

St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

Teacher for St. Patrick's class:

We are pleased to share with you the news that we have secured a teacher for St. Patrick's class for next term. Mr Stephen Rae has agreed to teach the class until such time as Mrs Buchanan returns. Stephen has also confirmed his availability longer term should he be required.

Mr Rae is a very experienced teacher having taught at St. Kentigern's for many years and more recently at Milford school. He has a particular interest in inquiry learning and has even developed a guideline booklet for children to refer to in the classroom. Much of the inquiry learning is based on children developing sound questioning skills and an ability to analyse and give meaning to the information they acquire. He has also relieved for us many times in the past so the children are familiar with him.

Mr Rae is also an experienced sports' coach and has managed teams for many years.

We look forward to welcoming Stephen to our school.

Peninsula swimming:

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented our school so well at the Peninsula Swimming Competition this week. Every child swam their best and showed the St Leo's 'give it a go' attitude.

Special congratulations to Aimee McGivern who gained a second place in the backstroke and a third place in the freestyle in the finals.

Well done to:

Charlize Glanville	Molly Claxton
Maddie Welson	Natasha Busch
Ben Dunlop	David Wicks Bustos
Aimee McGivern	Melissa Busch
Katie Kubala	Gigi Albrecht
Edward Wescott	Jessie Wescott
Seth Webster	

Easter holidays:

We finish school today for the Easter holidays.

Good Friday 30 March	School closed
Easter Monday 2 April	School closed
Easter Tuesday 3 April	School closed
Wednesday 4 April	School reopens

We wish all families a safe and grace filled Easter!

An Easter blessing

Through the resurrection of Jesus
God has redeemed us and made us his children.

May God bless us with joy.

[Amen.](#)

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.

May we inherit everlasting life.

[Amen.](#)

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.

May our lives be holy,
so that we will be united with Jesus forever.

[Amen.](#)

May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

[Amen.](#)

Just a reminder about the **School Mass at 9am on Sunday 8 April**. We would love to have all children and parents there to celebrate Mass as a school family.

Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall for the parents and the house leaders will be organising games for the younger children.

Come along and meet your friends and have some fun.

Anzac Day

As Anzac Day this year falls during the school holidays we would like an indication of who will be going to the parade. Once we know who is going we can organise children to carry the St Leo's sign and to present the wreath. We will also need a parent to collect the wreath from Devonport flowers. If you are planning on going please let Renee know before April 10th.

Scholastic books

Pamphlets were sent home earlier this week. Please note that orders are only done online now.

Lewis Eady Musical Jam lessons

Is your year 1 or 2 interested in music? Lewis Eady hold a Musical Jam (instrumental prep) lesson for Year 1 and 2 students. We have some children interested in this but need more to make a group to enable this to happen in our school. If you would like your child to take part please enrol at www.lewiseady.co.nz

University of Canterbury exams

The University of Canterbury offers children the opportunity to participate in the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These are open to all year 5 & 6 students. These are online tests and take place in the last 3 weeks of term two. Please see Renee if you would like more details or for a registration form. Forms due in by 11 May..

Reminders

Year 5/6 camp forms due back by 6 April. Payment asap.

Fun Ferns netball forms and payment due by 6 April.

Celebration book

Congratulations to the following children:

Flynn Lane - has been selected for the Development Squad for North Shore United Football

Jacob McGivern, Patrick Welson, Danny Mills and Nicolas Busch were part of a team that won the North Shore Cricket Club Junior Little League final

Aimee McGivern - 3rd in 9 year old girls Freestyle and 2nd in 9 year old girls backstroke at Peninsula Swimming Day

Alexandra Mills and Danny Mills took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon

Natasha Busch - U12 girls cricket division winners
Runner - up U12 Highland Dance

Melissa Busch - Most Improved cricketer for her team

Nicolas Busch - Most improved cricketer for his team

Danny Mills - Most valuable player in his Team Corelli's Cafe cricket team

Chiara Albrecht - Achieved her gold badge for Keas. This is the highest award in Keas



PTFA News

AGM and role changes

The PTFA are gearing up for the AGM on **Tuesday 10 April** at 7.30pm in the staff room. All parents and teachers welcome. Our new "PTFA year" starts in April and we seek volunteers for the following roles. If you are interested, please contact charlotte.goosen@gmail.com and we can give you more details about the different roles...

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Class Reps - two per class

The charter stipulates that the PTFA has two reps per class so we are seeking two volunteers per class. Class reps attend one PTFA meeting per month (you could share this role and do month about with the other class rep), help communicate upcoming events and contribute to fundraisers where possible. We also encourage class reps to organise class social events and initiatives. If you are interested in being a class rep, please touch base with us by Thurs 30 March. After Easter we will be shoulder tapping people for the above roles in order to fill them at our AGM.

Important Dates

Mums' Catch Up Wednesday 4 April, 6-8pm, location TBC. Please let us know if you can make it and we will either book a large table for dinner, or meet for a casual drink. RSVP to charlotte.goosen@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



Family Mass and Children's Event

This term's Family mass will be on Sunday 8th April, following the mass we have House Games at the school and a shared morning tea. Come join the fun as we enjoy some friendly team games designed by our House Leaders in the quest to be the Top House.

Heavenly High tea

This year we will be having our Heavenly High Tea on Sunday 6th May, 2.30pm-5.30pm. More details to follow soon!

Community notices

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if you want to know more about me visit my website: <http://www.kiwimary.com>

* a minimum of 6 children is required in order for the course to take place

ENROL

before the 8th of April

APRIL HOLIDAY CAMP

NEW Extended hours!

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