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5 September 2024

The theme for 2024 is

## To hope and act with Creation



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SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

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

The Season of Creation is a period in the Catholic liturgical calendar dedicated to celebrating and caring for the natural world. It starts on September 1st, which is designated as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and lasts until October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

This season is an invitation for Catholics to reflect on the beauty and fragility of creation, to express gratitude for the gifts of nature, and to renew their commitment to environmental stewardship. It encourages practices such as prayer, education, and action aimed at protecting the environment and addressing issues like climate change, pollution, and loss of biodiversity.

The Season of Creation was officially recognised by Pope Francis in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical, \*Laudato Si'\*. In this document, Pope Francis underscores the moral and spiritual imperative for Christians to care for our common home and to recognise the interconnectedness of all creation. The Season of Creation aligns with these themes by fostering a deeper awareness and responsibility toward the environment.

St. Leo's School follows the principles of \*Laudato Si\* by incorporating environmental care into its educational and daily practices. The school promotes sustainability through initiatives like recycling, being energy-efficient, and a school garden that teaches students about the importance of caring for creation. Lessons on environmental stewardship are integrated into the curriculum, encouraging students to understand and act on issues such as climate change and conservation.

### Student Learning Expo

On Thursday 12th September we will be hosting the student learning expo. The ākonga will be showcasing the awesome learning that has been happening throughout the year. The expo will be held in the classrooms from 3.15-5.30pm and you do not need to make appointment times. Please come and have a look at all the exciting mahi that your children have been working on. Don't forget to check out the STEM and Art rooms. I will be available if you would like to meet me for tea/coffee in the staffroom.

### School/Parish Mass

Please lock in the 8 September for our school/parish Mass. This will be the last school/parish Mass for the year. Can you also bring a plate of finger food to share after the Mass. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to our St Leo's whānau. We would like to request if families could park on the side streets instead of the playground.

### St Patrick News

This week at St Patrick, students welcomed Sarah, the Watercare educator. She taught them about the water cycle, and they created their own water cycle models. For garden to table the tamariki made potato cheese bake. It tasted so yummy.



### Book Week

This week, we celebrated Book Week with a special trip to the Devonport Library for all classes. Each teacher set up a book-themed activity in their classroom, and the students rotated through the different stations, engaging with a variety of stories through the creative activities that were planned. Today we took part in a book parade and it was great to see all the students dressed up as their favourite book character. Even the teachers dressed up as Harry Potter characters.



## Bike Skills with St Catherine

This week our Year 5/6 students participated in the Bike Ready Skills & Safety course, funded by Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi, delivered by Harbour Sport.

This programme showed all students how to fit their helmet properly and what they should check on their bike before they ride. Students were split into groups according to their confidence level and our new riders had their own instructor too!

There were some cool games and lots of new skills learnt. We're so proud of the effort and resilience shown by our new riders and excited to see you further your pedalling journey!

Your little rider should have a flyer in their bag from their lesson. This has links for FREE kids (Age 2-13) Learn to Ride sessions which you can also access here <https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/courses-events/kids-learn-to-ride>

There are also courses available for 14+ and adults <https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/courses-events/adult-bike-courses>

For more information on the Bike Ready Programme facilitated by Harbour Sport click here <https://harboursport.co.nz/cycling/>



## Help needed with the Parish Playgroup

Julia and Anna are really happy about the way the playgroup is running on Tuesday mornings during term time, 9.15 – 10.15 am in the Hall. It's a chance for young mums and dads to have a cuppa and chat while their pre-schoolers are supervised at play. Could you be a helper? Elders and grandparents are very welcome—a chance to get to know the next generations in our parish.

Please contact Julia 022 016 0050 if you can spare an hour on a Tuesday morning or if you'd like to find out a bit more information.

Ma te atua manaaki  
God Bless,  
*Vimi Chandra*



## Other notices

### Attendance Dues

Term 3 Attendance Dues are due before the end of this term. Please pay these as soon as you can if you haven't already done so. Term 2 activity fees are also now due and invoices were sent out at the end of term 2 and reminders this week. If you are having trouble paying these invoices please see Renee or Vimi.

### Uniforms

With term 4 fast approaching it is time to start thinking about summer uniforms. All children will need to be in summer uniform by Labour weekend. We are no longer supplying the uniforms but you can order them yourself by clicking on this link. <https://www.schooluniform.co.nz/collections/st-leos-catholic-primary-school>. There are still second hand uniforms available in the old styles in most sizes.

## Yummy stickers

If you are collecting yummy stickers could these please be returned to the office by 23 September. It doesn't matter if the sheet is not full. Every little bit helps.



## Splash Polo

If your child is interested in playing splash polo in term 4 please let me know. The games are played on a Sunday afternoon at the Millenium centre.

Term Dates: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Timetable of events for Term 3

Sunday 8 September	School/Parish mass
Tuesday 10 September	Private music lessons with Dominic Inter school tennis tournament
Wednesday 11 September	PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 12 September	Learning Expo 3.15 - 5.30pm
Friday 13 September	Whole school mass Quiz night
Tuesday 17 September	Private music lessons with Dominic Save Day tennis
Thursday 19 September	Vision & Hearing testing
Monday 23 September	Year 3/4 & 5/6 girls soccer festival
Tuesday 24 September	Private music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 25 September	Year 3/4 & 5/6 boys soccer festival BOT meeting
Friday 27 September	Term 3 ends Whole school Mass midday Movie night for children and wine & cheese for adults. Tickets on sale now from the office

## 2024 Term dates

Term 3 ends 3pm Friday 27 September

Term 4 starts Monday 14 October

## PTFA News

**Quiz night** - Tickets almost sold out, don't miss out, get your tickets now!!

**Friday 13 September 7pm at the RSA in Devonport**

<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2024> for tickets

Tables of 6 or buy your ticket and we can put you on a table.

## Movie Night/Wine & Cheese

There will be a movie night on Friday 27 September for the children and wine & cheese for the parents. Tickets are on sale now. \$10 per child which includes 3x slices of pizza, popcorn and a treat.

No charge for parents but there will be a cash bar operating.

## Fair

Planning is underway for the fair. A big thank you to all the people who have signed up already. We still have spaces left on Fishing for Bottles x 1 adult, Face painting x 3, Sponge Bob x 1, pizza x 1, Plants x 1, Cafe x 2 and sand saucers x 2. If you have not yet signed up please let me know where you would like to serve.

## Fair working bees

The PTFA meeting on October 16th will be a working bee to get things ready for the fair. We will be making up the cake packs for the cake stall, lolly necklaces, tops for preserves etc. Please make an effort to attend this as many hands make light work. We will have a quick update meeting on fair things beforehand.

## Sand saucers

As part of the fair we are going to be inviting children from the Peninsula schools to decorate a sand saucer and bring it in for judging on the day of the fair. Each child will be given a number and at a certain point in the day they will be judged. Our children are welcome to take part too.



## Succulents

As part of the plant stall we will be selling succulents in a variety of different containers. If you have any of the following items please drop them into the school office or give to Mai.

Jars, big tins (eg fruit ones), 6 hole egg cartons, terracotta pots etc. Also if you have any succulents you can donate we would appreciate them.

## International Food stall

As we have quite a few different ethnicities in our school at present as part of the fair we would like to have an International food stall. If you would like to make a big pot of your country's food please let us know. This needs to be something we can heat and serve easily.

## Business contacts

The 3 class reps have been sent a list of businesses to divide up and send one or two to each parent for you to contact for sponsorship/prizes. Please do this as soon as possible so we know what prizes, giveaways etc we have to work with. If you are offered something please let me know.

## Waffle fundraiser

There is another one coming up on 30 November from 3pm - 8pm so if you can help please let us know.

## Music fundraiser 30 November evening

Our wonderful music teacher Dominic is planning a music showcase evening where we will be entertained by the choir and possibly some other budding musicians and the Kapa Haka group. Tickets will be available closer to the time. \$10 adult, \$5 school age children, pre schoolers free. The bar will be open for drinks

## Next meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We will be continuing the planning for the fair so please make an effort to attend either physically or via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6663945714?pwd=K3I0Vklobk9RU0FzakYzSUVjcmNkZz09>  
Meeting ID: 666 394 5714 Passcode: SJH312

## Homes of Devonport

Tickets for this great event on November 1st will be available from the school office from now until the end of the term and then the first 3 days of term 4. Come in and sign up or email me and then the tickets will be sent to you by the organisers.

The school makes \$40 from each ticket so if you are going to go please consider getting your tickets from us.

Tickets are \$85

Payment can be made via eftpos, cash or into the PTFA account. Ref Homes of Dev



**Thank you to the following businesses that have supported the fair by donating goods or vouchers or loaning us goods:**

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Two promotional posters for 'Cash for Schools 2024' at Takapuna Beachside Cinemas. The left poster features the cinema logo and tagline 'Big Blue Building in the heart of Takapuna'. The right poster details the event: 'Watch a Movie, Enter The Draw &amp; Earn Your School Cash!', including rules about movie viewing during school holidays and a \$1 donation per entry. At the end of the holidays, winners will be drawn from the entries.

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**WHEN**  
SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2024

**TIME**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

**WEBSITE**  
www.abilities.co.nz

**LOCATION**  
The Clay Store - Devonport  
Community Workshop  
27, Lake Road, Devonport

Abilities Group Devonport Rotary

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BRICKS 4 KIDZ OLYMPICS	Monday - 30 September Team Tournament	Tuesday - 1 October Aqua Adventures	Wednesday - 2 October Kick, Bounce and Score	Thursday - 3 October The X Games	Friday - 4 October Spectacular Showdown
	Week 1 30 Sep - 4 Oct				
NEXT GEN NAVIGATORS	Monday - 7 October Creativity In Action: A Despicable Adventure	Tuesday - 8 October Survival & Self-Discovery: A Robot's Tale	Wednesday - 9 October Emotions Unleashed (Inside Out 2)	Thursday - 10 October Innovation & Intelligence (Transformers)	Friday - 11 October Inspiration, Imagination & Ideas (If...)
	Week 2 7 - 11 October				

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**DOVE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, NORTH SHORE** invites women to join us on **TUESDAY, 17th September 2024, 7:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.  
**Topic: BURNING BUSH Scripture: Exodus 3:1-2, 10**

# Jazz School School Holiday Big Band Workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard.

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## DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME OCTOBER 2024

<p><b>MON 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> CRAZY MUPPET CRAFTS AND GAMES! PUPPETS &amp; PIGS &amp; FROGS &amp; FUN!</p> 	<p><b>TUES 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER</b> COOL CATS &amp; COLOURFUL COLOURS DAY!</p> 	<p><b>WED 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER</b> TRIP! OFF TO THE VICI MOVIE &amp; ICECREAM! THE WILD ROBOT! EXTRA COST \$10</p> 	<p><b>THURS 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER</b> LORAX AND CAT IN THE HAT CRAZY CRAFTS AND CHALLENGES. LIBRARY VISIT!</p> 	<p><b>FRI 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> SPOOKY WILD FREAKY FRIDAY!</p> 
<p><b>MON 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> ZOOVENTURES VISIT US!</p>  <p>THE COOLEST ANIMALS COME TO VISIT US! EXTRA COST \$22</p>	<p><b>TUES 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> TERRIFIC TOY STORY MYSTERY DAY!</p>  <p>WHAT GOES ON WITH OUR TOYS WHEN WE AREN'T LOOKING? TOY MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM! FUN, GAMES AND CRAZINESS!</p>	<p><b>WED 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> EPIC SUPER COOL KIDS MARKET FUN DAY!</p>  <p>LET'S MAKE ALL SORTS OF CRAFTY COOL THINGS TO TRADE AT OUR VERY OWN FUN KIDS MARKET!</p>	<p><b>THURS 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> YOGA FUN IN THE AMAZON WITH YOGI KIDS PDI PLUS AMAZING JUNGLE ART AND CRAFT!</p> 	<p><b>FRI 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b> EPIC LAST DAY LLAMA PJAMA PARTY! SHARED LUNCH! GAMES! SLIMBER PARTY MOVIES! MAKEOVERS!</p>  <p>IF YOU LIKE WEAR PJAMAS OR ONESIES! IF YOU LIKE BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR SHARED LUNCHE!</p>

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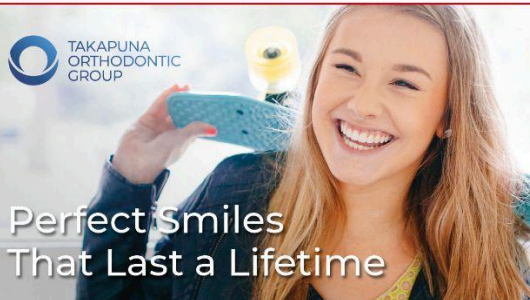
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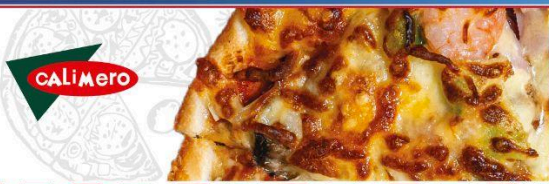
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