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St Patrick

Feast Day 17 March:

Principal Patron of the Auckland Diocese.

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick was born in Great Britain about 385, and was taken captive and sold as a slave to Ireland when he was a young boy. He worked as a herdsman, and when he escaped he decided to become a priest. St Patrick worked tirelessly to preach the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there. He died about 461.

Prayer:

*May the strength of God pilot us,
May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us,
May the word of God direct us
May thy salvation, O Lord,
Be always ours this day and forevermore.*

Amen

Mercy Value - Focus

Panekiritanga - Excellence



I'm not
telling you
it's going
to be
easy,
I'm
telling you
it's going
to be
WORTH IT.



Term 1 Week 7

March 16, 2017

Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks. A group of our year 5 & 6 students represented St Leo's school at the "Battle of the Schools" and were placed second. Congratulations to all our students and a big thankyou to the parents who helped on the day. What a great way to demonstrate our Mercy Value of Panekiritanga. Our swimming programmes finish next week, with the junior school having a fun session on Monday and the senior students will have some games and activities for their last session on Tuesday. Parents are most welcome to come along and celebrate their children's new skills and confidence. As we have been running the swimming programme for the last three years I would welcome parent feedback. I will be putting together a very small survey that will be sent out shortly.

Tomorrow is St Patrick's day and we will be celebrating as a school. St Patrick's class will also have a special celebration for their class Saint. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their best "green" outfits. We will also have a group of our very talented dancers perform an Irish Jig. **A gold coin donation please for our Caritas Appeal.**

Screen Time: Advice for Parents - after watching Seven Sharp this week I thought I would share this helpful article with you:

How much is too much?

Unfortunately – there is no magic number, children use their devices and computers for lots of different reasons – to learn, to play, and to socialise. The most important thing is to set clear boundaries on screen time and set a good example. **'Screen time' is an obsolete concept.** As digital media becomes integrated into all aspects of daily life, it is more important to think about what your child is doing online and who they are doing it with, rather than considering arbitrary rules about time.

Helpful Pointers

1. Agree a clear set of rules with your child on screen time in the home. Talk to your child on when you think it is appropriate and inappropriate to use screens. Agree times when screens are allowed and not allowed in the home. For example dinner time, homework time and bedtime.
2. Do as you say Modelling behaviour is THE most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
3. Restrict the use of computers/devices in the bedroom. Depending on the age of your child you may want to set a curfew or ban devices from the bedroom completely.

4. Buy an alarm clock for your child's bedroom and charge their phones in your room at night time. This can be a helpful way of giving them a break from the internet.
5. Try not to rely on screens too much to keep the kids amused. It can be easy to encourage kids to pick up the tablet or play a game on the computer to keep them occupied. This only confuses rules on screen time, try and stick to the agreed rules with your child and remember to set a good example.
6. Chat to your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
7. Pick one evening a week where you do a family activity together, whether it's movie night, games night. Doing activities together as a family will help implement screen time guidelines and offer fun alternatives.
8. Don't have screens always on in the background. Turn off TVs and Computers when not in use, these can be distracting for kids if they are trying to participate in another activity.
9. Finally, join in, why not set some time aside to play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Source: <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/screen-timeadvice-for-parents>

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: He ra whatiwhati ko - A day of hard work

Important Messages

Library:

A reminder that all students should now have a waterproof bag of some type for their library books to keep them from getting damaged.

The new library system is working well and the children are enjoying the new books on display and being able to reserve them. Congratulations to our newly appointed librarians.

- Molly Claxton
- Caoimhe Costello
- Ben Dunlop
- Clare Gillies
- Joseph Wolfkamp

Travelwise:

Tired of battling the traffic at the school gate every day? Join a Park and Walk group.

We are looking at starting a couple of park and walk routes into St Leo's.

How it works:

You drive/walk your children to a starting point and they walk to school under the supervision of adults. It is run by parents/caregivers/grandparents/aunties/uncles from the school community with the support of the school and Auckland Transport. It can operate from one to five days a week, depending on volunteer commitment. Joining the Park and Walk will make your mornings less stressful because you may only have to go to school one morning a week and your kids will love walking to school with their friends.

Interested?

Come along to the meeting in the staffroom on **Tuesday 28 March at 9:00 am** or contact Lucia Dawbin l.dawbin@stleos.school.nz if you can't make it. Morning tea will be provided.

Seaweek Survey Trip

St Leo's is excited to be part of a the University of Otago's National Survey of Coastlines and will be conducting a survey of the marine life on April the 7th at Torpedo Bay. We will be assisted in this scientific survey by Dr. Mels Barton and will need parents to help us do this. At the same time we will also be part of the Devonport Peninsula Coastal Cleanup. You may find out more about the project on www.mm2.net.nz

A notice be coming shortly asking for parent help on this day and it is expected that we will leave school around 10.00 and return by 1pm.

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.

Accounts

Fees accounts have been sent out. Thank you to those parents who have already paid and those who have set up Automatic Payments. 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.

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. 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.

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.

Hockey

We need some more year 3/4 and 5/6 hockey players to make up our hockey teams. Games are played on a Monday night at North Harbour Stadium and car-pooling can be arranged. If your child would like to play please contact either Renee or John Clinton.

Lost Property

Could you please check the labels of your child's polar fleece to ensure they have the correct one. We have children missing named items. It is timely to remind you that it makes everyone's lives easier if all uniform is named.

Shore to Shore

Register online now to join in the Shore to Shore for 2017 on April 9 and help St Leo's raise funds for sport equipment. The fun run starts at Takapuna Grammar and ends at Milford Reserve. Go to shoretoshore.co.nz to register and for further information. **Entries close 31 March at 5pm**

Soccer

North Shore United are looking for boys turning 6 year this year to form a St Leo's team. If your child is keen please see the First Kicks notice in the community notices. Registrations close on Sunday <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=66655>

Celebrating Success

School Awards

Principal Awards	Spirit Awards
Claire Gillies Gigi Albrecht Artie Sweetman Ngairie Williamson Jacob Mc Givern	Honor Braid Katie Kubala Sienna Warner Orlando Thomas-Cheng Isabel Mena-Levin
Star Student Awards	Whanau Awards
Honor Hansen Rosina Joseph Elise Vacherand	Kauri - Juju Goosen Kowhai - Rian Taylor Koromiko - Ed Wescott Pohutukawa - Maddie Welson

Celebration Book

Our Flippa Ball team won 7 - 0

Claire Gillies - 1x Highly Commended, 2x Very Highly Commended, 1x 2nd, 2x1st Most points for under 10 years in Highland Dancing

Alice Gillies - 1x Very Highly Commended, 1x 3rd, 1 x 1st in Highland Dancing

Flynn Lane - made the North Shore United development squad for 8 - 9 year olds

PTFA News

Easter Raffle - tickets will be coming home soon. In the meantime could each family please donate an Easter egg to be included in one of the baskets that are the prizes.

Important dates to remember:

23 March Sausage sizzle - **note new date** \$5 for a sausage in bread, cupcake and milo. BYO cup for milo

31 March 7.30pm St Leo's Hall - Gala Quiz Night - a fun evening to raise funds jointly for St Leo's and the hall upgrade. \$20 a ticket available from the school office or to book a table contact jody.gill@xtra.co.nz

4 April 7.30pm St Clare's class - PTFA AGM & Meeting - The AGM will take place at the start of the meeting.

7 April - 5 - 7pm Family Movie Night. Children watch a film while the adults socialise over a drink and nibbles.

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

Conscious Kids 100% Nature Based After School Programme

Are you looking for an after school activity for your children that offers access to wide open natural spaces, new friends, and exciting challenges? Keep the spirit of the summer holidays going into Term 1 with our new programme on Tuesdays 3:30-6 at Fort Takapuna, based on the hugely successful Conscious Kids School Holiday Programme. After a busy day at school, Conscious Kids will have the chance to get back to nature with a pack of like-minded adventurers. Together we're exploring the magical Narrowneck Beach; investigating tide pools and secret coves, building huts and climbing trees in secluded bush tucked up the hill at Fort Takapuna, learning knot tying and whittling skills, and of course playing bull rush! Let your kids unwind after school playing like previous generations in Devonport did... away from screens and schedules, exploring the natural beauty that we are blessed with. Go to www.Consciouskids.co.nz or call Ann on 021 311 610 for more information. Bookings open now!

First Kicks Begins 1st April - Are you ready? First Kicks Football is played from Grade (age) 5 to Grade 8 They typically play with their friends and tend to play 5 aside. This age group only play other North Shore United Teams...so there are no away games! At this age, the aim is for boys and girls to play and love football. It is a safe and stress free environment for the kids to play in any way they want. Mid-week training and Saturday morning games are designed for all to have fun.

Why First Kicks?

- Confidence building Develop football skills Develop fundamental movement
- Meet new friends and have fun!!
- So if you know a little person that is super mad for kicking the round ball and is born between 2009 - 2012 come along and join in our awesome Saturday fun at Allen Hill Stadium!

Register:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=7673&pKey=85e52a90d0acd3cb4c7541176b3a2d53&cID=23703&formID=54784>

Ellie Brown – Babysitting, \$10 per hr 027 550 5823 – Ellie 027 220 4685 – Liz (Mum)
14 yrs old, Yr 10 Takapuna Grammar School student, responsible and good with kids,experienced with 3 younger brothers



PASIFIKA FESTIVAL

Western Springs Park will be transformed into 11 Pacific Island villages, each with a performance stage and market stalls. Experience the sounds and flavours of Pacific Island cultures without leaving Auckland.

WHAT: 25th Pasifika Festival

DATE: Sat 25 - Sun 26 March

TIME: Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4pm

WHERE: Western Springs Park

ENTRY: FREE!www.aucklandnz.com/pasifika



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