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5 February 2025

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

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

This week, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes during our assembly, remembering Mary's apparition to St. Bernadette in 1858. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Mary's message of prayer, penance, and trust in God's healing grace.

During the assembly, we learned about the miracles of Lourdes and took time to seek Mary's intercession in our own lives. It was a meaningful and faith-filled gathering that reminded us to deepen our faith and show compassion to those in need, just as Our Lady calls us to do.

The staff attended the Dedication Mass held at Christ the King Church last week, where we welcomed all teachers from our Catholic Schools in Auckland. We also celebrated teachers who completed their certification in Religious Education.

The children have quickly settled into their daily routines, and it has been wonderful to see so much new learning happening in classrooms. Each day, they engage in an hour of reading, writing, and maths, building strong foundations in these essential skills. Their enthusiasm and curiosity shine through as they embrace new challenges and deepen their understanding. It's a joy to see such a positive start to the term!

School Picnic & PTFA AGM – This Friday!

We look forward to our school picnic this Friday, a wonderful opportunity for families, students, and staff to come together for an afternoon of fun, food, and community spirit. It's a great way to start the year and enjoy time together in a relaxed setting.

Following the picnic, we will hold our PTFA AGM, reflecting on the past year, discussing exciting plans for the future, and welcoming new members to the team. We encourage everyone to join, get involved, and support our school community. We are looking forward to seeing you at 4-6 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle for the tamariki and drinks and ice blocks for sale at \$2 each. Eftpos will be available.

Teacher Only Day

On Friday, the 28th of February, the school will be closed for instruction. This is a Ministry TOD, and the staff will be engaged in professional development in mathematics with St Joseph's School.

Parent concerns:

From time to time things occur at school, which leads to parents seeking clarification. If you have concerns about your children's progress or wish to seek clarification about something that has happened at school, the classroom teacher is the first point of contact to answer the concerns or enquiries of parents about their children. Generally, matters are resolved at this level.



If there is further concern or dissatisfaction after meeting with the classroom teachers, parents should seek an appointment to meet with me.

There are specific avenues for enquiring about information about the school or commenting on school policies, property, and procedures. Please contact Renee or myself if you wish to do so. Please visit the School Docs site to review our Concerns and Complaints Policy and Raising Concerns and Complaints Policy. Log in details below.

School Docs and Policy Review

Each term, the Board of Trustees reviews several of our policies. The Board reviews some of these, and some are also reviewed by staff and for some policies, feedback is sought by parents. Have a look at other school policies for information.

Please visit our school docs website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/policies.html>.

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies User name: StLeos Password: mercy

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.

Attendance

The Ministry of Education's attendance goal is to get 80% of students to attend 90% of the time.

St Leo's Catholic School – Daily Attendance Process

1. Reporting Absences: Parents must notify the school office by 9.30 am if your child cannot attend school. The office will contact the parent or caregiver if we have not received a reason. If no response is received, the child will be marked as Truant.
2. Daily Roll Checks: Attendance is recorded twice daily—once at the start of the day and again after lunch. The office monitors attendance to ensure consistency.
3. Ministry of Education Tracking: Attendance data, including information on students who are absent or late, is automatically sent to the Ministry of Education each day.
4. Principal's Attendance Report: Each term, the principal receives a report summarising student attendance, including reasons for absences. This report is shared with the Board of Trustees.
5. Attendance Alerts: The office and principal receive automatic alerts when students meet the following levels of non-attendance within a term:
 - 5-9 days
 - 10-14 days
 - 15 or more days
6. School Attendance Plan: The St Leo's Catholic School Attendance Plan will be confirmed at the next Board meeting and shared with the St Leo's community.
7. Accessing Attendance Information:
 - Attendance policies and procedures are available on SchoolDocs.
 - The Ministry of Education's parent information for parents is available to view by clicking on this LINK.
8. Parent Communication: Attendance expectations and procedures will be shared with all new families at the start of each term.

Regular attendance plays a crucial role in student learning and success. Thank you for supporting and ensuring your child is present and engaged in daily education.

A few reminders for the upcoming days:

- We would like to remind you about hats. These are essential in this hot weather, and children without hats will be asked to remain in the shade during outside play times. Please stress to your children the importance of keeping their hats on when playing outside.
- No vehicles are permitted to enter school grounds during school hours. The best places to park are on Owens Road or Victoria Road. Please be aware that there is a clear-way area on either side of the driveway on Owens Road that is regularly policed by Auckland Transport. Please do not park across neighbours' driveways.
- All children must be collected promptly after school unless enrolled in the After School Care programme.
- **No children are to be in the staff car park anytime.** Parents, please walk your children around the administration building to exit the school on Victoria Road. Parents are not to park in the staff car park when they are collecting their children.
- A reminder that there is no parking area on either side of the Owens Rd driveway from 8.30 am - 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. This is often randomly policed by AT.
- Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn to and from school, including footwear. Caps are not school uniform and neither are sneakers or crocs. Last year many children were leaving the school grounds without shoes on. We would like the children to take pride in their school uniform. Don't forget the sunhats.
- Bicycles and scooters are to be walked in and out of the grounds. Children riding bikes to school on a regular basis are encouraged to wear a safety vest and must wear their helmet. These can be obtained from the office.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9.30a.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 cooperation 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.

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices:

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 uniforms but to order the new uniform go to: <https://www.schooluniform.co.nz>

We have no second hand new uniforms yet.



Sacrament programme

Forms for this were sent home to all year 4 children and new year 4 - 6 children. If your child is non preference and is in years 4 -6 and you wish to get them into a Catholic school for their intermediate and secondary schooling we suggest your child gets baptised and does the programme as many Catholic schools are now only taking preference students from feeder schools. See Vimi or Renee for more information if you need it.

Timetable of events for Term 1

Friday 21 February	School picnic/PTFA AGM 4pm - 6pm
Tuesday 25 February	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 26 February	Music lessons with Dominic Year 1 & 2 Give it a go Rippa rugby BOT meeting 6.30
Thursday 27 February	Year 6 Waterwise Carmel Open Day 1.30 - 3pm
Friday 28 February	MOE TEACHER ONLY DAY Carmel Open day 9am - 10.30am
Monday 3 March	Swimming sports @ Devonport school
Tuesday 4 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 5 March	Music lessons with Dominic Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 7 March	School Beach Day
Tuesday 11 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 12 March	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 13 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 14 March	Whole school mass Peninsula swimming Takuranga Walk TBC
Monday 17 March	St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 18 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 19 March	Music lessons with Dominic Yr 6 Grip Leadership Programme
Thursday 20 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 21 March	St Catherine Antarctica VR experience @ school
Sunday 23 March	Sacramental programme begins 3.30 - 5pm
Tuesday 25 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Open Day 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 26 March	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 27 March	Year 6 Waterwise Carmel OPen Day 1.30 -
Friday 28 March	Whole school mass Renee away
Sunday 30 March	School/Parish Mass Sacramental programme 3.30 - 5pm
Tuesday 1 April	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 2 April	Music lessons with Dominic BOT meeting
Thursday 3 April	Year 6 Waterwise Parent/Teacher interviews - School closes 2pm After school care available
Monday 7 April - Wednesday 9 April	Life Education Visit
Tuesday 8 April	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 9 April	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 10 April	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 11 April	Whole school mass Term 1 ends
Sunday 13 April	Sacramental programme

PTFA News

Our beginning-of-the-year family picnic will be held on Friday, 21 February, from 4pm onwards. The PTFA AGM will also be held at this time. Please consider if you or you and a friend would like to be the chairperson or secretary. We will also be looking for class reps for St Clare and St Catherine.



Visit our Open Days on
Thursday 27 February 2025 (1.30-3.00pm) and
Friday 28 February 2025 (9.00-10.30am)

Enrolment Applications for 2026 open on 28 January 2025
For all enrolment application enquiries please check the website or contact Jane Meurant
(jmeurant@carmel.school.nz) or call (09) 4861132 ext 704

Address: 106 Shakespeare Road, Milford, Auckland **Email:** admin@carmel.school.nz **Website:** www.carmel.school.nz

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<https://nsu.org.nz/first-kicks-5-8/term-1-first-kicks-pre-season-football-programme>
- **Juniors (9th - 12th Grade/Years Born 2016 - 2013):**
<https://nsu.org.nz/juniors-9-12/term-1-junior-pre-season-football-programmes>
- **Girls Only (8th Grade & above / Year Born 2017 +):**
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