St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

This school term comes to an end tomorrow 13 April.

The **second** school term will start on Monday 30 April at 9am. This is also the day that **Mrs Maureen Harris**, **the new school principal** starts. I know that Maureen enjoyed meeting so many parents after the Mass last Sunday.

Farewell:

I have really enjoyed the term here at St. Leo's and wish to thank the students, staff, Board and all the parents for your warm welcome and your assistance to me in my time here. St. Leo's is a wonderful school, with a great staff, very effective board and an amazing PTFA! I've rarely experienced such enthusiasm!

My plan is to 'retire' again but who knows what might happen!

Mr Smallfield:

Mr Smallfield will also be leaving at the end of this term as he and his family are planning to travel to Europe next term. John has taught at St. Leo's for a number of months and will be very much missed by all of us. We wish John and his family safe travel and enjoyable cultural experiences.

School uniform changeover date:

The changeover date starts at the beginning of Term 2 and all children are expected in their winter uniforms by Queens' Birthday weekend.

We would like to remind parents that the correct footwear is part of the school uniform and must be worn.

For boys: black lace-up, velcro or slip on shoes

For girls: black lace-up or velcro shoes.

Term 2 fees

Invoices for fees will be emailed out tomorrow. Term 2 fees are now due. If you have not yet paid Term 1 fees prompt payment would be appreciated.

For sale:

1 x size 9/10 PE sports jacket \$20

1 x size 10 polar fleece \$10

Both in excellent hardly worn condition. We are selling these on behalf so cash only sales please. First in first served.

Anzac Day

If you are planning on marching with the school for Anzac Day please assemble by the St Leo's sign outside Devonport New World by 9.30am. Children to wear winter uniform please. We encourage parents to walk with the children so it is easy to find them afterwards.

Sushi orders

Please note that if you are planning on doing a term order for sushi the term is 10 weeks. Orders due Tuesday morning for lunch Wednesday. Envelopes available from the office.

Road Patrol

We are in desperate need of more parents to help out with road patrol. You do not have to be a parent of a year 5 or 6 child. We can give you a book showing what you need to do or you can watch on one of the other days to see how it is done. In particular we are looking for someone for Tuesday and Friday afternoons but could do with more parents for the other days as well. Please see Renee if you can help.

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..

Celebration Book

Gigi Albrecht - player of the day for Flippaball last Sunday 8th Charlize Glanville - player of the day for Flippaball last Sunday 8th Flippa Ball team won 6 - 1

PTFA News

Heavenly High tea

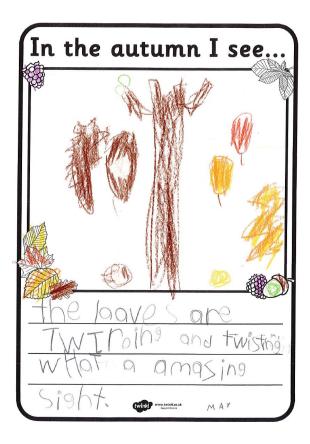
This year we will be having our Heavenly High Tea on Sunday 6th May, 2.30pm-5.30pm. To purchase tickets email stleoshightea@gmail.com



Children's writing:

The children have been working very hard on their writing and have produced some excellent work. Here are a few examples:

St. Clare:



St. Francis:

Peace Poem

Peace is pretty flowers dancing, glittering, shimmering in the sun.

Peace is like being in the sun, eating ice cream in the shade and hearing the waves crashing against the shore.

Peace is hearing the sea in a shell that shimmers.

Peace is patting a little kitten and hearing it purrrrrrr.

By Sophie Howcroft

St Catherine

Treasure awaits - by Madeleine Welson

The water was as still as the galaxy above vs. All the different species of birds were happily chirping away. The warm golden sand was squishy between our toes. There were thousands of lumpy barnacle rocks. Here, waiting on the golden sand, was a carpet of shells. They were like trinkets of gold ...jewellery itself.

But still, lying in the sand, there is the odd bit of plastic.

St. Dominic:

The Surprise Squash Tournament

by Emily Term 1 - Week 8 - 2018

Thwack! The racket collided with the yellow squash ball. It was time to get serious.

St Dominic went into the hall and saw... not one but two coaches! Their names were Manu and Vincent. Then Manu gave us instructions. "These are interesting", I thought. However three minutes later, I was thinking... "I'm really bored".

Next the coaches were dividing St Dominic into two groups. One group went with Vincent. I went with Vincent though I wanted to go with Manu. We did some squash practice and played 'ins and outs'. Then came the tournament. Some people were chosen for the tournament. I wasn't (I'm glad too!).

Thwack! Bang! Tilly vs. Seth now! Who would win? Would it be a girl? Or a boy? Crash! Thwack! I thought Seth would win but Tilly surprised me. Whack! The crowd noisily cheered. Some people even stood up. The crowds cheering filled the old echoing hall. Thwack! Thwack! Who would hit the winning shot? Thwack! Tilly had hit the winning shot. Tilly had won the squash tournament. Everyone cheered and cheered. The girls cheering for Tilly and the boys cheering for Seth. That was what the very last squash lesson was like. It was awesome.

St Patrick:

Dufch Soccer
There we were, as straight as sticks, ready for the Sergeant to signal the start of battle. I could already hear screams in my head, and even the brayest men in our squad
were quaking and crying for their mommas. The sky was becoming increasingly dark, and everything was quiet. Forward, March! Hup, two, three,
March! Hup, two three four Hup, two three, four. "On we went, my knees buckling every few steps. The Sergebant ordered the 3 bravest men to go and set up the grid for the battle. As the ball came
grid for the battle. As the ball came flying my number one nemisis. The ball flew through the air and missed. May be next
time I'd try Try Dutch soccer had begun!
Sigi

Community Notices



Navy Museum Holiday Programme Actions Stations: Make your own Pennant Workshops

This holiday come and get crafty and make your very own felt pennant to take home and display.

Workshop for age 3 and above 16-27 April

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Time: 10:30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm - approx. 40 minutes

Cost: \$4 per pennant

New this holiday – Advanced Design and Make Pennant Making Workshops for children aged 8+

Wednesday 18th 10.30am and 1.30pm (approx. 90 minutes)

Cost: \$8 with all materials supplied

We'll be sketching, stitching and sticking to create a personalised pennant to take home and proudly display.

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

Full details: www.navymuseum.co.nz

Please note: We ask that adults remain in each session too – as an extra pair of hands and we also encourage you to get crafty too!

SOULSPRITE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

16th - 26th April

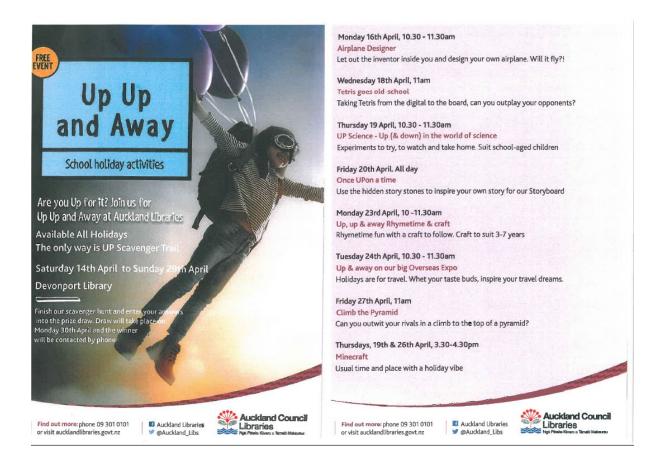
Packed full of activities and variety, professional spaces and programming. Groups split for age-appropriate learning. 5- 13yrs olds. Led by local parents and Fitness and Health Educators. Our Cooking School short workshops also run during the Holidays for 11 – 16yr olds. Don't miss out and check our latest Holiday full-day programs in Devonport, www.soulsprite.co.nz (kidsprite page). E: kate@soulsprite.co.nz











Hockey

Fun Sticks is our grass roots hockey programme that is designed to give interested and keen kids a chance to have a go at hockey. It is aimed at pre-primary grade players and new entrants.

Year 1, 2 & 3 (ages 5-7)

Have fun, play, learn, explore and make new friends!!

The programme runs during Term 2 & 3

A highly engaging environment that keeps players active and involved throughout the programme

- Designed to develop basic hockey skills and create an understanding of the game
- Build essential motor and fundamental movement skills
- Skill based activities and small-sided games
- A two week trial period is available at the beginning of each programme
- Sticks are available onsite for new players

Devonport Fun Sticks

Venue: Takapuna Grammar School

When: Tuesday Afternoons 3.30 - 4.30pm

Term 2: 22 May, 29 May, 5 June, 12, June, 19 June, 26 June, 3 July

Term 3: 24 July, 31 July, 7 Aug, 14 Aug, 21 Aug

Cost: \$100.00

This programme operates at other venues also - see the Harbour Hockey Website for details

www.harbourhockey.org.nz

OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS



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Your local Devonport property people.

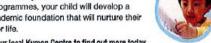
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