

St. Leo's Catholic School



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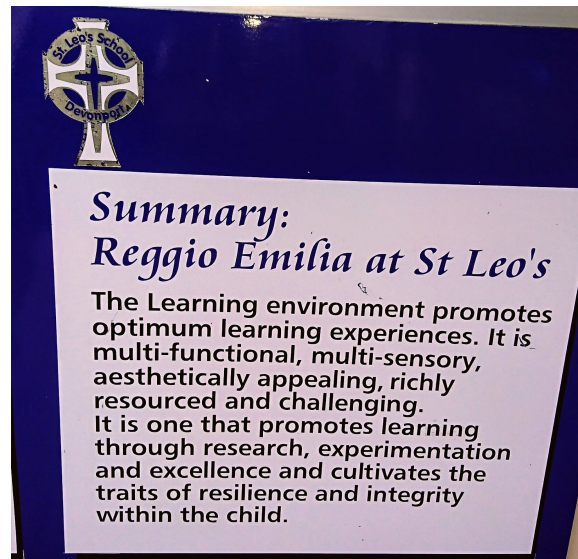
Dear Parents,

A very happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to another year at St. Leo's. We hope you have all had a restful, relaxing holiday, made the most of the beautiful weather and are ready for the school year to begin.

We are extremely lucky to have retained our five classroom teachers this year and we begin the new year with 72 enthusiastic pupils.

We had a very productive teacher only day on Wednesday and we are geared up for a successful year of learning.

We are focusing on innovative learning practices and student agency which allows us to cater for individual student's needs and passions. The Reggio Emilia philosophy of educating the whole child is an historical focus for our school and goes hand in hand with the Mercy Values. A summary of what we are trying to achieve is on the wall outside the old administration block. The attached photograph gives a summary of how we use the Reggio Emilia philosophy at St Leo's.



New pupils

We welcome Charlotte Robinson and Emanuel Reeves in St Clare's; Lola and Maisy Lyons in St Patrick's; and Poppy Lyons and Jacob Larsen in St Catherine's. Lola, Maisy, Poppy and Jacob are all returning pupils and it is great to have them back in our St Leo's family.

Thank you

All the staff have worked hard during the summer break which I thank them for. I would like to make a special mention of thanks to Tima, who has worked tirelessly preparing the grounds for the first day. The school looks wonderful and tidy. Thanks also to Renee who has everything working smoothly in the office in time for the first day. A final thanks to my husband, Willie Harris who ended up working the whole of the long weekend after I asked him to help me move a few shelves, which turned into a major renovation of one of our storage rooms!

School closed on Monday 4 February for a Teacher only day - Most of the Catholic Schools on the North Shore are getting together for a teacher only day as part of our Kahui Ako or Community of Learning. The vision of the Kahui Ako is for 'Learners for life who can successfully navigate their own learning pathways, within the Catholic faith/tradition.' Part of the strategic goals are to have clear learning pathways within and between schools and the sharing of expertise and effective teaching practice across the schools.



Keynote speaker for the day will be neuroscience educator and child development expert Nathan Wallis.

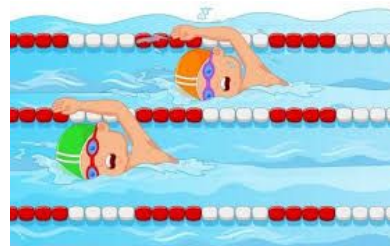
The teachers will also be attending workshops, so it will be a very worthwhile occasion for our teachers' learning.

Nathan Wallis is also doing a community presentation for the parents and wider community later that night and the tickets are available on Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/the-developing-brain/auckland/takapuna>

Swimming sports

As we have one day at school on Tuesday after the teacher only day and Waitangi Day the following day, we are taking the whole school to the Birkenhead Pools for a swimming sports day. It is the first time we have done this and we are all looking forward to a great, fun day together. I sent home a letter about the day during the holidays. It is very important that form and permission slip are return by **tomorrow** (Friday) so that I can collate them and put the events together. Thank you to parents who have offered to help on the day.



On Tuesday the children will need to:

- Wear their **PE uniform** to school
- Bring their togs and towel in their bag
- Wear a hat
- Bring sunscreen to be applied during the day
- Bring lunch and plenty of water to drink

The bus will leave school at 9.15am. Parent helpers can travel on the bus as well.

Father Larry and Father John

It is with sadness that we had to say farewell to Father Larry over the holiday period. I am organising a day for him to come back to St Leo's for an official farewell from all of us. I will let you know when the day is decided.

It was lovely for the staff to meet Father John today. He spent time in his childhood living in Devonport and his younger brother and sisters attended our school. Father John will come across and meet the children in the near future.

Nga mihi nui and kind wishes,
Maureen Harris

A few important reminders

- We would like to remind you about hats. These are essential in this hot weather and children without hats will be asked to remain in the shade during outside play times.
- The classrooms are open from 8.30a.m. Please do not drop children off earlier than 8.15am as their safety cannot be guaranteed. Children are not permitted in the classrooms until 8.30 as the teachers need this time to prepare for the day. It is also best that teachers are not in the classroom alone with a student.
- No vehicles are permitted to enter school grounds during school hours. The best places to park are on Owens Road or Victoria Road. Please be aware that there is a clear way area either side of the driveway on Owens Road that is regularly policed by Auckland Transport.
- All children are to be collected promptly after school unless enrolled in an After School Care programme.
- **No children are to be in the staff car park at any time.** Parents please walk your children around the administration building to exit the school on to Victoria Road.
- Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn to and from school, including footwear. Last year a number of children were leaving the school ground without their shoes on. We would like the children to take pride in their school uniform.
- Bicycles and scooters are to be walked in and out of the grounds. Children riding bikes to school on a regular basis are encouraged to wear a safety vest. These can be obtained from the office.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9.30a.m. Alternatively you can send in absences via the school app. Messages may be left on the answer phone. The Ministry of Education requires us to recognise the reason for the absence so please be specific.
- We would like to remind parents that we have some children who have severe life threatening food allergies. We ask families to assist us to protect these children by avoiding having nuts in school lunches. This includes whole nuts, products containing nuts, nutella and peanut butter. We appreciate this is an inconvenience but ask for your cooperation in this matter. We also ask parents not to bring cakes or sweets to school to share with the class on your child's birthday.

School fees - Your invoice for school fees was sent out this week.

You may pay the whole amount upfront, by term or by monthly, weekly or fortnightly automatic payments. If you are paying by automatic payment please note that compulsory fees will be paid off first and the non- compulsory ones thereafter. Please see the letter attached to your invoice for explanations of the fees

International Students - Next Friday we will be welcoming 7 International students from China. They will be spread across the classes and we trust that you will make them feel welcome.

Tissues - We ask if each family could please provide a box of tissues for their child's class.

Waterwise - The Waterwise programme for Year 6 children will be starting on **Thursday 21 February**. Forms are going home today asking for parent helpers. Please return these forms promptly.

Lunch orders - If you would like to do a term order for sushi please note that will be for 9 weeks and start on the 13th February. EzLunch orders start on Friday 8th February for Pita Pit and Monday 11th February for Five Loaves.

Road patrol training - A reminder that the Road Patrol refresher training will be taking place on February 18th at 9.30am. Any parent that has volunteered for road patrol and has not done the training is asked to attend this training.

Parish Sacramental Programme for 2019 - The programme of formation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion begins with an introductory meeting for parents on Tuesday 12th March. 2019, at 7.00pm in the church. The minimum age level is Yr 4 and above. Enrolment forms will be sent home tomorrow or at church door. For further info. ph Stephen Bell 021 060 8561

Lewis Eady Music - **Term one music lessons at school start on Wednesday 7 Feb!**
We offer group and individual lessons on keyboard, guitar, ukulele and piano.
If you would like your child to learn music at school but have **not yet enrolled**, please enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz *New enrolments will be scheduled for a mid-term start – the week commencing 8 March.*



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Community Notices



PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE & kids market
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Folk in the Park Music Festival, 12th Anniversary. Sunday 17 February, 1pm-4pm, Band Rotunda, Windsor Reserve Devonport.

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Shakespeare in the Park

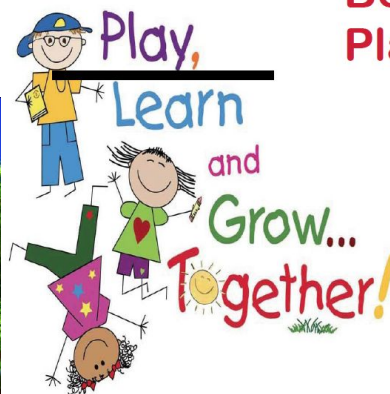
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Visit our website for show dates and times.

Outdoor Amphitheatre. Wet weather performance will move into the indoor Auditorium.

Squiggles Dyslexia – Experienced NZ Primary teacher / RTLB specialising in dyslexia and other learning difficulties. Offering individual tuition during school hours.

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