



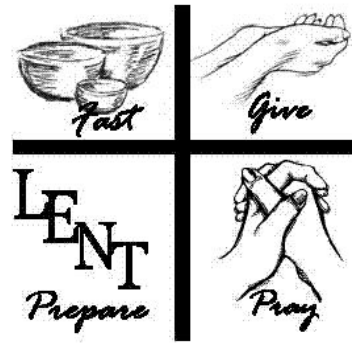
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Lent

Ash Wednesday 1 March

"Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognising in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. ... Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns ... and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family." **Pope Francis Lenten Message 2017.**

Lord,

I know how much you love me.

*It's hard for me to feel it sometimes,
but I know your love is always with me.*

*Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions.*

I am weak, but I know with your help,

I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.

Amen

Mercy Value - Focus



Panekiritanga

Excellence is not being the best, it's doing your best.



Term 1 Week 5

March 2, 2017

Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

Yesterday our full school attended a beautiful mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. The theme for Caritas Lent 2017 comes from Psalm 27: 'Your face, Lord, do I seek'. This phrase reminds us that when we encounter our brothers and sisters, wherever they may live, we encounter the face of Christ. This supports the message we give to all our students about being the "eyes, hands and feet of Christ to others". Drawing on the Caritas Resource our teachers will be working with the students on how they can strengthen their relationship with God through, prayer, their actions and giving to others. Thank you to Ms Fiona Buchanan for her work organising the mass.

APP for LENT

Cardinal John Dew talked about an app he had found for supporting young people through lent. It is prepared by the Sydney Archdiocese and provides daily reflection and focus for young and old.

Its modern approach might assist all our students to engage in a genuine focus for lent. The reference is [xt3Lent Calendar HD 2017](#). Download it on your phone.

Community of Learning.

Great news! After almost two years of planning and preparing, the Minister of Education finally endorsed our Community of Learning application in late December. Here is a brief outline of what the North Shore Catholic Schools Community of Learning is all about. The Community of Learning (CoL) consists of six schools: four Catholic primary schools: St Joseph's, St Leo's, St Mary's and Stella Maris. All of the primary schools provide a direct pathway to Rosmini College and Carmel College, both of which are Year 7-13 schools.

Mission Statement

The North Shore Catholic Schools Community of Learners will work and learn collaboratively so that all our learners successfully navigate their own learning pathway. We will do this by developing a future focused approach to learning and teaching and providing cohesive and effective transitions between our primary and secondary schools.



Vision

We want our learners to be confident and connected, Catholic learners for life, committed to being the best they can be, acting generously and inclusively, prepared to challenge and shape the future.

With this CoL endorsement, we get additional funding in terms of time allowances for appointed staff to work in and across these schools and these teachers also get additional salary allowances for taking on these roles. We also have access to outside experts to assist us in making our vision a reality.

Progress so far:

- We have appointed three out of four of our Across School teachers. Catherine Mackisack from Carmel and Erin Smyth and Jennifer Herbst from Rosmini College.
- We have engaged Camilla Highfield from Auckland University to provide professional learning and guidance in getting our planning and implementation in place.
- This group are working on creating an online site to keep this community up to date with what is happening.
- Several schools have also appointed their “In school teachers.” St Leo’s has appointed our allocated 1: Adrienne Williams. We hope to keep you updated termly to let you know how everything is progressing.

We have scheduled a Family School Mass for **Sunday 26 March at 9.00am**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate with the parish as a community and for those who haven’t met Father Larry yet, to be able to do so. We will also be presenting our new students and leaders to the community. As with previous years, it is expected that all students will attend in full school uniform. Please let me know if you are not able to attend.

God Bless,
Elizabeth Walker, Principal

Maori Focus Phrase: Karawe! Awesome

Important Messages

Newsletters

We are always trying to streamline our processes to make life easier for everyone. We would like parents who currently receive their newsletter via email to sign up for this via our website. <http://www.stleos.school.nz/> Go to **What’s On** and scroll down to the **Newsletter** link. From there you simply need to enter your email address to register. This will be the way you will receive your newsletter this year.

You can also sign up to the school app: go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and search St Leo’s Catholic School.

Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions 2017- *Please note we will be taking part in this competition in place of ICAS*

The competitions are open to our Year 5 & 6 students. A separate notice has been sent home. This year the University of Canterbury is delighted to launch the great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for primary, intermediate and secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 2 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. Entries are due in by April 7th.

St Leo's Hall Fundraising Raffle

Win return airfares for two to a choice of European destinations. Tickets cost \$25 each or \$100 for a book of 5 and are limited to 1,000 tickets only. Tickets are available to purchase from the school office and sellers will be in the school courtyard on Friday 10 March from 2.30pm. Cash/Cheques only. No EFTPOS available. Please tell your friends and family.

Gala Quiz Night

A fun evening to raise funds jointly for St Leo's and the Hall upgrade. Friday 31st March, 7.30pm at the St Leo's hall. Put together a table of 10. \$20 a ticket. To book a table please email jody.gill@xtra.co.nz. Get in quick as limited to 12 tables.

We also need your help with items (big or small) for the auction being held on the night. Some suggestions: a weekend at your bach, sports memorabilia, a professional service, vouchers etc. Please contact Karen Rawlinson on 021 777 358 or karen@number8rg.co.nz if you have something to donate.

Accounts

Fees accounts have been sent out. Thank you to those parents who have already paid. Please note that these are for the year and may be paid all at once, termly, fortnightly or however you want. They may be paid by cash, cheque or automatic payment. Attendance Dues are compulsory and must be paid for each term. If you are having difficulties paying these please contact us.

Cricket

Free Cricket Fun every Tuesday morning from 8am

Want to come and learn all about cricket? Plus learn some cricket skills and play in an exciting match? Boys and girls any year all welcome. Come and join the fun at St Leo's playing field every Tuesday morning.

Bruce Warner used to be Head Coach at North Shore Cricket Club and will be running the sessions every Tuesday during Term 1.

Winter uniforms

Order forms for winter uniforms were emailed out earlier this week. If you require a hard copy please see Renee. Orders are due in by Friday 10 March.

Rippa Coach

We have enough children from years 3/4 and 5/6 to make up two Rippa Rugby teams for the three tournaments held in Terms 2 & 3 but we urgently need a coach. If you would like to help out (trainings can be held at lunchtimes) please see Renee.

Vetting forms

Under the Vulnerable Children's Act all parents that help with school trips, parent help in classroom, sport etc need to be police vetted. If you think you are likely to help out in any of these areas this year could you please collect a form from the office so that we can get this under way as it takes about two weeks to process an application.

Violin Lessons

Lessons are during school time here at the school and can be either group (max of 3) or individual. For further information or to enrol please contact Hilary on hilsphillips@btopenworld.com or 021 235 7056.

Dance Classes

"Made to Move Dance school sessions: Year 1-2 & Year 3-4 classes. Fun class where kids learn a variety of dance styles and have the opportunity to perform. Classes run term time. Contact chloe@madetomovedance.com for more info or visit www.madetomovedance.com to enrol "

Shore to Shore

Sunday 9th April. 5km run/walk from Takapuna Grammar to Milford Beach. Sign up now to support our school. Don't forget to nominate our school when you sign up. Shore to Shore <https://shoretoshore17.eventdesq.com/org>

School Awards

Principal Awards	Spirit Awards
Patrick Welson Aurelia Sanandres Theo Robinson Joseph Wolfkamp Abigail Goosen	Sophie Howcroft Danni Mills Charlie Lane Katerina Lockyer Benjamin Dobbs
Star Student Awards	Whanau Awards
Emily Howcroft Alexandra Mills Maddie Welson	Kauri - Samuel Law Kowhai - Isabel Mena-Levin Koromiko - Elise Vacherand Pohutukawa - Charlie Lane

Congratulations to Jacob Larsen - Principal's Writing Award

Celebrating Past Pupils

Tomas Kelly - won a scholarship

Hank Trenton, Frank Gore gained over 100 Excellence credits in Year 11

Daniel Eastwood, Frank Gore - Rosmini College Prefects for 2017

PTFA News

The next PTFA meeting will be held on March 7th, **7.30-9pm in St Clare's classroom.**

With only a handful of current members continuing in 2017 and the rest stepping down due to work or BOT commitments, we are seeking new PTFA members.

The PTFA raises essential funds for the school and without the work put in by PTFA members over the years, our kids would not be enjoying the many resources now available. PTFA events also help to flourish relationships not only with the children but within the school community. We are a small school and PTFA members don't need to commit a huge amount of time - even a small amount of help is greatly appreciated.

Our continuing members are experienced in finances, sponsorship, fair logistics and coordinating key events. We are looking for....

A new Secretary, to prepare agendas and take minutes at our monthly meetings, to start ASAP.

Five class representatives, to communicate between the PTFA and parents and help run sausage sizzles and other ongoing events.

A few more people to help grow our committee up to a minimum of 12 members. Our aim is to have two volunteers from each school year. Wouldn't it be awesome if each St Leo's family joined the PTFA for at least one year of their time at our school? Is 2017 your year?

Thanks and we look forward to another fantastic year at our lovely school!

If you require further information email the PTFA on stleosptfa@gmail.com

Calendar of Events Term 1

Please check the calendar on the school website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/> or alternatively the school app.

Community Notices

Thank you for your generous support of Bishop Pat's Auckland Diocese Earthquake Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of spirit demonstrated by Auckland catholic schools, parishioners and religious communities, Bishop Pat's appeal to help families and individuals suffering from the impact of the November 2016 earthquakes, received an incredible \$67,061.18.

Cardinal Dew, in expressing his prayerful thanks to everyone throughout the Auckland diocese for their overwhelming support, thanked the Catholic Caring Foundation for their help in its appeal to help the stricken community get back on its feet.

"My pastoral team are working collaboratively with the local Catholic parish, marae and other social services to ensure those families and individuals who are struggling with the aftermath of the November earthquake can be best supported through this challenging time," Cardinal Dew said.

Bishop Pat Dunn said that the volume of messages of support, prayers offered and donations received has been wonderful, and the lives of all of those adversely affected by the earthquake's devastation would be enhanced as a result.

As the bishop's charity, the Catholic Caring Foundation was appointed to collect all donations within the Auckland diocese to go towards the earthquake recovery in Kaikoura and surrounding areas towards the end of 2016.

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WEDNESDAYS at ARTSPACE, Kerr St. Devonport **4-6yrs** 3.45pm **7-10yrs** 4.45pm **10-13yrs - YOGA FLOW** 6.15pm. Exceptional classes! **Info & bookings**, also for trial class: www.YOGIKIDS.co.nz 021 229 0197

The Devonport JETS Run continues every Weds evening until 29th March with registration from 5.45pm at the Torpedo Bay Navy Museum (end of King Edward Parade) for a 6pm start. Features 3km & 5km scenic routes, entry fee \$6A/ \$4C with a free electrolyte drink and heaps of prizes. More info from jetsrun@xtra.co.nz or 0274 379 423

KIDSPRITE ACADEMY - DEVONPORT'S first holistic health and fitness *After-School Programme*

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St Mary's College open Day Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

Devonport Keas Spaces are available in the Devonport Kea clubs run at the Scout Den in Allenby Avenue! Keas is for children in school years 1-3 and is run by a team of warranted leaders, providing an introduction to the kinds of things that Cubs and Scouts do through fun and games. You can find out more about session times and activities on the [1st Devonport Scout Group website \(www.adventureplus.co.nz\)](http://www.adventureplus.co.nz). If you are interested in registering your child to start Keas next term, please phone 445 7810 or send an email to devonport.scouts@gmail.com

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