

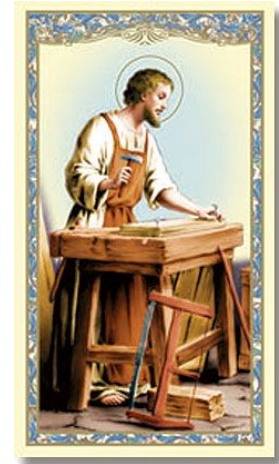


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Term 2 Week 1

May 6, 2017

On Monday 1 May we celebrate the Feast day of St Joseph the Worker.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron of workers.

Prayer: *Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen*

Mercy Value - Focus



The Mercy Value of Aroha is about loving and caring for your family and friends, and about showing kindness to people who are feeling sad or upset to help them feel better. It is about feeling you can make a difference!

Aroha COMPASSION

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road"

Luke 24:32

"The tender mercy of God has given us one another"

Catherine McAuley



Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

Welcome back everyone and I do hope that you all enjoyed a well deserved break to rest and recharge, ready for another busy term. We are delighted to see all our students so settled and focussed on getting back into their class routines. You should have received a term newsletter that gave an overview of the learning for this term.

This term once again plans to be busy with winter sports starting and a range of events happening. Please keep up to date by checking out our school website and the calendar for all the latest information. <http://www.stleos.school.nz/>



As the weather is still very warm I encourage all students to continue wearing their sun-hats while outside at break times and also when taking part in PE and fitness sessions. All students will be starting to practice for our school cross country later this term. Please ensure that they have their fitness gear at school each day, suitable footwear for running may also be worn. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you to all the students who took the time in the holidays to attend the Devonport ANZAC service. A special thanks to Lily McGivern and Sam Pita for representing the school by presenting a wreath.



I was inspired by Pope Francis' first TED talk. His message was simple, people are important. In this busy technological world, the speed of life challenges us to prioritise the way we notice, interact and care for others. Pope Francis shared three messages that emphasised the importance of people, how we treat each other and how we need to ensure we use the technological and scientific advances to reach out to others. First message: The future is achievable if we stick together. Pope Francis said "Life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions." Second message: Don't let technological innovation blind us to others suffering – he spoke about the same effort used to discover far away planets be used to notice the needs of the people we meet. Third message: The revolution of tenderness – to use our hands and our hearts to comfort others and care for those in need. What wonderful messages to start a new term. Pope Francis' message emphasizes the importance of how to treat others and our value focus for this term is Aroha-Compassion. Each Monday morning at prayer reflection we will share thoughts and possible actions to carry out during the week related to Aroha. I look forward to an excellent term ahead.

God Bless,
Elizabeth Walker, Principal

Maori Focus Phrase: **Waiho ma te tangata e mihi** Leave your praises for someone else

Important Messages

Assembly

Next Friday St Patrick's Class will be sharing at assembly.

A reminder that assembly is now at 9.00 am.

Family Mass

We ask families to attend a Sunday Mass as a St Leo's Community. The children are asked to wear their school uniform and we sit together as a school. It is expected that all children and their families attend these masses. So please put the following dates in your diary for the year so that there are no clashes of dates.

- **Sunday 28 May - Ascension** - students will meet on the courts at 8.30

Accounts

Term 2 Attendance Dues are now due. Accounts were sent out during the holidays. If you have not received yours please contact the office.

Lewis Eady Music Lessons

We require one or two more students to enrol with Lewis Eady for music lessons so that we are able to continue to have music in our school. Dominic is an excellent teacher with lots of experience. If you would like your child to learn an instrument during school time go to www.lewiseady.co.nz

Scholastic book orders

These will be coming home tomorrow. Please note that this is now only done online not through the school.

James Russell Author

A separate notice has gone home today regarding this exciting visit from James Russell the author of the Dragon Brothers Trilogy on May 9th.

Tax Receipts

If you require a 2016 tax receipt please contact the office.

Some Safety Reminders

- The classrooms are open from 8.30a.m. Please do not drop children off earlier than 8.15 as their safety cannot be guaranteed.
- No children are to be in the staff carpark at any time. Parents please walk your children around the admin building to exit the school onto Victoria Road.
- Correct school uniform must be worn to and from school, including footwear.
- Girls need hair ties in the school colours or the hair ties available at the school office for purchase. Hair should be tied up nicely if required. Plain studs for earrings.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be walked in and out of the grounds. A reminder that children who bike regularly can get a police issued fluoro jacket from the office with a note from their parents that they cycle regularly and have the parent's permission.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9.30 a.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 co-operation 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 ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website:
www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**.

PTFA News

Thank you to all the families for their support in term one. As a school community we raised over \$8,000 towards helping our children.

We have more exciting fundraisers for Term Two, helping get together funds for shading for the Junior classroom area.



Heavenly High tea

On the 20th May we will be hosting a Heavenly High Tea Party at The Officers Mess.

There are limited tickets available.

Each family is asked to donate a luxury food item or pamper item. These will be used to make up a gift hamper to raffle at the High Tea

Join us for a sophisticated afternoon in an idyllic location. There will be guest speakers and luxury items auctioned to raise money for St Leo's Catholic School.

Bring your mother, sisters, favourite aunty and girlfriends for an afternoon not to be missed! What a great belated Mother's Day gift!

Meet other inspiring women from the Devonport community.

Your ticket includes:

- A glass of bubbles or juice on arrival
- A three course High-tea
- Guest Speakers
- Luxury Goody Bag
- Amazing spot prizes
- Gold coin raffles
- Plus luxurious auction items to bid on

Don't miss out on this special event. Tickets are limited, strictly first come first served.

Call Karla on 021 269 4346, email stleosptfa@gmail.com or visit St Leo's Catholic School to purchase a ticket.

Sausage Sizzle

The next Sausage Sizzle will be held Friday 26th May

Disco

Save the date for the school disco, Friday 9th June.....details to come.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

We need your help to keep our beautiful church of St Francis & All Souls clean and tidy.

Are you willing to give two hours of your time once every three months or so to help vacuum, tidy and polish in the church? (The more people on the roster, the less often you will be called upon)

You could make it a fun family activity, why not? Usually Saturday morning 10am, but other times are possible.

Expressions of interest, or for more info, please contact: Stephen Bell 0210608561,
stpb@xtra.co.nz

ST LEO'S HALL REFURBISHMENT

An evening of Fashion at
17 May 6 pm for a 6.30pm start
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Kim Byrne on 021 473 262 or email kimbyrne@orcon.net.nz or

Karen Rawlinson 021 777 358 or email karen@number8rg.co.nz

No door sales so please pay by internet banking to:

RC Bishop Devonport 0201000120958 16 and in the reference boxes please put in one box your surname and in the other the word FASHION.

Community Notices

Mothers' Day gift from Ezlunch

Ezlunch offers a great food service for our school, ordered online through www.ezlunch.co.nz, and have just let us know about their Mothers' Day promotion. Please read below...

It's time to celebrate Mums – and how better than to skip the lunch making and read a magazine instead! Place an order with ezlunch for **delivery 8th – 12th May** and be in the draw for a **\$50** magazine voucher to gift to Mum on Mothers' Day.

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DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our **May Meeting**

Topic: **Love in action** (1 John 3:18-19)

Speaker: **Fr. Alfredo Garcia**

When: **Wednesday 17 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Where: **Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church,**
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

Contact: Nanci 09 4190348 www.dove.org.nz

KidSprite After School Academy

When: Mon-Thur 3pm-6:30pm alongside the school term.

Venue: 59 Victoria Road, Devonport.

Join Devonport's only health and fitness focused after school programme! Daily fitness classes (Dance, TRX or Boxing), nutritional cooking lessons and either Drama, Spanish or Maths depending on the day. Pick ups from local schools available. Book in for a free trial today or see our [website](#) for more details!

Kids Kitchen

When: Classes start 1st of May alongside the school term.

Venue: SoulSprite Kitchens 59 Victoria Road, Devonport

Explore the wonders of cooking in our unique purpose built SoulSprite Kitchens. Our recipes use local organic produce and are dairy, gluten and sugar free.

Classes are split to reflect different age groups, from 4yrs up to 14+ yrs. Max 10 students per class. See our [website](#) for the latest class schedule!

OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS



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