# St. Leo's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

#### Welcome to our new pupil

Amelia Mena-Levin has joined St Clare's this week. She has already settled in very well.

#### Disco

I forgot to thank the PTFA for the Disco on August 3. It was great seeing the children all dressed up and having so much fun at the disco. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work of some dedicated parents who make up the PTFA. On behalf of the school community, we thank those involved in making the disco happen.



#### School Fair / Jubilee

As you are probably all aware by now, the weekend of **10 & 11 November** will be a great occasion for our school. On Saturday we will be running our famous School Fair and on Sunday we will be celebrating the 125th Jubilee of our school. Bishop Pat will be celebrating Mass at 11am and this will be followed by a catered lunch. Tickets for the Jubilee are now available through <u>trybooking.co.nz/LN</u>. As we only have limited amount of seating available in the church, we have to limit the number of tickets for the Mass only. Families are still encouraged to be part of the Jubilee and can attend the lunch even if the Mass tickets are sold out. I would encourage you to purchase your tickets early.

School Fairs do not happen without a huge amount of support from the school families. We will be asking for help to make the fair a great success in this Jubilee year. Please put your name forward to help, any small amount of help will be greatly appreciated. Watch out for further news about these events over the next few weeks.

#### **Student Led Sharing of Learning**

In the last week of school this term, we will be holding Student Led Sharing of Learning meetings. School will close at **1pm on Tuesday 25 September** to allow for the meetings to take place. Your child will lead you in a discussion and sharing of what they are learning and what their next steps are. The teacher will be in the classroom to support your child but essentially it will be your child leading the conversation. You will book a time for the meeting but there may be up to 3 families in the classroom at a time so there will not be the opportunity to talk one to one to the teacher. You can make bookings by visiting **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code a3fn** or click on this link <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=a3fn5">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=a3fn5</a>

I will provide more information about the meetings soon.

#### **Speech Competition**

Last week we ran a speech competition and our Term One acting Principal, Maureen Grimes, kindly came and judged the speeches. We were all very impressed with the quality of the finalists. Molly Claxton and Joseph Wolfkamp will represent St Leo's at the Peninsula Schools competition on Monday and we wish them all the best.

#### **Mathematics survey**

Thank you to all the families who have completed the Mathematics survey. Your comments are great feedback for us and help us to plan for the future. The survey will close next week on **Friday 31 August.** If you still have to complete the survey, please click this link. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8TRM5D

## **Tennis Coaching**

For the last two Tuesdays, the children have taken part in a tennis coaching session. Their smiling faces showed they really enjoyed these sessions.

## Squash Tournament

Six of our children represented St Leo's at a squash tournament. One team came third in the competition which is a wonderful achievement for our small school. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and competed with enthusiasm.

## **Class trips**

Our Year 4 to 6 children all went to the Chelsea Sugar Factory for a trip to learn about the manufacturing process as part of their topic study. Feedback I received was that it was an excellent trip and well run. The children have learnt a lot in a fun environment. Thank you to Mr MacCarthy-Morrogh and Mr Rae for organising the trip.

Next week the Year 1 - 3 children will be visiting MOTAT to learn new ideas for their current technology topic focus. Thanks to Mrs Williams for organising this trip.



## 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 <a href="stleosdad@gmail.com">stleosdad@gmail.com</a>. 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 next week on **Tuesday 28 August** if you wish to discuss the KOS programme.

#### **Camellia Project**

Last Friday, artist Wendy Hannah came and spoke to the children about the 125th



anniversary of women getting the vote in New Zealand. She explained to them about how white camellia's became a symbol of the women's suffrage, as each person who signed a petition was given a flower. Her aim in the Camellia Project is to make over 31,000 plastic camellias (the number of signatures on the suffrage petition) which will form a giant chandelier. The children took part in the project by making camellias out of old plastic bottles. When the chandelier is complete, it will be displayed publicly and our school will be recognised as helping to make it. They also started a

giant jellyfish chandelier which we will display once it is finished.

## **Catholic Character**

On Wednesday, Father Larry conducted a Reconciliation Service in St Patrick's. Next week, Father Larry will be visiting Dominic's class as part of his regular visits to our classrooms.

## **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 3 the policies we are seeking parent feedback on is **Board Assurances** (included in Principals Report, Policy Reviews (as per School Docs schedule) Complaints

#### Behaviour Management

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

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies Username: 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

Kind wishes, Maureen Harris, Principal

## Important Notices

#### **Fundraising Events**



**Daffodil Day -** August 31st. Children to wear **uniform.** Daffodils will be available from the office for a gold coin donation.

**Spirit of Gold Paralympic fundraiser -** September 7th. Children can come in gold/yellow mufti and bring a gold coin donation. We will be having Sarah Ellington (Renee's niece) who is a Paralympic Cyclist coming in to talk to the children at a special assembly at 9am on this day. Sarah has recently returned from 2018 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships in Maniago, Italy and an event in Canada where she won silver in the road race.



#### Vegetable Sale

Tomorrow after school, members of our gardening group will be "selling by donation" broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, chives, beetroot and celery. Bring along your coins. Money donated is used to buy further vegetables for our garden.

#### **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 uniform. There are several polar fleeces missing. There are also quite a few unnamed polar fleeces in the lost property.

## Thank you

A big thank you to John Ashton from Devonport New World for the generous donation of \$1413.06 and a big thank you also to you, our parents, for putting your receipts in the box to enable us to get this money.

## Yummy Stickers

Thank you to those families who are collecting yummy stickers. These are due back to school by Friday 21 September.

## **Celebration Book**

Year 6 basketball team, The Celtics, won their game 22 - 18 Nicholas Moataane - Player of the Day Year 5/6 team Rippa Rugby Charlie Lane - Player of the Day Year 3/4 team Rippa Rugby Patrick Welson - Player of the day in Football Jacob McGivern - Player of the day in Football Danny Mills - Player of the day in Football Celtics Basketball team won 15 - 6 Evan Joseph - Player of the day Basketball

## Ez-Lunch

Place an order with ezlunch for delivery 27<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August and be in the draw to WIN

ONE OF TWO \$50 Gift Vouchers to gift to Dad on Fathers' Day. The winners will be notified by email and/or phone on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Good luck! If you have any queries,



reply to this email or call the Helpdesk 8am-4pm school days, on 0800 EZLUNCH (or 09-475 5287) or email helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz.

## 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. See above for details.



## GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!

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 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

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 - uniform to be worn. Bring a gold coin Assembly
	PTFA Boy's Night Inn - got your tickets yet?
Tuesday 4 September	PTFA Meeting
Friday 7th September	Spirit of Gold Paralympic Fundraiser - dress in gold/yellow.
	Bring a gold coin
	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
	Yummy sticker charts due back to school
Tuesday 25 September	Student Led Conferences - school closes 1pm
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.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



Beginning Experience Grief Resolution Weekend Retreat on

5 – 7 October 2018 ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and

renewed energy. Date Friday evening 5 – 7 October Sunday afternoon.. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022-089-0458





If you want to be one of the community contacts, please contact Newsletters Unlimited, Ph/Fax: 09 817 3867, or Email: newsletters@xtra.co.nz