

Week 7

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Acting Principal's Piece

With another school term and year coming to an end, we are preparing for our final activities as a school; Peninsula Athletics, Waterwise testing for our Year 5's, the Year 6 leavers dinner at The Officers Mess and the Junior Nativity and Year 6 leavers liturgy in the Church. This is a time of mixed emotions at school. It is a time of farewells for our Year 6 students as they move on to begin the next stage of their education. They are excited by the unknown and we as teachers wish them every success on their journey. We depend on our Year 6's in our school to set an example to our younger students to uphold and live The Mercy Values. I thank you for the example you have shown the younger children this year. We will miss their presence but now look to our Year 5's to take up the mantle to be the leaders in our wonderful school. We are so proud of you all.

As we enter the season of Advent and await the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, I encourage you to share with your children the message of a loving God. To love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself is the simple but important message I wish for you all this Advent season. This message is so important and forms the basis of a peaceful family, school, Church and society.

I would like to thank the teaching team and staff for all of their outstanding work this year in providing an excellent faith-filled learning programme for our children. We recognise as a staff that families have a crucial role in the development of their children's education and we thank you all for the support you give to your children's learning and to the development of the school as a whole. Education is a team effort and a partnership. A big thank you to the wonderful PTFA under the stewardship of Karla Byrnes and Charlotte Goosen for the huge effort and positive impact you and your team have made to our school this year. A huge thanks also to Deanna and Gavin Busch for co-ordinating this year's hugely successful fair.

Athletics Day

Last Thursday was our annual school Athletics Day at Devonport Rugby Grounds. The children walked to the field and had a great day of running, jumping, throwing and laughing. The weather was fantastic and we all want to say a big thank you to Mr Smallfield for his organisation of this event. Well done teachers for getting the children ready for their big day. Thank you to the parents who turned up to accompany us on our walk to the field, marshal the events and cheer us on. Without your help these events wouldn't happen. Finalists from the day went on to represent St Leo's at the Peninsula Athletics at the Millenium Stadium today Thursday. We know they will do their very best and represent the school courageously and with Mercy Values.