting new learning.

Our P.T.F.A are working hard to make our upcoming school fair a great success. This is our school's major fundraiser for the year and it means a great deal, not only fiscally but socially, bringing everyone together for the good of our school community. We will be asking you to help in all sorts of ways in the coming weeks, please be ready and willing to help in any way you can. We really appreciate all of your efforts.

Religious Education

Whole school prayer reflection is held in St Francis de Sales Church 9.00 am every Monday.

This term we will focus on the Communion of Saints 1- 6, Liturgical Year, All Saints and All Souls Week 3, Liturgical Year - Advent wk 7 & 8, Liturgical Year, Christmas wk 9 & 10 You can learn about ways to support your child with their faith understanding by accessing the Family Whanau Book at <http://www.faithalive.org.nz/families/> or on our school website.

Continue to support our Catholic faith encouraging prayer at home, writing comments in their Prayer Bag when it comes home and coming to Mass as a family.

Important Dates:

- Week 2 Grandparents Day Mass and Celebration Friday @ 12 noon
- Week 3 Feast of All Saints Mass Wednesday @ 12 noon
- Week 4 St Leo's Feast Day Mass Friday @ 12 noon - come to school dressed as your Saint but bring your uniform
- St Catherine's Assembly Friday 10 November @ 9am
- Week 5 St Clare's & St Catherine's Mass Tuesday @ 9am
- Week 6 St Dominic's Assembly Wednesday 22 November 9am
- Week 7 Whole School Mass Saturday Night @ 5.30 pm 2 December
- Week 8 St Clare and St Patrick Mass Tuesday 5 December 9am
- Week 9 Year 6 Leavers Dinner Monday 11 December @ 6.30 pm
- Week 9 Nativity and Year 6 Leavers Service Thursday 14 December

Mercy Value Focus Term 4 Excellence Te Panekirefanga

Excellence: Te Panekirefanga

We should resolve 'to be good today',
says Catherine McAuley,
'but better tomorrow.'

So we hope to get on,
taking short, careful steps,
not great strides.

Help us, God of tender mercy,
to start again when we fail;
keep us on the right path.

Let us be like shining lamps,
giving light to all around us,
in Mercy's name.

Amen.

Key Competencies



Participating
&
Contributing

I have the confidence to participate within new situations

Relating to
Others

I can be open to new learning

Managing
Self

I am ready and willing to learn
I can set high self -expectations

Thinking

I can be a caring and critical thinker

Using
Language,
Symbols &
Text

Maths

Geometry/Measurement/Number/
Fractions/Percentages/Ratios/Algebra

Literacy

Handwriting/Visual interpretation/
Metaphors/ICT/Science

Mathematics

Year 1-3 Geometry and Measurement (2 weeks)

Length and Mass

Number (4 weeks) -Revisit multiplication/division

Fractions/Percentages/Ratios (3 weeks)-revisit

Year 4-8

Yr 4-8 **Number & Algebra** (5 weeks) Patterns and relationships

Number (2 weeks) -Revisit mult/div

Fractions/Percentages/Ratios (2 weeks)-revisit

Number knowledge learning, basic facts and times tables continue to be emphasised in every lesson. This key knowledge is necessary and underpins all mathematics learning. Mathletics is an on-line programme available to support your child's learning

English

Small group instructional reading continues in every class with children working on learning skills appropriate to their level and book bags must be returned each day. In the senior school there is an emphasis on reading to learn. This incorporates understanding of what is being read and the ability to use this information across curriculum areas. Handwriting is done daily in the Juniors and 3 to 4 times a week in the Seniors. In Spelling, all classes have access to the Steps programme and each teacher follows their own individual class programme.

Inquiry

In, On and Near the Water. This is our topic for Term 4. This is an integrated topic which means this theme will be reflected in all areas of the curriculum, i.e. In Writing, Mathematics, English, Art and Religious Education. The theme will be looking at the vast range of aquatic opportunities which the New Zealand environment offers, whether at the beach, at the pool, beach, river or out at sea. Our aim is to enhance our children's water safety behaviour in, on and near the water.

Science

In the Science learning area, children will explore how both the natural physical world and science itself work so that they can participate as critical, informed, and responsible citizens in a society in which science plays a significant role.

Maori

Te Reo and Kapa Haka will continue each week. We have included phrases in our School newsletter for you to learn together with your children.

Music

Lewis Eady is in our school every week, providing quality lessons for our children in ukelele, choir, individual lessons in keyboard and guitar. Teachers also provide musical experiences for their individual classes.

Health and Physical Education

Children will participate in daily fitness. A visiting coach will teach each class tennis skills weeks 1-3, Athletics is our main focus and the Year 6's will be going to Waterwise.

Please remember to check out the school website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/> for any other information about dates and events.

The school community calendar is updated regularly and is now available on the school app.

School Uniform

<http://www.stleos.school.nz/uniform.html>

Please make sure everything is clearly labelled so that your child can recognise their own clothing.

Children are expected to arrive and leave school in correct uniform and change into PE T-shirt and shorts as required.

School starts at 9 am, please make sure children are prompt; arriving before this time allows students the opportunity to socialise with their peers and prepare for the day. Children should not be at school before 8.30 am. We are available before school, so please pop in for a chat. If you need more of our time, please send an e-mail to our personal school address and we will make a time to talk.

Thank you for the daily support you show to our wonderful little school; we really do appreciate it.

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