



15 November 2018

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful weekend we have just had! The sun shone for us at the fair and I was amazed to see the amount of people pitching in to help on the day. It was a great experience for me to see the community spirit and the happiness of the people who attended the fair. My two little granddaughters had a great time! Some fabulous pictures have already been published in the Flagstaff.

2018 Fair

A huge thank you to the PTFA. I would particularly like to thank Karla, Frauke, Helen, Tina, Deanna, Sarah, Sue, Hayley, Jan, Bridget and Karrin who were the committee members who did a lot of the work beforehand. I would also like to thank all the parents who came before the fair and sorted out books, clothes, toys etc. Then all the people who came before the fair started to pitch gazebos and set up stalls. Once again, integral to the day were the efforts by Renee and Tima. Thank you to all of you who contributed!



The total raised on the day is testament to the effort put in by everyone and we really appreciate your help for the school.

Jubilee

The Jubilee was a great success despite a little bit of drizzle falling and it didn't dampen any enthusiasm. It was a wonderful day and it made me realise what great School and Parish community spirit we have here at Devonport. Having 8 sisters of Mercy able to attend the day made it even more special and the gifts they brought along were much appreciated. Once again a lot of work went into organising the Jubilee and this time I would particularly like to thank Karla and the PTFA, Hayley and Kevin, Jody, Renee and Fr Larry for helping to make this run so well. I was very impressed by the performances of the Kapa Haka, choir and liturgical dance groups. It was the kapa haka's first performance since Patrick Clarke has started training them last term and they did us proud. I would like to thank the teachers for the work they had done training the classes for



their performances. And to the students, well done! The feedback I have received has been so positive. Examples of emails I received are:

“Congratulations on a fantastic weekend. It was obvious how hard you, the teachers and the students had worked towards the fair and the jubilee, so well done. As a parent I felt very proud and privileged to be part of the community.”

“Just wanted to pass on my congratulations on the fantastic job in pulling off the jubilee celebrations yesterday. Whilst all the festivities appeared seamless, there was no doubt a huge effort had been made in the preparations. The children’s performances and skits were a highlight, I’m still smiling 😊”

Athletics

Today we ran the school athletic sports. The children had a wonderful time and competed with friendly rivalry. Thanks to Stephen Rae who spent so much time organising the day and ensuring it ran so smoothly. Thank you to the parents who helped.

Travelwise

A small group of our travelwise leaders accompanied by Julie Lattimer, attended an Auckland Transport thank you day in the city last Friday. Julie is keen to see the profile of Travelwise increase at our school and she and her Year 5 leaders have new ways of making this possible in 2019.

Wine and Cheese evening

On Wednesday 28 November at 6.30pm, the BOT and myself will be holding a meeting to talk about what direction you would like to see our school move in. The ideas you contribute to the discussion will help us with our strategic and annual planning. All community input will be much appreciated and we would love to see a good attendance on the night so we can have a good cross section of ideas.

Special Character

Next Friday we will be having the first of our buddy Masses this term with St Catherine and St Dominic attending midday Mass on Friday. The following week the rest of the classes will have their buddy Mass.

Kind wishes

Maureen Harris, Principal

Celebration Book

Congratulations to the following children:

St Leo’s Basketball Legends team won their quarter final 9 - 8 against Vauxhall

Parker Weekes - player of the day in Touch Rugby

Jack Copus - Most Valuable Player in the North Shore Cricket Club

Celebrating Past Pupils

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| Senior Performing Arts Cup | Hank Trenton |
| Headmasters Prize | Hank Trenton |

Important Notices

Photolife Shoot Keys

These were sent home with your children earlier this week. Follow the instructions to go online and order your photos. Please note free delivery ends on 2 December.

Preserves

There are still some preserves left over from the fair. There are various jams, marmalade, pickles, tomato sauce, lime cordial, pickled onions and apple jelly. Make a donation towards the final fair total. See Renee if you would like some.

Library Books

All library books need to be returned by 30 November ready for stocktake. Please check to see if you have any school library books at home.

Important dates this term

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| 20 November | Reconciliation PTFA Meeting |
| 22 November | Year 6 Waterwise |
| 23 November | Assembly Buddy Mass - St Catherine and Dominic at 12 noon |
| 27 November | Positive Puberty Parents Meeting |
| 28 November | BOT wine and cheese evening |
| 28 November | St Mary's Open Day |
| 29 November | Year 6 Waterwise |
| 30 November | PTFA sausage sizzle lunch |
| 30 November | Scooter day for St Dominic's |
| 30 November | Buddy Mass - St Patrick, Francis and Clare at 12 noon |
| 4 December | St Catherine to Rainbow's End |
| 4 December | Rest of the school on trip to Maritime museum and Ports of Auckland |
| 5 December | Peninsula Athletics |
| 6 December | Year 6 Positive Puberty Talks BOT Meeting |
| 7 December | Assembly Nativity play Peninsula Athletics Save Day |
| 10 December | Refresher Training Road Patrol |
| 12 December | Leavers dinner |
| 14 December | Graduation Mass at 9.15am School finishes midday |

PTFA Notices

Thank you once again to our major sponsors Barfoot and Thompson who helped to make this day a great success with their generous donations.

A big thank you to each and everyone of you that helped to make the fair the success that it was. The weather was beautiful, the atmosphere great and everyone had a great time.

Final figures will be released shortly but are expected to be around 30k.

Feedback has been great - a new parent said *"the whole weekend was so good that it made me proud to be a part of this school"*

A big thank you to our sponsors and donees who helped make our day a great success:

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Buona Sera Restaurant

Flagstaff Gallery

Bridgeway Northcote

Parakai Pools

The Meat Box

Cuppa Coffee Cups

The Elephant Wrestler

Caroline Sills

The Vic

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Vanilla Cafe

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Year 0, 1, and 2 Past Pupils Play at Devonport Kindergarten

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Christmas Family Night **FREE**

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