

Acting Principal's Piece

We're off to a very busy and exciting last term of 2017 at St Leo's Catholic School. All our children are supported and inspired to achieve success in their learning so they can be their personal best. We encourage all children through example and our Religious Education Programme to take care of everything God has given us. As teachers in a Catholic school we believe that working on these goals will help us to move along on our mission to be a catholic school where each child is nurtured to grow as a happy, faith-filled learner who is inspired to achieve excellence. For information on our curriculum for this Term, please refer to the School Information Newsletter that I sent out in Week 1. This is available on both the website and our school app.



Grandparents Day Celebration

Last Friday, we had a wonderful day with the Grandparents in our school community. We celebrated with them and gave thanks with a very special whole school Mass. These special people have given us the gift of life and continue to give us the gift of love. We thanked them for all they do for our children and families. Some children brought along other significant and important people in their lives to let them know how much they appreciate them.

The children participated fully in our school Mass. They sang beautifully, read the readings eloquently and were a credit to their families and school. A big thank you to our senior children in Saint Catherines for their leadership and service on the day.



To check out more of our photos from Grandparents Day, you can view the tv screen in the office foyer. A big thank you to Claire Warner (Sienna's mum) for the fabulous photos. Also, thanks to Renee for keeping this screen up to date, so you can enjoy your children's learning and fun times at St Leo's.

Tennis Coaching

Belmont Tennis Club have been in the school coaching our children and will be continuing for a further 3 weeks. They are having lots of fun, with 45 minute sessions for each class. Get those rackets out kids and have some fun in this lovely fine weather and practice your new skills.

Athletics Day training

Classes have started training for our Athletics Day in Week 6 Thursday 23/11. Thanks to Adrienne and John for your organisation for this event.

All Saints Day Mass

Thank you to Father Larry for celebrating Mass with us on All Saints Feast Day 1st November. Children you behaved and sang beautifully, Father Larry commented on how well you sang.

Maori Focus Did you know?

Only 3% of New Zealanders can actually converse in Te Reo Maori. At St Leo's we provide our children with the opportunity to participate in learning Te Reo and performing Kapa Haka. Whae Lani an outside provider, comes to school every Friday to teach Te Reo and Kapa haka to our children. We are fortunate to have someone of her calibre working with us at St Leo's.

Kapa Haka Performance

The children in St Patrick's and St Catherine's participated in a Kapa Haka Concert Performance at Belmont Intermediate on Thursday. Well done children you represented your school with mana and made an impact with your choral item, pois, and haka. A big thank you to Whae Lani, Hayley Law on guitar, Debbie Wolfkamp and teachers for doing the children's make up and all the parents who transported our children to and from the venue.



PTFA and the School Fair

Thank you to the wonderful PTFA at St Leo's. This is an incredibly busy time of our school year for you all and I am grateful for the effort, time, dedication and creativity that you bring to our school. Next week you will be able to drop off your good quality white elephant items, clothes, books, toys etc.

Drop off times to the hall are as follows:

Mon 6th - 8.30am - 10.30am

Tues 7th - 3pm - 6pm

Wed 8th - 8.30am - 10.30am

Thurs 9th 3pm - 6pm

Student Voice

Molly Claxton, Charlize Glanville, Abigail Goosen are having a stall at the Fair. Along with a team of girls from St Catherine's they are making a selection of arts and crafts to sell at the Fair. What a creative bunch! Make sure you go their stall and buy something.

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

God Bless and Aroha, Fiona Buchanan, Acting Principal

Important Messages

Term Dates for 2018:

- Term 1: Tuesday 30 January - Friday 13 April
(Easter - Good Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3 April)
Term 2: Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
Term 3: Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4: Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December

Term 4 Assemblies

- Week 4: Friday 10 November 9.00-9.30 St Catherine
Week 6: Friday 24 November 9.00-9.30 St Dominic
Week 8 : Friday 8 December 9.00-9.30 St Clare and St Patrick

Upcoming Events:

- Week 3 Carmel Orientation Day Friday 3rd November
Week 4 St Leo's Feast Day Mass Friday @ 12 noon
Rosmini Open Day 9 November
Week 5 St Clare's & St Catherine's Mass Tuesday @ 9am
Melanoma Awareness Day Muffi (spotty clothing) dress (Gold Coin
Donation)
Week 6 Kiwi Kapers Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra Aotea Centre
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

Term 4 fees

Accounts for these were sent out prior to the holidays. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Attendance Dues must be paid by the end of this term. If you are experiencing any problems paying these please see Renee.

Lost Property

There is quite a lot of named uniform missing. Could you please check that your child is wearing uniform with their name on it.

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

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

<http://st-leos.blogspot.co.nz/>

Whanau Points

Kauri	Koromiko	Kowhai	Pohutukawa
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PTFA News

The fair is fast approaching. Please take note of the following items:

- **Cake plates** were sent home with your child on Monday. If for any reason you have not received these please let the office know. Please bring your cakes in next Friday neatly wrapped and clearly labelled. There will be a drop off point set-up in the senior block of the school.
- **Fair vouchers** are on sale now at the office. \$10 gets you a book of 12 vouchers. These are designed for the children so that they don't have to carry money. These are for St Leo's children only so get them before the fair day.
- **Raffle tickets** - all sold and unsold raffle tickets should now have been returned to the office. If you are still holding on to yours please return them asap.
- **Drop off times** to the hall for goods for white elephant, books, toys, clothes etc are as follows:
 - Mon 6th - 8.30am - 10.30am
 - Tues 7th - 3pm - 6pm
 - Wed 8th 8.30am - 10.30am
 - Thurs 9th 3pm - 6pm
- **Jolly Jars** - could these please be returned to the office by the end of this week. If for any reason you are unable to fill your jars could you please return them to the office, asap.
- **Chilly Bins** - We require the use of 10 - 12 large chilly bins for fair day. If you are able to help please contact either Charlotte Goosen or Renee.
- **BBQ** - We require on Webber BBQ preferably on a stand.
- **Nerf Guns** - we still require some nerf guns for an activity. Please contact Catherine Joseph or Renee.

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Community Notices

Play Day at Devonport Kindergarten for children who have recently left (years 1 and 2). This will be held on Thursday 23 November, 3pm - 4.30pm. Any inquiries: please ring (09) 445 3504.

G. Schuwer Tutoring offers individually tailored tuition for 5 - 11 year olds. Trained female primary teacher originally from the UK living in Devonport and happy to do after school-pick ups from St Leo's depending on availability. Commuting also available. Free Taster Session available for every child. For more information including fees and testimonials please visit: www.gschuwertutoring.com / telephone: 0274106871/ email: gschuwertutoring@gmail.com



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ROBERT DIL PERFORMING ARTS

BROADWAY BEGINNERS!

Weekly Musical Theatre classes for passionate Primary-aged students in Years 4 through 6.



Takapuna Grammar School's specialist Musical Theatre teacher, Mr Robert Dil, is offering this class from Term 1, 2018. Come and learn in the art of storytelling through singing, acting and movement. This is a safe, welcoming space for all, where students will grow in creativity and confidence. Places are limited.

Robert holds a masters degree in Drama & Theatre for Young People with distinction. In addition to his teaching duties at TGS he freelances as a musician (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and has directed professionally for the children's theatre stage. Robert has clocked up over 100 hours of professional development on Broadway, in New York!
<https://www.facebook.com/RobertDilPA>

When: Every Monday afternoon during school terms (and school days) in 2018.
Time: 3:30pm -4:30pm.
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To receive further information and register:
Email Robert at r.dil@tgs.school.nz



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