

St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new pupils

We welcome Poppy and Parker Weekes who have just joined St Clare's. It is wonderful to have them as part of our school family.

Teacher's strike

As you are probably aware, the school will be closed on **Wednesday 15 August** because of a strike by the teachers. We are at a critical point in our profession with very few new teachers wanting to train because of poor pay and workload. We are extremely lucky at St Leo's to have a complete staff of quality teachers. Recently when Julie Lattimer was sick for a week, I found it impossible to get a qualified relieving teacher and the St Dominic's class had to be shared out among other classes. Not being able to find quality teachers and relievers is a regular occurrence at other schools too.

Assumption Whole School Mass

As there is the teachers strike next week on the 15 August, we have had to postpone our Whole School Mass until **Friday 17 August**. Although it is not the feast day, we will still focus on Mary for the theme of our Mass. You are all welcome to join us next Friday, at noon, in the church.

St Mary's girls visit

Last week a group of 10 St Mary's College girls came and spent a day at our school. They had a lovely time interacting with the children in St Dominic's, St Francis' and St Clare's.



Waterwise

A letter was sent out about training as a waterwise instructor. The waterwise programme is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 children and it would be a shame if there were not enough instructors to be able to continue to run the programme. By all accounts it sounds like a fun way to challenge yourself and meet new people. I would encourage you all to have a think about whether you may be able to train as an instructor.

Rippa Rugby

I had the pleasure of watching our rippa rugby teams compete in a tournament today. They demonstrated excellent St Leo's School spirit and played fairly, with great skills. It made me feel very proud to be Principal of this wonderful little school.



ERO

This week we had an initial visit from our ERO (Education Review Office) reviewer, who met with the Board. ERO will be visiting the school in the week from 10 September. We will be welcoming them to the school with a St Leo's style welcome in the Hall at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us on the day.

Cubs and Scouts Day

Last week a group of our cubs and scouts proudly wore their neck scarves to school to show they are part of the local cubs and scouts groups. The scouting movement is an excellent past-time for our children and teaches them wonderful skills and we were happy to support them.



Blokes night inn

The Blokes Night Inn planned for **Friday 31**

August is fundraising for lighting to be

added to the front of our school behind St

Clare, the Hall and Office Block. This area is very dark and needs lighting. You can

purchase your tickets from the Office or online at stleosdad@gmail.com. Money may be paid

into the St Leo's PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)

A reminder about the parent meeting with Constable Murray Fenton in the hall at 3.15 on

Tuesday 28 August if you wish to discuss the KOS programme.

Kapa Haka

On Tuesday we had our first Kapa Haka lesson with Patrick Clarke. It was great to see a core group of our students keen to be part of this group. Later in the year we will look forward to seeing them perform at various functions.

Catholic Character

Next week Father Larry will be visiting St Francis' class as part of his regular visits to our classrooms.

Mathematics Survey

Last week, Mrs Julie Lattimer put out a parent survey on Survey Monkey. I understand there were some problems accessing the survey. We will try again and I encourage you to take a little time to respond to the survey, as we use the results to do a review of Mathematics programmes in the school.

Mercy Values Certificates

Last week, two panekiritanga or excellence awards were given to Ivy Wallis and Jessie Wescott for wonderful demonstration of our Mercy Values.

Kind wishes, Maureen Harris, Principal

Important Notices

Enrolments for 2019

Enrolments are open for 2019. If you know of any families who would like to join our school family please encourage them to contact Renee in the office. If you have a pre-schooler who is not yet enrolled please also see Renee.

Uniforms for Sale

3 x size 67 summer uniforms \$20 for the lot. Contact Kate Costello 022 5289 546

Lost Property

Could you please check to see that your child has the correct sports jacket as both Abigail Goosen and Quentin Vacherand's are named and missing.

Camelia making

Here is a youtube link for the camellia project which we are going to be a part of on Friday 17 August. They will talk to the children at assembly and then will go into classrooms to work with the kids making their own camellias.

Could you please encourage the children to bring in plastic soft drink bottles?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwDwC9eBHqc>

Celebration Book

Year 2/3 netball team won their game, Year 5/6 netball team won their game
Aimee McGivern won medals at the Auckland Swim Champs

PTFA News

Friday 31st August - Boys Night In

A night for the boys to enjoy a beer and a catch up. See below for details. Money can be paid direct into the school PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00. Bring your mates and have a great night out.

If anyone has a foosball table or air hockey table you could loan for the night please contact Renee.

Friday 14th September - Sausage Sizzle

St Francis will host a Sausage Sizzle

School Fair and 125th Jubilee Celebrations

This years school fair will be on Saturday 10th November and there will be a 125th Jubilee celebration on Sunday 11th November. More details will follow, in the meantime there is a Facebook page with photos and information if you would like to follow.

<https://www.facebook.com/stleosjubilee/>



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THE BEER SPOT

Calling all St Leo's Dads (and their mates)! This year we've decided that the Dad's of St Leo's also deserve some appreciation, so we've arranged to hold a craft beer evening for Dads only, at the St Leo School Inn!

It's all happening on Friday the 31st August. The people from The Beer Spot, will be popping in to talk about their delectable range of craft beers. It goes without saying that their beers will be available for purchase as well. For those who prefer wine, never fear, we have Mills Reef Winery coming along as well, to provide some great deals on a range of their reserve wines.

The event is kindly sponsored by Devonport Electrical who will be providing the ambiance on the night. Please have a chat to them for all your electrical needs!

Tickets are \$30 a head and include a number of beer tasters (or glass of wine) plus food as well as the evening's entertainment. There will be some authentic, barbecued bratwurst, as well as fresh roast pork/lamb available.

This event is open to all Devonport Dad's (St Leo's and non St Leo's alike) so please invite your mates along and help make this evening a success. Come lounge on our leather sofas, show off your darts skills, impress us with your table tennis

pro prowess! Special prizes will also be auctioned on the night.

This event doesn't succeed without your participation, so let's bring "the Wolfpack" to St Leos!

Term 3 dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 August	Tennis coaching all classes for 2 weeks
Wednesday 15 August	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 17 August	Squash tournament (6chn Yr 5 & 6) Assembly Assumption Day Mass
Monday 20 August	Year 4, 5 & 6 to Chelsea Sugar Works
Monday 27 August	Peninsula Speech Competition Lewis Eady Make up lessons (from 15th August)
Tuesday 28 August	Parent Meeting with Constable Murray Fenton re KOS
Thursday 30 August	Years 1 - 3 trip to MOTAT
Friday 31 August	Daffodil Day Assembly PTFA Boy's Night in
Tuesday 4 September	PTFA Meeting
Friday 7th September	Spirit of Gold Paralympic Fundraiser Assembly - Paralympic Cyclist to speak Buddy Mass - St Catherine & St Dominic 12.00
Friday 14 September	Assembly Sausage Sizzle lunch
Week 9	Arthritis Appeal Week
Tuesday 18 September	Cricket skills day
Thursday 20 September	Cricket skills save day
Friday 21 September	Market Day for children Buddy Mass - St Clare, St Francis, St Patrick 12.00
Wednesday 26 September	Devon 7's tournament
Friday 28 September	Assembly Term 3 ends

As things can change and be added please be sure to keep an eye on the calendar on our website and app.

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Saturday 8th September 2018

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2pm Mass
and blessing of the 90th Anniversary Orchard site

3pm – 4.30pm Afternoon tea

Enjoy a complementary glass of bubbles, purchase a commemorative tea towel, visit the classrooms, view old photos, decade photos to be taken

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And click on "90th Jubilee" or email: principal@maristschool.co.nz

WRITE like an AUTHOR

Holiday Writing Camp

Andy Griffiths says
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the more fun you can have!"

Are you a word wizard? Do you love writing? Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories.

Who is it for?
This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing.

What will I Learn?
Write Like an Author will teach you the skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author, you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road to becoming a published author.

Course Book
The course book covers each day's material, along with worksheets and exercises to help you reach the next level in your writing.

Where? When?
Kristin School
360 Albany Highway
Albany, Auckland
1st - 4th October, 2018
Cost: \$195 (special early-bird price)

Who?
The camp Facilitator is: **Brian Falkner**
award-winning author of 18 books including *Banana*, *Brainjerk* and *The Tomorrow Code*

Students say
"This camp was a whirlwind of fun and surprises."
- Annika (15) - Somerset College camp
"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
- Gabrielle (16) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp
"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
- Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to: writelikeanauthor.com

Companion Training Workshop

Seasons for Growth is a peer support program which assists people of all ages to understand and manage the changes they experience when a significant loss occurs.

We are looking for volunteer Companions (adult facilitators) who would be willing to assist in the delivery of this program in schools and the community

A 2-day Companion Workshop will be held on **Monday 24th and Tuesday, 25th September, 2018** at St Columba Centre 40 Vermont Street Ponsonby 10.00 ~ 4.00pm (morning tea will be provided)

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL by Wednesday, 19th September
To register or find out more about this program, contact: Delia 09-360 3027, or deliar@cda.org.nz
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/seasons-for-growth/



Be part of the celebrations on Friday 28 September 2018.
Register your interest at www.northcoteprimary100.co.nz.

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