

# St. Leo's Catholic School

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**17 May 2018**

Dear Parents,

I had the pleasure of attending the Heavenly High Tea a couple of weekends ago. What a wonderful occasion it was and many thanks need to go to the PTFA. \$9000.00 was raised which will go toward computer technologies in the school.



The guest speaker, Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) was entertaining and inspirational. Although she did not do well academically at school, she taught herself computer coding at the age of 8. She spoke to us about the importance of encouraging curiosity and creativity in children. She very much espoused what we are aiming for with modern learning; where the children follow their passions and that learning is meaningful. One thing she emphasised is that all great inventors or successful people went through a lot of failures before they succeeded. This is the kind of growth minded thinking we are encouraging in our students, allowing them to realise that they learn from their mistakes and from trying new ideas.

I also had the opportunity of attending a concert held at the Pumphouse featuring our very talented music teacher Dominic Bazaar. We are very privileged to have Dominic involved at the school and to be taking our choir and ukulele groups.

## **PTFA:**

The PTFA do a marvellous job supporting the school through their fundraising. It is such an important part of a small school like ours. It really can be great fun helping with fundraising events, seeing the children having fun at the school disco, gala day or sausage sizzle.

Raising funds for your school is worthwhile and rewarding, but it is not the only objective of the PTFA. Being part of the PTFA allows members to build a network of friendships, getting to know other parents and their families and promoting and enhancing the school's standing in the local community. The PTFA gives you an opportunity to put your skills to good use and they will always be gratefully received. It would be wonderful to have a few new members join our team and you would be most welcome to any of our meetings.

## School news

This term we will be celebrating buddy class Masses. The first Mass will be St Catherine's and St Dominic's on Tuesday 5 June at the 9am Parish Mass. The children will lead the singing, readings and prayers. The second Mass will be St Patrick's, St Francis' and St Clare's on Tuesday 12 June. We would welcome any family and friends to join us at these Masses. This term's Family Mass will be a very special occasion as it will be during the Confirmation and First Communion Mass on Sunday 24 June.

At present our Junior School teachers are investigating play based learning as an option for our school. Mrs Williams, who is our in school leader for the North Shore Catholic COL, is conducting a collaborative inquiry with a group of teachers in the group who are also introducing play based learning. This thinking links closely to the Reggio Emilia approach which is part of our school.

Last Wednesday I received an official welcome from the teachers and children of St Leo's. It was lovely to have some of my former colleagues from St John's attend and one of my daughters. They were all most impressed by the way the children sang and prayed and all commented about what a special school it was. It was a beautiful ceremony and I feel truly blessed to be part of this wonderful school community. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend too.

On Wednesday it was Support Staff Day. I would like to acknowledge the fabulous work our support staff, Renee, Tima and Ester do to keep our school ticking along nicely. We had a little morning tea for them and some of our volunteers on Tuesday and the children made special cards to thank them for their invaluable input to our school.

Earlier this week a notice was sent home asking for to children to bring headphones for device work at school. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs to school.



The Parish is holding a 'hall-elium' concert next Friday and a small group of our senior children will be participating. I would encourage you to purchase tickets and come along to this event as it is fundraiser for the hall and our children benefit from using this.

\$35 for adults and children under 14 \$20  
Contact Karen 021777358.

I hope all our lovely mothers had a great Mother's Day last Sunday. I was lucky enough to be able to spend a little time with my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in Papamoa and then to return to Auckland to be spoilt by the rest of my children and grandchildren. It makes you appreciate how special families are.

Kind wishes,  
Maureen Harris

## Uniform

There is quite a lot of uniform in the lost property box. If your child is missing something please check there. Could you also please check your child's uniform for the correct name. There are several items of named clothing missing. Sometimes the children pick up the wrong thing by mistake.

Also a reminder that all children need to be in winter uniform after Queen's Birthday weekend.

## Church Cleaning

The parish is in urgent need of more families to clean the church. This takes about 2 hours and must be done either on a Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning between 10am-12pm. This is so the church is clean in time for weddings and weekend masses. There are currently only three families on the roster who have been doing all the cleaning for the last 8 months. Many hands make light work and the more families who volunteer the less often you will have to do it.

If you are able to help with this please contact Gerard and Mia Dobbs on 0272575302 or email: [gerard.mia@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerard.mia@xtra.co.nz)

## Worm juice

We have several bottles of worm juice for sale from our own worm farms. If you would like a bottle for a donation please see Tima or Renee.

## Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children:

Laura Welson - Player of the day Year 4/5 Netball team

The Year 5/6 netball team won their first game 45 - 0. What a great start to the season

## Carmel College Enrolments 2019

Enrolments are now open at all levels Year 7 to Year 13 at Carmel College for 2019. Please see the college website [www.carmel.school/enrolment](http://www.carmel.school/enrolment) for further details.

## PTFA News

### **Sausage sizzle lunch - 25th June**

\$5 for a sausage in bread, milo (bring your own cup) and packet of chips.



*Thanks to our sponsors [Vic&Jemma Metro Performance Glass](#) and the team [McHugh's Of Cheltenham](#) for helping us create a wonderful day*

- Just wanted to drop a note to the School and say what a wonderful event that was yesterday. It was a brilliant event!
- What a wonderful event. Well done to all involved. And many thanks for the invite. I had a lovely time.
- Amazing job! Well done to all involved. A very enjoyable afternoon.
- Thanks so much to the PTFA for organising such an outstanding afternoon!

## Community Notices

Rona Costello is an ex St Leo's school girl and is Representing New Zealand in both Singapore and Malaysia as part of the New Zealand Synchronised Swimming Development Squad (pikopiko) in November  
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## Choral Vigil Mass for Pentecost

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
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With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Saturday 19 May at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland City.

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