

Thursday 15 February



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and children are already well engaged with their school work.

There are lots of programmes already underway.

Meet the teacher afternoon/evening:

We would like to invite all parents to a meet-the-teacher afternoon/evening next Friday 23rd February starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm. Please feel free to bring a picnic tea and have a leisurely meal on the grass.

The children will tell you what they have been doing in their studies and show you around their classrooms. We have not timetabled times for meetings as this is an informal meeting. If you have issues that you would take a longer discussion please feel free to make a time with the teacher to talk things through.

School Assemblies:

We will have full school assemblies on a Friday morning at 9am every second Friday. The next one is tomorrow 16 February.

Anti-bullying programmes:

Thank you for your positive feedback re the anti-bullying programmes and thank you for talking to your children through the difficult process of coping with unwanted behaviour. We want our children to become resilient enough to cope with the ups and downs of everyday life and parental expectations are hugely important.

Book bags:

Please send the children's book bags back to school so that we can send reading books home.

Mrs Fiona Buchanan

Sadly Mrs Fiona Buchanan informed me this morning that she is unable to return to school this term. Her knee is still not right and she feels that she will not be able to her job well until it has healed.

Mr John Smallfield, who many of you will know, has kindly offered to teach St. Patrick's class until the end of the term.

We wish Fiona a speedy recovery and pray that she will be back with us soon.

Fiona has written a little note for our newsletter:

Dear Parents and Children

Unfortunately, I will not be returning to teach in St Patrick's this term. My doctor/surgeon has advised me to take extended leave with a view to having surgery on my knee.

I would like to thank Dominique for stepping in at the beginning of the term to give the children a great start to the year but her teaching commitments elsewhere do not allow her to continue in this role.

I am happy to say that John Smallfield will be taking the class till the end of the term. John is known to all the children in St Patrick's and he is looking forward to returning to St Leo's on the 19th of February. I know the children will be happy to see him and that you will make him very welcome.

*Thank you for your understanding in this unavoidable situation.
Aroha, Fiona*

Basic facts:

We are having a drive on basic facts this term. Parents can help in all sorts of ways and here are some suggestions. When you are driving to school look at the registration plate of the car in front. Ask your children (if they are the appropriate age) to:

1. Add all the numbers
2. Add the two higher numbers and multiply by the smallest number.
3. Add the two smaller numbers and subtract the smallest number
4. Find the even numbers
5. Find the odd numbers
6. Double each number
7. Triple each number
8. Are there double numbers?
9. Put the numbers in order.
10. Add the two higher numbers and subtract the smallest number

The aim for knowledge of basic facts at each level is as follows:

Year 0 and 1: Counting to 20. Counting backwards from 10 add then 20.

Year 2: Counting to 100. Counting backwards from 100. Know the numbers before and after.

Year 3: Adding and subtracting numbers to 20.
Times tables: 5, 10, 11

Year 4: Adding and subtracting numbers to 30.
Times tables: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11,

Year 5: All adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing of numbers 1-10

Year 6: All adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing of numbers 1-12

Of course, if your child reaches the level above, don't hesitate to work on the next level.

Invoices:

These were sent out earlier this week and should be in your letterbox by now. If you have not received these please let Renee know. Fees must be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly, by term, all in one go, by AP (whatever suits you as long as the Attendance Dues are paid each term). If you are having any problems paying your fees please see Renee

Sacramental Programme:

A reminder that the forms for the Sacramental Programme are due in by 16th February. If you have not already taken this directly to the Parish please drop into the school office with payment.

Shore to Shore:

Registration forms for the Shore to Shore came home earlier this week. If you would like to sign up please do so via the website. Registrations close 28th March. Each school that enters is given money towards sports equipment.

Tissues:

We ask that each child please provide a box of tissues for their class each term. Using tissues correctly helps stop the spread of germs especially in the winter months.

Squash:

The year 3 - 6 children are enjoying squash lessons with Auckland Squash Club.



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

www.stleos.school.nz

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

Our school app is now linked to the community google calendar.

Community Notices



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BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on Thursday 8 March, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2019 are presently being accepted and will close on Thursday 22 March, 2018.

Have-A-Go-Hockey Clinics (Yr 3 & 4)

Harbour Hockey is very excited to offer this new programme that runs alongside our Development Clinics. It serves two purposes, school hockey preparation and giving hockey a go. The programme is centred around fun and core hockey skills.

Hockey Development Clinics

The perfect way to get ready for a season of school hockey after having the summer off. There is a focus on core hockey skills to give all children a strong foundation to build upon as they progress with their hockey playing experience. These are open to all interested up and coming hockey players (with 1+ years of hockey experience).

U11 Development Clinics

Dates: Mon 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Mar 2018
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Cost: \$95

U13 Development Clinics

Dates: Mon 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Mar 2018
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