

# St. Leo's Catholic School



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**3 May 2018**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2.

We hope your families all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to the new term and all the exciting things that are happening at St Leo's. We are looking forward to the Heavenly High Tea this Sunday.

This term we welcome two new staff members:

**Mrs Maureen Harris:**

I am very excited to be appointed the new Principal of St Leo's. I have already felt very welcome at St Leo's. To give you a bit of background about myself - I grew up on the North Shore, in Torbay and attended St John's Primary and Carmel College. I am married with 4 adult children, who also attended Carmel and Rosmini. We are also blessed to have 9 grandchildren, so family is very important to me. I have worked for the past 13 years at St John's, Mairangi Bay with the majority of that time as an Assistant Principal and teacher two days a week. I am a parishioner of St Mary's, Northcote and I am a Minister of the Liturgy there. From time to time I will join the Devonport Parish for the 9am Mass. I am looking forward to being part of this wonderful school and meeting the families of the beautiful children I have met here.

**Mr Stephen Rae:**

Mr Rae will be the new teacher for St Patrick's. Stephen has worked as a reliever at St Leo's so will be known by many in our community. It is great to have him as part of the St Leo's team.

**New Pupils:**

We welcome Jack and Pippa Copus to St Leo's. Jack is joining St Patrick's and Pippa is joining St Dominic's.

**Anzac Day**

Thank you to the children who took part in the Anzac Day parade and to Molly and Anthony for presenting the wreath.



Toward the end of Term 1, Emma Wilcox from the National Museum of the Royal New Zealand Navy, came to make poppies with the senior classes for the field of remembrance. They looked amazing and we received a grateful letter of thanks for the participation of our children.



### A few important reminders

- The classrooms are open from 8.30a.m. Please do not drop children off earlier than 8.15 as their safety cannot be guaranteed. Children are not permitted in the classrooms until 8.30 as the teachers need this time to prepare for the day. It is also best that teachers are not in the classroom alone with a student.
- No vehicles are permitted to enter school grounds during school hours. The best places to park are on Owens Road or Victoria Road. Please be aware that there is a clear way area either side of the driveway on Owens Road that is regularly policed by Auckland Transport.
- All children are to be collected promptly after school unless enrolled in an After School Care programme.
- **No children are to be in the staff carpark at any time.** Parents please walk your children around the admin building to exit the school onto Victoria Road.
- Correct school uniform must be worn to and from school, including footwear.
- Bicycles and scooters are to be walked in and out of the grounds. Children riding bikes to school on a regular basis are encouraged to wear a safety vest. These can be obtained from the office.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9 a.m. Alternatively you can send in absences via the school app. Messages may be left on the answer phone. The Ministry of education requires us to recognise the reason for the absence so please be specific.
- We would like to remind parents that we have some children who have severe life threatening food allergies. We ask families to assist us to protect these children by avoiding having nuts in school lunches. This includes whole nuts, products containing nuts, nutella and peanut butter. We appreciate this is an inconvenience but ask for your co-operation in this matter. We also ask parents not to bring cakes or sweets to school to share with the class on your child's birthday.

### **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 have been emailed out. Term 2 fees are now due. If you have not received this please let me know.

### **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 help in the 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**.

### **Lewis Eady**

Our very own Lewis Eady music teacher Dominic Blaazer is putting on a show at the Pumphouse this Saturday evening. Tickets \$30. Book through The Pumphouse Theatre.



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### GET INVOLVED. MAKE YOUR MARK.

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So if you have some experience – skills you would like to share and to be part of this new Friends of De Paul House committee and play a part in developing new fundraising plans and ideas for their 3 annual current events they would welcome and love to have you on board.

Note: Meetings would be held in the evenings after 6pm You could participate in one or three annual events  
For more information we will hold a morning tea 9am Saturday 19th May at De Paul House's learning centre, 92-96 Onewa Road. RSVP admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

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