

**13 December 2018**

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the school year. It has gone so quickly and it only seems like yesterday that I was being welcomed into the school. I am truly blessed to have been given the role of Principal at such a wonderful school and community. I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays with your families and I look forward to seeing you back next year.

## Nativity Play



Many thanks to Lucia Dawbin and Adrienne Williams who put a lot of work into producing a beautiful Nativity play for the community. The children performed very well and the message portrayed was special. I'm sure all the parents were very proud of their children who took part in the Nativity. The audience certainly appreciated the play.

Congratulations!

## School Trips

Last Tuesday, Renee and Suad were left in peace at the school while St Catherine went off to Rainbow's End and the rest of the school went on a trip to the Maritime Museum and Ports of Auckland. Reports back were that the Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Rainbow's End.

As for the rest of the school, after getting rather wet on the walk down of the ferry, we dried out and had a wonderful day, the culmination being an interesting tour by ferry around the ports of Auckland.



## Leavers Dinner

We had a fabulous graduation dinner for our Year 6 students and parents on Wednesday night. The Year 5 parents decorated the hall beautifully and Mr M greeted everyone with a special story based on the Dr Seuss book "Oh, the places you will go". He masterfully managed to mention all the students in his story and followed this with a superb slide presentation of the school year. Children and adults alike were touched by the thought that Mr M put into this speech and the heartfelt words he expressed about our current Year 6's. This was then followed by a lovely, catered dinner and a speech by Tom Ashley who had won Gold in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Tom spoke about his



desire from the early age of 8, to sail. When he finished school he became a professional sailor and travelled the world. One of the strong messages he gave the children was to follow your passions, set goals and aim high. A great message for our graduates. The children then received a mahogany wood cross as a remembrance of their time at St Leo's. After dessert the children sang "Stand by me" to their parents and a song they had chosen themselves for Mr M. This was indeed a very memorable evening. We wish the Year 6 students all the very best for their future.

### Final Graduation Mass

Don't forget to come along to our final Mass of the year. Start time will be 9.30am in the church. It will be a beautiful Mass. The Year 6 children have chosen the hymns and Mia Dobbs has kindly offered to play the organ. Many thanks to Mia for doing this. The Year 6 children will be leading the Mass and we have some new ceremonies to make this a special service for them. It will be a wonderful way to finish our school year together.



### Shared morning tea

We will have a shared morning tea together after the Mass on the last day. Please bring along a **small** plate of food to share. Parents are welcome to stay and share with us. Hopefully the weather will be fine and we can picnic under the pohutukawa trees on the field. We have left over orange juice from the leavers dinner which will be available for the picnic.

### Uniform reminders



Please make sure the children have the correct uniform when they come back to school next year. Girls need to wear blue or black sandals and boys, black sandals. They should have their sandals **on** when they come into and leave the school grounds. All children must have navy bucket hats. Next year we are going to be very firm about hats - no hat, no playing on the playgrounds. Children who forget their hats will have to sit in the shaded areas outside the classrooms during break times. This is for their own safety as the sun is very strong at the beginning of the year.



### Lost Property

Please make sure you check the lost property before the end of school.

### Classes for 2019

School will begin again on **Thursday 31 January 2019**. We are very lucky to have kept a stable staff for 2019. The classes will be:

St Catherine - Year 6 taught by Mr Greg MacCarthy Morrogh

St Patrick - Year 4/5 taught by Mr Stephen Rae

St Francis - Year 3/4 taught by Miss Lucia Dawbin

St Dominic - Year 2 taught by Mrs Julie Lattimer

St Clare - Year 1 taught by Mrs Adrienne Williams



**Please note that on Tuesday 5 February we will be holding a swimming sports day at Birkenhead Pools. More details in the new year.**

### Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Kind wishes,  
Maureen Harris,  
Principal

## **Celebration Book**

Congratulations to the following children:

Juliette Goosen got 1 yr badge and bible at Girls Brigade

Lily Claxton got 1 yr badge and bible at Girls Brigade

Dulcie Boulle got 1 yr badge and bible at Girls Brigade

Jessie Wescott got 1 yr badge and bible at Girls Brigade

Sienna Warner got 3 yr red badge at Girls Brigade

Ellie Cumberland Player of the day in Touch Rugby

## **Important Notices**

### **Lunch orders**

Sushi orders for Term 1 are for 9 weeks and will start on 13/2. Orders due in on Tuesday morning for lunch Wednesday.

Ezlunch will begin on Friday 8th February for Pita Pit and Monday 11 February for Five Loaves lunches.

### **Photolife Photos**

If you have not yet picked these up could you please do so by midday Friday.

### **Stationery**

Stationery slips were sent home via email and child yesterday. If for some reason you didn't get one please let Renee know.

### **Office hours**

The office will be open from 8.30am - 4pm 17th - 19th Dec and will then re-open 23 Jan.

### **BOT News**

We are pleased to confirm that ERO have posted their 2018 review report online;

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/st-leos-catholic-school-devonport-09-11-2018/>

The Board or Trustees and the teaching team are delighted with the outcome which we believe recognises all of the hard work that has been put into ensuring that our children at St Leo's reach their full potential.

### **PTFA News**

Dear School Families

It has been another successful fundraising year for our school. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the PTFA have been able to provide the school with **\$49,000** of funds.

This is a record level of fundraising for the school and something we should all be very proud of.

This year the PTFA has successfully been involved in;

- Heavenly High Tea
- Blokes Night In
- Village Fair
- 125th Jubilee
- School Disco
- Sausage Sizzles

A big thank you to all the members and friends of the PTFA for the many hours of work that have gone into all these events.

We welcome people to join us in the New Year as some of the longer serving members move on. Have a wonderful Christmas The PTFA

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### Holiday Camp Details

Venues:

**Devonport Primary School:** 18 Kerr Street, Devonport, 0624

Week 1: Monday 17 to Friday 21 December 2018

Week 2: Monday 14 to Friday 18 January 2019

Week 3: Monday 21 to Friday 25 January 2019

Times/Costs:

- 9am to 12pm \$24 per day, \$99 for 5 days

- 9am to 3pm \$39 per day, \$179 for 5 days

### Register Your Child:

Go to <https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore> and scroll to your school holiday programme venue. Book your child's place now as numbers are limited.

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# SONS OF SING! 2019

**What:** Our boys-only choir for young men in Years 5 - 10  
**Rehearsals:** Every Tuesday afternoon, 3:20pm - 4:20pm  
**Where:** TGS Performing Arts Department  
**Contact:** Mr. Dil at [r.dil@tgs.school.nz](mailto:r.dil@tgs.school.nz)

**Online registration link:**  
<https://goo.gl/forms/eXPJdPIEChOVfZl2>

**Choir Director:** Mr. Robert Dil  
Mr. Dil is a performing arts teacher at Takapuna Grammar School. He is a musician, and an accomplished choir and music director. Mr. Dil also serves as the artistic director for Broadway Squad, another collaboration between TGS and local schools.



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### Rose Centre

At 11am everyday next week other than Tuesday, we have authors or locals reading great local books for kids for an hour along with free coffee and tea for the accompanying adults. We are saying koha is welcome but we're also quite insistent that we welcome everyone, koha or not.

Our electronic links are:

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