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2 May 2024

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whānau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you have had a wonderful time with your tamariki and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

These holidays I was lucky enough to attend a conference in Banff where I met some inspirational leaders of schools from the size of 2 to over a thousand students. There were 1200 delegates from all over the world who shared amazing experiences and ideas on how to build a school community for the future. I really enjoyed one of the STEM workshops where a school used financial literacy weaved with an indigenous perspective where students sold items at a school fair. It was wonderful to see the whole community involved to make this possible.

A highlight for me was seeing snow for the first time! This is the moment where I revelled in the beauty of God's creation and how wonderful he made our world. This allowed me to reflect on what Pope Francis says about looking after the earth and caring for creation: It is necessary to care for what we cherish and revere.

Here is a little poem to remind us of God's creation:

In the heart of creation's art,

Where streams weave tales and forests part,

God's hand in every leaf's gentle sway,

In every dawn's awakening ray. Mountains rise, a hymn to the
skies,

Echoes of His glory, vast and wise. In whispered winds, His voice
does sing,

In every bloom, His love takes wing. In rivers' flow, His grace does
pour,

In meadows green, His peace restores. Each creature small, each
soaring bird,

Proclaims the wonders of our Lord. From dawn to dusk, His beauty shines,

In every moment, His presence aligns. So let us lift our voices high,

In praise of nature, under heaven's eye.



New Pupil

We welcome James Edhouse and whānau to our kura. James has settled well in St Patricks.

St Catherine News

On Monday St Catherine prepared a liturgy to celebrate the feast day of St Catherine of Siena. It was also a nice way to welcome the children to the first day of term 2.

Born on the feast of the Annunciation in 1347, St. Catherine of Siena became a loyal voice of the Church, a shining light in one of the darkest, most turbulent periods of Christian history. She gave her short 33 years of life in service to God during the chaos of the great Western Schism, of two duly elected popes, the bubonic plague, a papacy relocated to France, of great political upheaval and warring in her native Italy. Possessing God-inspired wisdom, she provided a sense of confidence and certainty that influenced popes, nobles and commoners alike.

Students displaying Manaakitanga at play. All across the school grounds at morning tea and lunch, teachers are witnessing this terms focus value of kindness and respect. From the old favourite 'elastics' to the rough and tumble of some 'Spider-Man reenactments'.



Awards this week

On Wednesday we had our first assembly of the term. St Clare led us in prayer and sang a beautiful song to remind us of Jesus's resurrection. We presented class and whānau house awards to students who have shown manaakitanga which is one of our schools Mercy values. Keep it up!

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected. Pink Shirt Day is the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand (MHFNZ) has run the campaign since 2012, inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

We will be celebrating this on Friday 17 May where the tamariki can wear a pink shirt or an item of pink to acknowledge this day.



Ma te atua manaaki

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices

Winter uniforms

Children may transition into winter uniforms between the beginning of term 2 and King's Birthday weekend. Please no combination of uniforms but all summer or all winter to be worn.

For those that have ordered winter tunics and boys long sleeved shirts, sorry but our supplier has not got these ready yet. I will let you know as soon as they arrive. We can help you out with some second hand uniform while we wait for these to arrive if you like.

Vector works

Vector have advised us that from April until October there is going to be work to strengthen the electricity network carried out in our area. They are doing it in blocks and stage 1 from April - May will involve works around Shoal Bay Rd, Lake Rd from Albert to Owens Rds, Lake Rd and the beginning of Old Lake Rd and Lake Rd and the corner of Alamein Ave.

Stage 2 from May June will involve Patuone Ave and Lake Rd from Allenby Ave to Seabreeze Rd and Lake Rd into Egremont St & Westwell Rd. Stage 3 June to October will involve Owens Rd and Lake Rd Seabreeze to Old Lake Rd. Please be aware that parking around the school could be at a premium during some of this work. Please respect the neighbours and do not park across their driveways. There will be traffic management in place.

Rosmini College Open Day for new students in 2025

Thursday 16 May 2024 - The presentation will commence at 1:30pm in the Auditorium and the Open Day concludes at 3pm. The online application form is available on the school website (www.rosmini.school.nz) for enrolment for 2025. Enrolment queries to Eunice 09 488 3750 or email enquiries@rosmini.school.nz.

Shop for your School

Thank you to the people who shopped at Shore City during the Shop for your school promotion and nominated our school.

We won the second prize of \$6000.

Scholastic Books

Brochures came home earlier this week. Please note these can only be ordered online.

Everyone who orders earns a \$5 promotional credit to spend on Issue 4!*

Mural

A huge thank you to ex-pupil Chiara Albrecht for the awesome job she has done on the mural on the back of the climbing wall on the senior playground. A very talented young artist in the making.



Timetable of events for Term 2

Friday 3 May	Whole school to Science Roadshow
Sunday 5 May	Sacramental Programme 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 9 May	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 10 May	Sausage sizzle lunch Whole school mass
Sunday 12 May	Mother's Day Sacramental Programme 3.30pm
Tuesday 14 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 15 May	Assembly 10.15 PTFA meeting
Thursday 16 May	Year 6 Waterwise Rosmini Open Day 1.30pm-3pm
Friday 17 May	Pink shirt day
Tuesday 21 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic Open Day
Wednesday 22 May	BOT meeting 6.30pm
Friday 24 May	Whole school to midday mass
Sunday 26 May	Sacramental programme 3.30pm
Tuesday 28 May	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 29 May	Choir visiting local kindys
Friday 31 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY - MOE
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday - no school
Tuesday 4 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 6 June	School cross country 11.30am
Sunday 9 June	Family Mass 9.30am Sacramental programme
Tuesday 11 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 12 June	Interschool Cross country Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 13 June	Rippa Rugby tournament
Friday 14 June	Save Day Peninsula Cross Country
Sunday 16 June	Sunday Mass and Confirmation & First holy communion practice after

Tuesday 18 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Friday 21 June	Whole school mass midday
Saturday 22 June	Matariki Festival Bayswater
Sunday 23 June	Confirmation & First Holy Communion 9.30am
Tuesday 25 June	Private Music lessons with Dominic Open Day
Wednesday 26 June	Choir to Belmont/Bayswater kindy 10am
Friday 28 June	Matariki
Tuesday 2 July	Private Music lessons with Dominic
Friday 5 July	Whole school mass midday Term 2 ends

Things do get added to this calendar regularly so make sure you check each newsletter.

2024 Term dates

Term 2 starts Monday 29 April

Term 2 ends Friday 5 July

Give a Kid a Blanket

When. Collection runs from April 27 - June 30 (2024)

What to donate. New and Excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inners and covers, pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, rain coats, Moses baskets. We are only able to accept New Pillows and New Hot-water bottles

(**NO** other types of clothing thanks)

*All **Pre-loved** donations must be washed by the donor before donating.

We will have a collection point in the office for this.



PTFA NEWS

High Tea

Due to very low ticket sales this event has been cancelled.

Sausage sizzle

Remember to get your sausage sizzle orders in by 9am Wednesday 8 May if your child would like to partake in this.

\$6 gets them a sausage in bread, a treat and a drink. Please remember to send along a named cup for the drink. Fill in the order form or email Renee if you would like to place an order and pay the money into the PTFA account - 12-3057-0067576-00

Kai Pai Pies

Our super yummy Frozen Pies and Savouries fundraiser has launched and we need you to sign up and help us fundraise. It is super easy to take part as it is all done online - no cash and no paper order forms!

A letter will be coming home tomorrow or head to

<https://stleoprimarieschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/> to sign up for a fundraising

page so you can start selling and help us fundraise. We are raising funds for supporting the efforts of fundraising for our small school. Once you have a page setup, share it with friends and family. We will be selling delicious KaiPai pies and savouries from now until May 26th so get your order in quick.

We think Kiwis know a thing or two about pies! Rich meaty fillings, encased in light, buttery pastry. A choice of flavours that doesn't leave out the classics. A pie you can eat in one hand with a cold drink in the other. Kai Pai Pies & Savouries are South Island born – baked in Wanaka and distributed around NZ for hungry Kiwis everywhere. Join the savoury movement today.



Icon Photography

Save the date of **8 June** for our next fundraiser which will be family photographs. \$15 sitting fee which goes to the school and you get a free 10 x 13 inch family portrait. Further purchases can be made at a discounted price. A letter regarding this will come home on Monday. We need a minimum of 25 orders to secure this fundraiser so please share with family and friends.

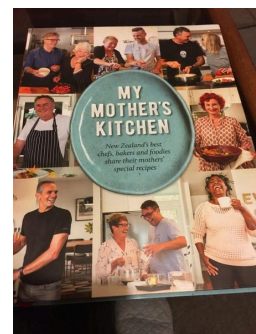
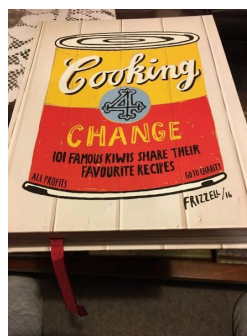
Quiz night - save the date NOW

Friday 20 September

Cookbooks

Don't forget we have our ongoing Cookbook fundraiser happening. \$25 per book. Stocks are limited so get in quick.

Next PTFA meeting May 15 7.30pm in the staff room.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



JOIN US

STINGRAY KICKBOXING

TERM 2 YOUTH CLASSES

TRX

SOULSPRITE



@ THE HOUSE

05 MAY

DEVONPORT SWAP SHOP

11AM

MON 15 APRIL CLOTHING DROP OFF OPENS

Drop off is 9am - 2.30pm weekdays ONLY

CLOTHING DROP OFF CLOSES

Clothing will no longer be accepted after 12pm 4th May

SAT 04 MAY

SUN 05 MAY SWAP SHOP OPENS 11AM

Come on down to the house to score some new to YOU items
Entry is a Gold Coin Donation through cash or Eftpos

THE DEETS

Bring in up to 10 items of good quality/preloved ADULTS clothing and receive a token for each item.
Shop the pre-loved racks using your TOKEN as payment at the event.
Don't have any tokens? That is OKAY - purchase any clothing from the racks for a small fee

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camaraderie. Let's kick, punch, and sweat our way to greatness!

Check out their youth timetable to sign up your kids and secure their spot. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! 😊

Youth Timetable link: <https://www.soulsprite.co.nz/youthfitnessclasses>

Are you worried about how they are feeling?

DECREASING DEPRESSION
FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page



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MONDAYS

Junior Robotics Level 1: Coding Introduction

Start date: 06 May 2024
End date: 01 July 2024

Rata Room
3:30pm - 4:30pm

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Vauxhall Art & Laughs Evening (VALE)

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Paul Douglas with MC Mike Lane
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ART FOR AUCTION

Artworks by respected New Zealand artists up for auction throughout the evening.

TICKETS \$70 EACH

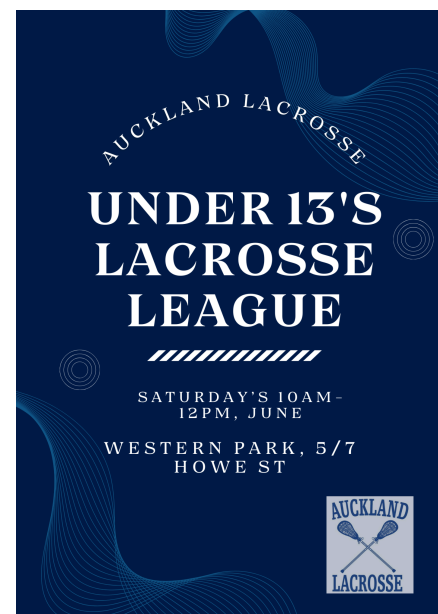
Buy online at — <https://events.humanitix.com/vauxhall-art-and-laughs-evening>
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Saturday 25 May 2024 6pm—midnight

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