



**1st March 2018**

**School Mass:**

The Term 1 school Mass will be held on Sunday 8 April at 9am. We encourage all families to be present as the children will be taking responsibility for the prayers and readings.

**Religious Education programme at St Leo's School:**

This is what your children are learning at present

**Year 1:**

Lesson Focus: Jesus – My Friend. Catholic belief is that Jesus of Nazareth, called Christ, is both human and divine. As a human being Jesus was born into a particular society and culture, and lived in a certain geographical location, at a precise time in history. To properly appreciate his message we need some understanding of these realities of Jesus' life. In learning of Jesus' friendship with his disciples we can come to appreciate his calling us into friendship with him today.

**Year 2:**

Lesson Focus: Jesus showed His love in different ways. Jesus showed his respect and love for the tapu of people in many different ways; talking, listening, sharing meals, touching, healing and, eventually, dying for them. We are called to follow Jesus' example. Our best resource for this is the stories of Jesus in the Bible.

**Years 4:**

Lesson Focus: Jesus came to show people how to live and lead them to God. Jesus invites people to grow closer to God – grow in holiness – tapu and mana by sharing in his life through the gift of God's grace. By accepting this invitation Christians share in Jesus' mission of worshipping God, and bringing about the Kingdom or Reign of God – Te Rangatiratanga, 'on earth as it is in heaven'.

**Year 5:**

Lesson focus: The Year 5 classes will be learning about the structure of the New Testament and how to locate references in it. They will also explore what life was like in the times Jesus Lived ad the other religious groups which were active and influential then. Children also look at Jesus as a human being who was fully human and is fully divine.

## **Year 6:**

Lesson Focus: The fullness of God's Revelation Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed to the world that God is Abba – loving Father or Matua. In his mission on earth Jesus called on people to repent, through the grace of the Holy Spirit – Mana Atua, and to live lives of faith, hope and love. Jesus' whole life was a response of love – aroha for God and for people.

## **Safety**

A reminder to all parents to remind their children in whatever way you see fit about stranger danger. There have been recent incidents of children being approached by strangers trying to lure them into vehicles.

## **Swimming programme: Postponed until later in the year**

We have priced a swimming programme for the whole school at the Takapuna pool. However, given the extra costs parents have at this time of the year we have decided, on the advice of the school board, to postpone the programme until later in the year. The costs we were quoted were as follows:

-9 x lessons at \$5.00 + GST per lesson per child.

-1 x lesson on water safety at \$7.00 + GST.

All children will receive participation certificates for water safety and certificates for the goals they have achieved.

## **National Standards:**

You may or may not be aware that the newly elected government has abolished National Standards. Their stance is that too much emphasis on National Standards has resulted in the narrowing of the curriculum and they want to encourage schools to broaden their emphasis on the whole curriculum, including reporting to parents across the learning areas.

For St. Leo's School this means we will continue to provide two written reports, one at the end of Term 2 and the other at the end of Term 4.

There will still be an emphasis on reporting in depth in Reading, Writing and Maths as the core skills needed for all students to access a rich and broad curriculum. However, we also report on other learning areas including: Science, Health and PE, Inquiry.

The reporting will be against the **curriculum standards** rather than national standards for each level. This is what schools used to do before National Standards were introduced.

If you want to know more about these curriculum standards please google: ***New Zealand Curriculum: achievement objectives by level. The MOE website has extensive resources to help parents understand the curriculum.***

## **Assessment**

We are currently administering a range of assessments to gather data to inform responsive teaching and learning programmes. This will involve tests in Reading, Maths, and Writing. Diagnostic assessments in Spelling and Maths will also be completed throughout the term. I want to assure you that we work hard to know your child as both a 'learner and a person' as we believe this contributes to ensuring learning programmes are relevant and meaningful. Learning progressions will be used to track progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. These will be ongoing throughout the year.

National Standards have gone but the documents are quite good for parents to understand key stages of learning. Click on the the blue link for each Standard.

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 1 year at school](#)

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 2 years at school](#)

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 3 years at school](#)

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 4 years at school](#)

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 5 years at school](#)

National Standards MoE guideline of expectations -[After 6 years at school](#)

## **Reminder**

**As we have children with life threatening nut allergies we would like to remind parents that we would appreciate it if you did not put nut products into your children's lunches. This includes peanut butter, nutella and muesli bars containing nuts.**

## **St. Leo's and the Volvo Ocean Yachts:**

Our Year 6 were fortunate to be invited to the Viaduct last Thursday to learn all about the yachts and meet some of the sailors. More about this in the coming newsletters. Watch 3News tonight as some of the children were interviewed.

## **Mandarin lessons:**

Our Mandarin classes start tomorrow with our tutor Shuang Yang. Friday is also the day when we say goodbye to four of our international students from China.

## **School leaders:**

Our school leaders have been chosen and have begun to take responsibility for many of the tasks around the school. You will see them in action when we have a school assembly every second Friday.

## **Accounts**

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their fees for this term and for the year. A reminder that Attendance Dues need to be paid by the end of the term

### **Celebrating ex-pupils**

Congratulations to Rosmini College Year 12 student, **Justin Pereira** (16) of Devonport who has been awarded a Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop: Grade 8 with Distinction.

**Hank Trenton** (17) of Devonport has been selected as Deputy Head boy at Rosmini. Hank was born in Australia. He is studying Drama, Music, English, Chemistry and Calculus. Hank is “actively involved the school’s Performing Arts” and he is a “fan of all things Drama and Music related.” He plays the double bass and the electric base in “a variety of rock and jazz groups both and in and out of school.”  
Frank Gore - scholarship in English

### **Shore to Shore**

Coming up on April 8th. 5km fun run/walk from Takapuna Grammar to Milford Beach. Register online now [shoretoshore.co.nz](http://shoretoshore.co.nz)

### **Yummy stickers**

Please collect the yummy stickers off your fruit, get a chart from the office and save these for us. Later in the year we collect them in and send them off to exchange for sports equipment for our school

### **New World Receipts**

Did you know that there is a box at the front of New World where you can nominate your child’s school by writing the school name on top of the receipt and putting it in the box. At the end of each term the totals are added and the school receives a proportion of this as a donation. Last year we got close to \$5000 by doing this.

### **Vegetables**

We will be harvesting some silverbeet, lettuce and rhubarb from our vegetable garden tomorrow. If you would like some please find the children in the playground after school and ‘purchase by donation’

## Community notices

Play soccer at North Shore United in 2018!  
Calling all kids aged 4-8 years (born 2013 & prior)

Register now for the 2018 First Kicks Football Season

Go to [www.nsu.org.nz](http://www.nsu.org.nz) to register

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Register before March 31<sup>st</sup>

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If you have any questions please call April on 021300020



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**spanish club**

**I'm happy to announce that Spanish Club will start at MILFORD SENIOR CITIZENS HALL (141A Kitchener Rd)**

**Tuesday 6th March at 3:50pm to 4:50pm for six weeks initially 60 mins \$ 20.00**

If there are any queries or questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
**mary@lcfclubs.co.nz**

**\*A minimum of 6 children is required**

You can see more about me on my website:  
<http://www.kiwimary.com>



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