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10 April 2025

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

What a Wonderful Term 1!

As Term 1 draws to a close, we reflect with gratitude on a term full of rich learning, connection, and growth. This term, our focus on *tūrangawaewae*—our place to stand—was explored deeply through our Catholic lens and school charism. We have encouraged our ākonga to understand where they come from, who they are in God's image, and how they can stand confidently in their faith and identity.

Through engaging new learning experiences and meaningful opportunities to serve and lead, our students have shown a growing sense of belonging and pride in our school community. The strong whānau spirit that continues to thrive here is a testament to our shared values and the relationships that ground us.

We look forward to building on this foundation in Term 2. Until then, we wish all our families a safe and restful break. Mā te Atua e manaaki – may God bless you all.

Easter Blessings

As we approach the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the heart of our Catholic faith—hope, renewal, and the promise of new life through the resurrection of Jesus. Over these past weeks, our tamariki have journeyed through Lent with open hearts, engaging in prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness that reflect the love of Christ in action.

This sacred season invites us all to pause and remember that even in times of challenge, light always overcomes darkness. We celebrate the risen Christ with joy and gratitude, and we pray that this Easter brings peace, love, and a renewed sense of hope to all our whānau.

May the blessings of Easter fill your homes with happiness, and may God's love continue to guide and strengthen our beautiful school community.



Consultation with Whānau Māori

Every year, St Leo's Board of Trustees prepares an Annual Implementation Plan to help us achieve the longer-term goals we have set for our school. One of our core goals is to continue to develop our understanding of our bicultural heritage. We would be grateful for the opportunity to speak with our whānau Māori about initiatives that will help us to better reflect our bicultural heritage.

The whānau of all students who have identified as Māori on their school enrolment form will be contacted shortly. If your child hasn't been identified as Māori on their enrolment but are Māori and

you, as their whānau, wish to be included, we encourage you to contact Vimi directly by phone or email. The more voices of whānau Māori we have during these conversations, the richer the dialogue and the better our whole school will be for it, so we really encourage your participation if you are able.

Life Education Visits This Week

This week, our students had the wonderful opportunity to take part in engaging and thought-provoking lessons with the Life Education Trust as part of our Health curriculum. With the help of Harold the Giraffe, tamariki explored important topics such as friendships, emotions, decision-making, and how to take care of their bodies and minds.

These sessions are always a highlight for our learners, encouraging them to think deeply about how they can make positive, healthy choices and show kindness and respect to themselves and others. We're grateful to the Life Ed team for bringing these valuable lessons to life in such an interactive and age-appropriate way.



It's been a fun and meaningful week of learning that supports our commitment to growing well-rounded, resilient learners.

Sponsorship: Your chance to sponsor a child to come to St Leo's in 2025

St Leo's Catholic Primary School Board invites you to consider sponsoring a child's attendance dues for 2025 (a total of \$532 for the year or \$133 a term). What a great way to support our young Catholic community and grow our local school. We have a few people who have already become sponsors, which is also tax deductible. Please contact the school office at 09 445 9339 if you can help.

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices:

Tax receipts

These were sent out to all parents at the beginning of April. If for some reason you haven't received it and need it please let Renee know. Check your junk folder just in case.

Kapa Haka

Next term Terehia and Ngahiwi Walker will be running kapa haka sessions for all the Year 3-4 tamariki. We will be working up to performing at the Bayswater school Kapa Haka festival on 14 June around 4.30pm. Please keep this date free so we can have a good turn out of performers. There will be a cost of \$20 added to your invoices for next term. This koha will be an appreciation of Nagahiwi's and Terehia's knowledge and skills that they bring to our kura.

Winter uniforms will be worn from either beginning of term 2 or King's birthday weekend. Please note we do have a supply of second hand old uniforms but to order the new uniform go to:

<https://www.schooluniform.co.nz>

We have no second hand new uniforms yet. We would like all students in the new uniforms by the beginning of 2026.

Timetable of events for Term 1

Friday 11 April	Term 1 ends
Sunday 13 April	Sacramental programme
Monday 28 April	Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day for teachers to attend Maths PD

Timetable of events term 2

Monday 28 April	Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day for teachers to attend Maths PD (school closed)
Tuesday 29 April	School starts 9.15am Playgroup 10.30am Assembly
Wednesday 30 April	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 1 May	Year 6 Waterwise
Sunday 4 May	Sacramental Programme
Tuesday 6 May	Playgroup 9.15am
Wednesday 7 May	Music lessons with Dominic Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 8 May	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 9 May	Whole school mass midday
Sunday 11 May	Mother's Day Sacramental Programme
Monday 12 May	Waterwise regatta
Tuesday 13 May	Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 14 May	Music lessons with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 15 May	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 16 May	Whole school trip to Naughty Wasters
Sunday 18 May	Sacramental Programme
Monday 19 May	Save day Waterwise regatta
Tuesday 20 May	Playgroup 9.15am
Wednesday 21 May	Music lessons with Dominic
Friday 23 May	Whole school Mass midday

Sunday 25 May	Sacramental programme
Tuesday 27 May	Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 28 May	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 29 May	Rippa rugby tournament
Friday 30 May	Rosmini Open day
Monday 2 May	King's birthday (school closed)
Tuesday 3 May	Save Day Rippa rugby Playgroup 9.15am BOT meeting
Wednesday 4 May	Music lessons with Dominic
Friday 6 May	Whole school mass
Sunday 8 May	Sacramental programme & Mass
Tuesday 10 June	Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 11 June	Music lessons with Dominic
Saturday 14 June	Bayswater school Matariki festival
Sunday 15 June	Confirmation & First Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 June	Playgroup 9.15am Whole school to Science Roadshow
Wednesday 18 June	Music lessons with Dominic Proposed Matariki evening
Thursday 19 June	NS Catholic Schools speech comp
Friday 20 June	Matariki Holiday
Tuesday 24 June	Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 25 June	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 26 June	Ronald McDonald PJ day
Friday 27 June	Term 2 ends

PTFA News

Next PTFA meeting 14 May 2025 7.30pm in the staffroom or via zoom

AGM

Thanks to Amy Watkins for stepping up to be a co-chair of the PTFA. We now need someone to co-chair with her. If you are keen please see Renee. Thanks to Verity Murphy for becoming secretary, Ann-Katherin for staying on as Treasurer and Paola MacAya, Courtney Nuimata and Tammy Tarr for being class reps.

Hot Cross Buns

We sold 50 packets of hot cross buns and made \$172.50. To those that ordered enjoy them.

Save these dates

Quiz Night - Friday 12 September

School Fair - Sunday 16 November (changed to avoid clash with Devonport School of Dance production that takes away half our parents)

Other events coming over the year will include:

Pies, disco and more sausage sizzles plus other exciting events.



Cathedral Parish Secretary

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We have lots of April holiday programmes and family activities at Linku2 School Holidays

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MESSY CHURCH

Easter

Starting at 3.30pm on
Sunday 13 April 2025

Join us for lots of fun crafts for all ages to celebrate Easter followed by a shared dinner - bring a plate of food to share and box to take your crafts home.

All Welcome Devonport Methodist Church
18 Owens Road, Devonport
For more information: Email Robyn at families@devonportmethodist.org.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Paper Chain Pythons:
Tuesday 15th April 10am
This craft helps develop fine motor skills while letting kids design their own patterned reptile.

Bottle Cap Magnets:
Thursday 17th April 10am
Turn recycled bottle caps into animal magnets! Craft a collection of cute critters to decorate the fridge.

Mushroom Garlands:
Tuesday 22nd April 10am
Using repurposed corks and paint, create a whimsical string of fungi to hang up at home.

Taiao Wands:
Thursday 24th April 10am
Connect with nature by crafting a magical taiao wand out of bamboo and flora!

*Tamariki must be accompanied by an adult

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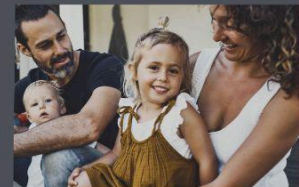
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