

St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome

We welcome Sebastian and Edward Coomber into St Francis room. They have recently moved from England.

Cross Country

This school event will be happening at the skatepark next Tuesday 5 July. Please make sure the children have their PE gear and shoes and socks suitable for running the race. They will also need their polar fleece/sports jackets as it could get very cold. The races are due to start at 1.30pm (please note time change) and you are welcome to join us to watch. Please make sure you stay off the track while the races are taking place. The children must stay with their class groups before and after the races. Thank you to those parents who have offered to be marshalls.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Mid year reports are due to be sent home in Week 9, Friday 29 June. The following Tuesday 3 July, we will conduct Parent Teacher Conferences. The school will finish at 1pm on the conference day. The conferences will take place between 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

Matariki Family night

During the last week of this term, Thursday 5 July, Tima Moataane will prepare a family hangi for the school. This will be an opportunity for families to come together to share a hangi meal and join in some matariki activities. Watch out for more information about this event in the next newsletter.

Paid Union Meeting

The NZEI has called for a paid union meeting for members to discuss the upcoming pay round. The meeting will take place in the afternoon of **Wednesday 27 June**. Although the school will still be officially open it may be best to collect your children at lunchtime, as the children will not be receiving their usual lessons. Mr MacCarthy-Morrogh and Mrs Harris will be responsible for looking after the remaining children for the afternoon. Please let your classroom teacher know whether you are going to collect your children or whether they will stay at school.

Halleluia Concert

The Parish held its 'Halleluia' concert last Friday to fundraise for the repairs on our Parish hall. I attending the evening and it was a wonderful occasion. The singers were very high calibre and it was fortunate that they were able to offer their services for free. The fantastic acoustics within the church provided a great atmosphere for all who attended. We were very proud of our small group of students who also sang on the night. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the night possible.

Waterwise Regatta

On the 18 May, four of our St Catherine's students represented St Leo's at the Peninsula Schools Waterwise Yachting regatta. The students had to be children who did not sail outside of school and did not have parents who were qualified Waterwise instructors. The children did very well and came third in the competition. We are very proud of the massive effort of this achievement from our small school. Congratulations to Anthony Angelo, Joseph Wolfkamp, Elise Vacherand and Madeleine Welson on your third place in the regatta.

School Masses

This term we will be celebrating buddy class Masses. The first Mass will be St Catherine's and St Dominic's next week 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.

Museum Trip

Last Tuesday the school went to the Auckland Museum to learn more about volcanoes which is the current inquiry topic. They all had a wonderful time with lots of learning taking place. We appreciate the help given by parent helpers on the day. I have published stories about the trip that some of the children came to share with me.



Mercy Values

Last week I introduced the first of our Mercy values at assembly, that of Compassion - Aroha. This is a value that is so important for our children. We all want our children to be loving and caring and to understand the feelings of others.

Mercy Values Certificates

This week we awarded Higgins Perks an excellence - panekiritanga certificate, Anthony Angelo a respect - te tapu o te tangata certificate and Charlize Glanville a service - rato certificate. Congratulations to these children for demonstrating the Mercy values at school.

Kind wishes,
Maureen Harris

One Can Two Can Appeal

We will be taking part in the Auckland City Mission Once Can Two Can appeal again this year. This will run from Monday June 18th - Friday June 29th. A letter with more details will be coming out shortly.

Tissues

As the cold and flu season comes upon us we would ask if parents could please supply their children's class with a box of tissues. Help us to keep those germs at bay with this simple measure.

Policy review

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews a number of our policies. Some of these are reviewed by the Board, some are also reviewed by staff and for some policies feedback is sought by parents.

During term 2 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is 'Reporting to Parents.'

Please visit our school docs website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/policies.html>.

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies User name: StLeos Password: mercy

Click on the green current review tab at the top of the page.

Select the Reporting to Parents policy.

Read the policy content

Click on the red Under Review button to submit your feedback

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

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.

PTFA News

Next meeting Tuesday 12 June at Karla Byrne's house.

School disco Friday 29th June. More details to come later but save the date.

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children:

Nicolas Busch - Player of the day North Shore United Soccer

Higgins Perks - Outstanding Rugby player trophy

Maddie Welson, Elise Vacherand, Joseph Wolfkamp and Anthony Angelo represented St Leo's at the Waterwise Regatta and came 3rd equal

Aimee McGivern and her Synchronised Swimming Team came 2nd in the Dolphin Open Combo event at the North Island Synchronised Swimming Champs in Wellington

Lily Cortese-Frowde - Player of the day year 4/5 netball

Recount Writing about the Museum trip

Here is a recount story from one of our 5 year olds from St Claire's. It is wonderful to see the writing skills from our youngest members of the school.

Yesterday the whole school went to the museum and we saw the volcanoes and there was volcano rock and a lot of rocks that were heavy. Then we had lunch and after lunch we hopped on the bus and the seniors hopped on the next bus.

By Higgins Perks

And from St Dominic's:

It was like I was in a time-machine when the volcano next to Rangitoto erupted out of the sea...On Tuesday St Leo's went to the museum to learn about volcanoes and have fun. We went on the bus. On the way there my mum was being embarrassing by giving me hugs. When we got to the museum the first exhibit we went to was the volcano exhibit. Mrs Lattimer handed us a sheet. Once I had my worksheet we went into the volcano room to work on it. I thought it was so cool. Then we moved on to the Weird and Wonderful exhibit. I coloured in my shark and I scanned my shark under the camera lens and my shark appeared on the screen in 3D! After lunch we moved on and saw a marae. We went inside and a guy told us about the marae. Then we went back to school. I really wanted to spend more time there.

By Christian Haggitt

Clunk went the bus door as it swung open! It was time to get on the bus. It was Tuesday morning and St Leo's were going to the Auckland Museum to learn about volcanoes. Lily S and me sat next to each other. Suddenly the engine started! It was time to go!

"Yes!" I thought excitedly. "It's time to go!"

Lily S and me talked and played lots of hand games like tick tack toe and paper, scissors, rock. Then I looked out the window and saw cars, buildings, signs and lots of people and trees. When we got to the museum, the absolute first thing we did was we went straight up the stairs and the whole of St Leo's had morning tea in the Kai rooms. I ate my buttered popcorn and half of my very yummy cheese and bacon roll. After morning tea, St Dominic's walked to the volcano bit of the museum. We got worksheets with questions on them which were pretty cool. Then my group went into the volcano house.

"There is no way I am going in there," I said to myself, remembering the last time I went in. So I just stayed outside. After the volcanoes, we went and had lunch. I finished off my extremely tasty cheese and bacon roll and ate my tasty banana yoghurt. After lunch we went into the gallery and the Weird and Wonderful. I liked the birds in the Weird and Wonderful and the colouring sheets. We could put some of the sheets under the special cameras, and the sheets would come to life! A shark would chase some fish round the sheet and finally ate one of the fish. Eventually we had to go back to school. I sat next to Sophia on the way back to school. Sophia didn't want to because I kept hugging her. Fair enough! When we got back to school there was no work! Only playtime! It was really cool. I played on the senior playground and climbed up a few trees. I really liked the trip. I really hope we can go again really, really soon.

By Emily Howcroft

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The North Shore Sport Stacking Club (cup stacking) - has set its meet up dates for the year. The meet ups are held at Bayswater School Hall, [181 Bayswater Avenue, Bayswater](http://181BayswaterAvenue.Bayswater) and are FREE for anyone, any age (3-60+), wanting to go along and learn to sport stack. Cups, mats and timers are provided for those that don't have their own sets and free coaching is also given by current members of the NZ Black Stacks team. The dates are as follows:

Sunday 10 June, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 8 July, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 12 August, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 9 September, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 14 October, 2.00pm-4.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there. This is a fun-filled family afternoon."


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