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Newsletter Term 4 Week 5

St Leo's Catholic School Village Fair 2017



Acting Principal's Piece

Jesus tells us how it is important to be ready and prepared for whatever will happen. It is easy to be ready for something to happen when we know the day and time to expect it. Jesus explains that we must always be ready for his return because no one knows when he will be coming. Part of our job as teachers is to build resilience in our children at St Leo's. What does being prepared mean and what does it look like for our children at St Leo's? We try and prepare our children for what next. What next in their learning? Am I prepared for my next steps in my learning? What do I have to do to improve? Am I being a good friend? Can the Mercy Values help me be a better friend to others.

St Leo's is a Roman Catholic school in which the whole school community, through the general school programme and in its religious instructions and observances, exercises the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ. These values are as expressed in the Scriptures and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. We encourage our children to be friends of Jesus and know that through their actions that they can help others to come to know Jesus. Teachers at St Leo's, daily emphasize that through their actions they can help others come to know Jesus.

St Leo's Catholic School Village Fair

Last Saturday was St Leo's annual school fair. This is our major fundraiser for the year and our school community looks forward to getting together; having fun and raising some funds for our school. What an amazing day it was. Our prayers were answered with beautiful weather and a fantastic turnout. Our school Kapa Haka performers accompanied by Hayley Law opened our Fair and welcomed everyone with their energetic performance. A huge thanks to our hardworking P.T.F.A, parents, teachers, and children. Our sponsors - we appreciate your support. A big thanks must go to Deanna & Gavin Busch and Karla Byrnes and Phil Claxton; for their leadership, energy and creativity in leading this successful school fair to a fantastic conclusion. Integral to the successful day to day running of our school is Renee Mossman our Office Administrator and Tima Moataane our Caretaker. We appreciate all of their hardwork in making our Fair a great success. To our fabulous children you were a credit to your school on the day; being helpful when needed on the stalls and using your manners at all times. The addition of French doors and decking to our Parish Hall was a lovely addition to our school environment. It was a welcome gathering point at the end of our Fair. To all the people who turned up on Sunday for a last big clean up of our grounds, we are very grateful. A heartfelt thanks to all the Parishioners and ex-families who helped out on the day. It was great to have you all part of our fair.

The grand total raised on Saturday was \$30,000.00 A fantastic effort.

To check out more of our photos from our Village Fair, 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.



St Leo's Feast Day Mass Friday 10 November 2017

Thank you to Father Larry for celebrating Mass with us on our School's name-sake's Feast Day. Children, again you behaved and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the children who had a special part to play in our Mass, saying a Reading or Prayers of the Faithful. It was also a special day for Isabel Mena-Levin as we welcomed her to St Leo's and Mrs Williams class by presenting her with a special school candle. Sam Murphy from St Patrick's turned 10 on the 10th; a special day and a special birthday.

Student Voice

Well done to the girls in St Catherine's. Your stall at the Fair raised \$378. This was the first time we had students make and sell their own products at our Fair. Such creativity and initiative. Congratulations, you are role models to the younger children at our school.

Our School Garden

A big thank you to Renee for the time, effort and enthusiasm you put into our school garden. Your band of helpers deserve a mention too: George Parker, Louis Upton, Gigi Albrecht, Rosina Joseph, Amelie Boule, Alex Mills, Katie Kubala, Aimee McGivern, Lily Cortese-Frowde, Katarina Lockyer, Melissa Busch, Rosemary Dobbs, Edward Wescott and Samuel Law.

Please help yourself to our yummy produce if you would like some and drop a donation to the office. There is lots of lettuce ready to harvest.

School Trip Auckland Philharmonia Concert 'Kiwi Kapers'

We are off to Aotea Centre next Wednesday (Week 6) to hear our own Auckland Philharmonia Concert in a one-hour narrated concert. Students will connect with the orchestra in a fun and engaging way to learn more about music. They will hear the different orchestral sections and instruments and follow the stories that the music makes. We will need parent help for this trip and a note came home on Tuesday regarding this. The cost for this trip is \$15 and this account will be emailed to you. I have invited Dominic our talented music teacher from Lewis Eady to accompany us on this trip.

2018 Classes

We are in the process of planning the classes and teachers for 2018. We will let you know as soon as this is finalized. We appreciate your patience in this process.

"Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful..."

Pope Francis 2014

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 5: Friday 17 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 5 St Catherine's Whole School Assembly
Melanoma Awareness Day Muffi Friday.
- Week 6 Kiwi Kapers Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra Aotea Centre Wednesday
St Dominic's Whole School Assembly
- 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.

Sun Hats

St Leo's has a hat policy in the Summer months 'No hat No play'. We do not want to stop children playing in the lovely weather so encourage you to ensure their hats are in their bags at all times.

Melanoma Awareness Muffi Day

Children may come to school wearing something spotty. Gold coin donation. There will also be wristbands available from the office for \$3 that indicate the uv exposure level. They change colour depending on how hot the sun is.

Devonport Santa Parade

This is being held on Sunday 3rd December. We would like as many St Leo's children as possible to represent the school in this. Dress as something to do with Christmas. There will be angel and shepherd costumes available to borrow from the office. These will need to be returned the following week please. Please let the office know if your child is able to take part in this. We are also looking for a parent who would like to co-ordinate this for us. Please see Renee.

Scholastic Books

Pamphlets for these will be coming home tomorrow. Please note these are now ordered online not through the school. Ideal for Christmas presents.

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

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PTFA News

Post-Fair Update

Thank you to everyone for their efforts on Saturday and for those who turned out on Sunday to complete the final tidy up of the grounds and classrooms. The PTFA are delighted to have met our financial expectations for the Village Fair and also to see our school community, past and present working together to create an amazing atmosphere. Thank you!

Drum roll please... we have raised...

\$30,000 at the fair!!!
\$47,000 in total for 2017!!!

The Board of Trustees are finalising the plans around this money and will update the parents at our end of year Family Mass and Picnic on Saturday 2nd December.

We are very grateful to the families that helped on the day and to those that put in a considerable effort in the lead up in terms of preserves making, books, baking and signage. We also thank our fair stream leaders:

Sue Hansen - School Raffle

Jan Wescott - Treasurer

Catherine Joseph - Fair Activities

Sarah Albrecht - Preloved

Charlotte Goosen - Food Stalls

Gavin and Deana Busch - Logistics

Yem Braid - Workforce management

Helen Howcroft - Donations

Karla Byrnes and Phill Claxton - Marketing and Sponsorship

We are also extremely delighted to see our future fundraisers the Yr5/6 girls who raised \$380 on their Kids craft stall. This after they successfully raised \$400 towards netball uniforms and the ANZ netball scholarship earlier this year.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and the businesses that support our School. Please show your appreciation to these businesses by supporting them

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Tea Towels

Thanks again to Rotary for their sponsorship of the school teatowel. We still have some additional ones left if you have missed out. These can be purchased for \$12.

PTFA Picnic and School Mass

Following the school mass on Saturday 2nd, December we will be holding a school picnic. The PTFA will be putting on a free Sausage Sizzle for the children for this event and ask families to bring some food to share.

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info@soulsprite.co.nz or www.soulsprite.co.nz

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Calling all talented kids and teens, the search for the next New Zealand kid and teen models is on!

Registration Ends: 24 Nov 2017

First Audition: 16 Dec 2017

GRAND FINAL: 3 Feb 2018, 7pm, SKYCITY Theatre

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