

Lewis Eady Concert



The children who have private tuition here at school with Dominic from Lewis Eady School of Music put on a concert for us today at lunchtime. It was wonderful to see how much fun these children have learning a musical instrument. They loved showing off their skills to us and I'm sure there will be more children signing up for Dominic's classes next year. Well done children all that practice you do at home, paid off today.



Melanoma Awareness Day

Last Friday we had a muffti day (wear spotty clothes!) to raise money for Melanoma New Zealand. We raised over \$200. The children had the opportunity to buy rubber bracelets that changed colour when the sun was posing a high uv reading. They had lots of fun with these in the midday sun at lunchtime! This day, was to raise the children's awareness of the sun and the damage that can be done with too much exposure. Visit the sunsmart site with your children to continue this discussion. At school we really do follow the "No hat, No play" code and we thank you for sending your children to school every day with their hats. <https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/>



Miss Dawbin's Graduation



Last Friday at our whole school assembly, we celebrated with our wonderful Miss Dawbin; who is now a fully registered teacher. Lucia has been with us at St Leo's for her 2 years provisional registration. St Dominic's children surprised Lucia, dressing her up as the Queen of the Classroom. Well done Lucia, we are all so proud of you and thank you for the wonderful job you are doing at St Leo's.

New Road Patrollers

Our Year 4 road patrollers were trained on Tuesday by Constable Murray Fenton, our School Community Officer. Gigi Albrecht and Alex Mills, 2 of new road patrollers for 2018 were on the job today accompanied by our Year 6 road patrollers Kasey and Freya. Well done girls. Thank you for living the Mercy Values.



Student Voice

Basketball Final

St Leo's Celtics Year 6 Basketball team won their division 3 final game on Tuesday night. They played Campbells Bay Primary at the North Shore Event Centre. Our boys were ahead 4-2 in the first 5 minutes of the game. They increased their score to 6-2 at the end of the first half. In the second half they scored another 5 points to have the score at 11-5 at the end of the game. What champions. All the boys received gold medals.

We are so proud of ourselves. Thanks to our coach Iain Gillies for the great mentoring and time you put into our team this year.

By Sam Pita



Here is a piece of fictional writing from Abigail Goosen in St Catherine's. The theme of the story was 'Athletics Day'

The Magic Lolly

Gulp, gulp, gulp, oh no, seriously, my water bottle is empty already! It is SOOO hot today. And when I say it is SOOO hot I don't just mean SOOO hot, I mean it is SO SO SOOO hot. And when I say SO SO SOOO hot I don't just mean SO SO SOOO hot, I mean today is hottest day in the history of hottest days. I just took the first sip out of my 1 litre completely full icy cold water bottle and now it's all gone. Why did Athletics Day have to be today. I have some snacks, two bliss balls, an energy bar and this strange rectangular lolly thing I found in my Dad's private bedside drawer. The lolly thing tasted weird. It had the flavour of roast chicken, my Mum's delicious homemade blueberry pie, white chocolate and tangelo.

I made my way over to my last and worst event, **sprinting...** Every year I always come last by far. Even when I'm actually trying? But, the funny thing is my dad is a famous athlete. People say that he can sprint as fast as a cheetah if not faster. My dad has won gold medals at the Olympics for many years. I chose my lane and get into my starting position. On your marks, get set, GO...I close my eyes and start running, a few seconds later I open my eyes and I realize that I am gliding across the field super fast. While I am already half way everyone else is still right at the start. I can't believe my eyes, I'm winning. As I run through the finishing tape I feel my heart racing, I came first, I whisper to myself, **I CAME FIRST, I CAME FIRST.** Once everyone had crossed the line Mr. Smallfield told us our times. My time was 9.468 seconds! Apparently it was the second fastest time ever ran. The only person who has ran faster than me was my very own dad.

When I got home that afternoon all I could hear my dad shouting, "Who's been in my drawer?" I told him that I took one of his lolly things. He whispered in my ear, " Those lolly things are **Turbo speed gumdrops.** Turbo speed gumdrops are what I have every time before one of my races. Those gumdrops make me the fastest person in the world. This is a big secret, if you tell anyone I'll have your guts for garters. I didn't reply, I just looked at my dad with my mouth wide open. That night I lay in bed thinking about how I was going to tell my friends about the Turbo Speed gumdrops. But then I remembered my dad's face, he had looked SO serious. And when I say SO serious I don't just mean SO serious I mean SO SO serious. And when I say SO SO SO serious I don't just mean SO... So that's probably a no to telling my friends. Zzzzzzzzzzzz **Abigail Goosen St Catherine's**

For this last newsletter of 2017, I wish you every blessing for the upcoming Christmas season and God's Blessings in abundance to all of you in our very special St Leo's Catholic School community. I have included a quote from Thomas Merton, an American Catholic monk who said

'You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.'

God Bless and Aroha,
Fiona Buchanan
Acting Principal



Important Messages

Library Books

Could all school library books please be returned to the library by Monday 4th December as we will be doing the stocktake that week.

Auckland City Mission Cans for Christmas Collection

We will be taking part in the Auckland City Mission Cans for Christmas Collection. Please bring your cans of food into your child's class any day next week. These will be collected by the Auckland City Mission and distributed to families in need.

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 8 : Friday 8 December 9.00-9.30 St Clare and St Patrick

Upcoming Events:

Week 7 Whole School Mass Saturday Night @ 5.30 pm 2 December followed by Family Picnic at the School

Week 8 St Clare and St Patrick Mass Tuesday 5 December 9am

Year 6 to Rainbow's End Tuesday 5 December

Year 5 Waterwise swimming testing Wednesday 6 December

Parent helpers thank you morning tea Friday 8th 11am

Auckland City Mission Christmas Can Collection

PTFA Sausage sizzle lunch - Friday 8 December

Week 9 Year 6 Leavers Dinner Monday 11 December @ 6.30 pm
 Week 9 Nativity and Year 6 Leavers Service Thursday 14 December 5.30pm
 Term 4 ends midday

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

www.stleos.school.nz

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

Whanau Points

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Celebration Book

Samuel Law gained his Outdoor Adventure Award Gold - one of the highest badges you can be awarded in Cubs.

Celebrating Past Pupils

From Rosmini College
 Academic Physical Education Prize - Daniel Eastwood
 Crawley History Trophy - Frank Gore
 Senior Performing Arts Cup - Hank Trenton

Rona Costello attended her first ever international synchronised swimming championship in Singapore. She earned x3 silver medals. X1 for solo, x1 for duet & x1 for the team routine. Klara Sharplin also won bronze for duet and silver for team.

PTFA News

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.

Sausage Sizzle

Our final lunchtime sausage sizzle for the year will be held on Friday 8th December. \$5 for a sausage, drink and ice block.

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.



Community Notices



PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY CAMP
 9am – 1pm
 Fri 15th &
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Youth Learn to Sail (13 - 17yr olds): 11th - 14th December
 Junior Learn to sail (8+yrs): 20th - 23rd Dec (full unless you have your own boat), 8th - 11th Jan and 22nd - 25th Jan (only a few places left).

Library holiday programme Don't let your Children/ tamariki lose the skills they have learned at school this year! Keep their brains fired up with Kia Māia te Whai – Dare to Explore, a fun, free summer reading programme for ages 5-13. Sign up online from 20 November, and pick up your English and Te Reo Māori activity booklet from Auckland Libraries. Come along to free events throughout the holidays, meet other explorers and learn new and exciting facts. Visit www.daretoexplore.nz for more details.

Devonport Ethical Christmas Market

Sunday 3rd December 10am – 3pm @ Devonport Community House
 A great opportunity to purchase ethical goods for Christmas - and also to increase awareness about ethical issues.

A wide range of stalls and gifts. Please support the Market and make this a more ethical Christmas

Conscious Kids offers 100% nature based, free play school holiday programmes for kids aged 5-12, right here at Fort Takapuna. Programmes run 9am - 4pm, Dec 18-20th, Jan 15th - 19th and 22nd - 26th, allowing children to fully immerse themselves in nature and enjoy adventures with new friends, away from screens and schedules. We provide basic equipment suitable to exploring the outdoors: ropes, tarpaulins, bungees, magnifying glasses, and knives (to be used with supervision). Book at www.consciouskids.co.nz

Cricket The Auckland Hearts take on the Canterbury Magicians on Friday December 1st at the Devonport Domain. All welcome. No Charge. Bring a picnic or buy food and drink from the cricket club. First 50 kids to arrive after 4pm receive a free gift pack including a family pass to an Auckland Aces game this summer.

"Babysitter available, reliable, honest, trustworthy and very responsible. Age 15, ex-St Leo's and currently at Carmel. Please contact Lily Whittle on 0210 8406539 or 4460643".

Come and sing your favourite Carols

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COMMUNITY CAROLS

Thursday 14th December

at Holy Trinity Church

20 Church St, Devonport

6.30pm

Picnic Bouncy Castle
 Sausage Sizzle Ice-creams

7.30pm Carols Begin



KIDS PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
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Action Stations: Puppet Pencil Pots

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When: 3-26 January, 2018 - Monday to Friday

Age: 3+

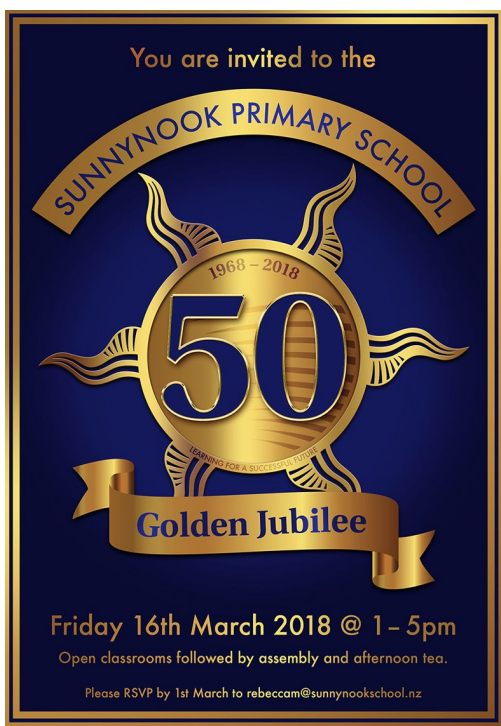
Cost: \$4 per child

Sessions: 10.30am, 11.30am & 1.30pm

This summer the Navy says goodbye to HMNZS Endeavour. Over the last 29 years she has travelled the world and visited many different countries, near and far. Be inspired by her travels and choose an animal that lives in one of these countries to make into your 'puppet pencil pot'. When you've finished playing with your puppet you can turn it into a pot for your pencils.

Pre-booking is recommended though some walk-up places maybe available. All groups of ten or more must book. Visit our website for more information: www.navymuseum.co.nz

To book: 09 445 5186 or email info@navymuseum.co.nz



Numberwork'snwords holiday programme. We are running a 3 day holiday programme during January 2018, 10am – 12pm daily. Dates are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 23rd -25th January 2018. Cost \$300 per child for full program, or \$50 per hour. Please phone 489-8388 or email Jackie takapuna@numberworks.com.

VOICE DRAMA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

21st & 22nd December. Suitable for boys and girls ages 5+

Mary Laurence is a teacher at Vauxhall School. The aim of her Christmas holiday programme is that children come along and put together a magical, festive performance based on the children's collected christmas ideas! The children will also create Christmas craft to take home. The performance will be shown at pickup time on the Friday. There will also be lots of fun activities including big hall games, energizers, circle time activities and good times! Please email Mary Laurence at voicedrama1@gmail.com for more info.

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BROADWAY BEGINNERS

weekly musical theatre classes for passionate Year 4 - 6 students



Takapuna Grammar School's Musical Theatre specialist teacher Mr. Robert Dil, is offering this class from Term 1 in 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 (with distinction) in Drama and Theatre for Young People. In addition to his teaching duties at TGS, he freelances as a musician (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and has professionally directed for the children's theatre stage. Robert has clocked up over 100 hours of professional development on Broadway, New York City!

Classes:
Monday afternoons (when school is in session),
From Term 1, 2018
3:30-4:30 PM
Takapuna Grammar School Performing Arts Dept.

For inquiries or registration, please email
Mr. Robert Dil
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