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Lent

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017

"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Mercy Value - Focus



Panekiritanga - Excellence



***Celebrate your success and never apologise for being the
BEST!!***

Term 1 Week 9

March 30, 2017

Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

Thank you to all the families who joined us to celebrate Mass on Sunday. Special thanks to Mrs Buchanan for the work that goes into preparing our children to help lead the Mass. Our next Family School Mass is on **Sunday 28 May**. There is an expectation that all students attend this Mass with their families, so I ask you to please put this in your calendar now.

This week the school community were advised that Mrs Jane Pryor is leaving us at the end of the term to take up a position as an RTLB - Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour. I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment Jane has demonstrated as a teacher and as Deputy Principal to our St Leo's community. She will take with her many fine qualities and all our best wishes as she takes this very exciting next step in her teaching career. We will be formally farewelling Jane at a special assembly on **Wednesday April 12 at 10.00a.m**

Last week when I attended the Auckland Catholic Principal's Forum day, we were reminded that as parents, teachers and community members we have a responsibility to pass on the faith to our children. In a study undertaken, it also highlighted the fact that it takes a minimum of five practising Catholics to be around one child to keep him or her in the practice of the faith in the future. Could you name five significant people who are filling this role for your child?

God Bless,
Elizabeth Walker, Principal

Maori Focus Phrase: He rau ringa e oti ai - Many hands make light work

Important Messages

Library Bags

A reminder please that each child requires a library to protect the books they are borrowing from the library. As we are heading into the winter months we will have a **no bag no- borrow policy**.

Accounts

Term 1 Attendance Dues are due by the end of this term. If you have not already paid these could you please do so. If you are having problems paying your account please see Renee or Elizabeth.

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.

Cricket

Thank you very much to Bruce Warner for running the cricket sessions. The children really enjoyed them. Due to work commitments Bruce is unable to carry on these sessions.

Seaweek Survey Trip

St Leo's is excited to be part of the University of Otago's National Survey of Coastlines and will be conducting a survey of the marine life on **Friday 7 April** 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.

School Awards

Principal Awards	Spirit Awards
Julieta Sosa Luke Haggitt Chiara Albrecht Sam Murphy Charlize Glanville	Jacob McGivern Sienna Glanville Laura Welson Melissa Busch James Lynch
Star Student Awards	Whanau Awards
Dulcie Boule Joseph Wolfkamp Tima Moataane	Kauri - Theo Robinson Koromiko - Sienna Glanville Kowhai - Lily Claxton Pohutukawa - Patrick Welson

Calendar of Events Term 1

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

Celebration Book

Jacob Larsen - made the North Shore United Development Squad for 8 -9 year olds
Cooper Firkin - came 3rd in the 14 and under division on the 10km Riverhead Rampage Trail run in a time of 1:35: 05 and received a trophy
Flippa Ball team won 2 -1
Year 5/6 basketball team won 12 - 1 Nicholas Moataane got a buzzer beater
Ben Dunlop - Player of the day basketball
Natasha Busch - 3rd in runs and got most improved player trophy in cricket
Flippa Ball team won 6 - 1
Patrick Welson - most improved player - North Shore Cricket
Year 5/6 basketball team won 24 - 4
Honor Braid - Player of the day basketball
Charlie Lane - has got a lead role in the National Youth Theatre Company's 'Oliver'.

PTFA News

PTFA AGM - Tuesday 4 April

The AGM will take place at the start of our next PTFA meeting on Tuesday 4 April, 7.30pm in St Clare's classroom. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend. For anyone who is keen, let's head to Devonport for a social drink after the meeting.

Family Movie Night - Friday 7 April

5-7pm... children watch a film while parents socialise over a drink and nibbles. Kids tickets are \$10 and include popcorn, a sweet treat and 3 pizza slices. For catering purposes please purchase movie tickets from the office by next Wednesday 5 April. Movie options this year are Trolls or Secret Life of Pets.

Easter raffle

Don't forget to bring in a large easter egg or bunny for our easter raffle. Each family should have received tickets and information last Friday. Please return all ticket butts and money by Monday 10 April. More tickets are available in the office and there will be a "sweet" prize for the family that sells the most tickets. The raffle will be drawn and announced on Wednesday 12 April.

PTFA kids lunch

In the last week of term we will be putting on a \$5 kids lunch... toasties, hot oven chips and a juice. More details to follow.

Devonport New World receipts

A friendly reminder to please place your Devonport New World receipts in the donations box near the check out. Simply write "St Leo's" at the top of the receipt and place it in the Primary Schools donations box. Every three months the receipts are tallied and the seven local schools receive a percentage of \$7,500. Our school regularly receives \$1,200-1,500 and with your help we can receive even more.

Keen to help out?

We always welcome new volunteers and helpers. We are also looking for "Friends of the PTFA"... people we can call on from time to time for extra help with events and fundraisers. If you are keen to become a Friend of the PTFA please email charlotte.goosen@gmail.com and we will gladly add you to our list of helpers.

Thanks for your support!

St Leo's PTFA

Community Notices

Marriage Encounter Weekend: 19th – 21st May 2017 at Allenby Park Motor Inn, Manukau, Auckland.

A special weekend encouraging couples to focus on each other, your communication, priorities, lifestyle and relationship. Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!

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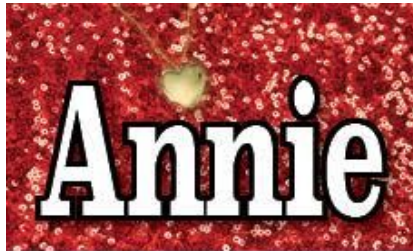
Eye on Nature's fun free family day event

With the vision to 'plant a seed and grow a young mind' our annual event Eye on Nature welcomes thousands of school children and families to enjoy activities that promote eco practices in Auckland.

The wide range of fun and engaging activities coordinated by the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and our environmental partners will promote the message that 'our environment provides food so let's look after it'; an important message we believe ALL families should have access to learn about.

Families will be able to hang out with your favourite Sticky TV presenters; navigate a bush walk to discover native bugs with Rudd Kleinpaste; plant seedlings in recycled materials; learn how to use left-over food; match packaged food to raw food; meet Auckland Mayor, Phil Goff; blend a smoothie with bicycle power; watch cooking demonstrations; support cultural performances; attend a recycled fashion show and learn all about what's in their backyard at Eye on Nature.

This link will take you to all the information you need to know about our Eye on Nature Family Day: <http://eepurl.com/cGSojz>



**Artz on Show School Holiday
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**APRIL
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9am - 1pm

18th-21st & 24th, 26th-28th April
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cathy@smashtennis.nz
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Marbles Studio Holiday Art Programme Let's go to the Movies & Storybook Stars are our art themes for these coming holidays. If you love being creative and you enjoy building, sewing, sculpting and painting then this is the holiday programme for you. For more information please email us at marblesshop@outlook.co.nz

Devonport village HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS for kids and teens, action-packed and healthy-ethos. REGISTER TODAY for our early-bird special! This time: Masterchef Challenge Day, Rock-Climbing, The Vic Film Workshop, Chariot-building and much more! J Check out www.soulsprite.co.nz for a full schedule or email: kate@soulsprite.co.nz

Winter Football/Soccer - places are still available for any boys and girls, born between 2009-2012, wishing to play football this year. All training and games are played at North Shore Football Club, Allen Hill Stadium, Lake Road. If you are interested please contact Fiona office@nsu.org.nz in the first instance. Further details are on our website under "First Kicks" - www.nsu.org.nz

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