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27 March 2025

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

St. Patrick's Day


St. Patrick's Day is a special day to celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He is known for spreading Christianity and teaching about faith, kindness, and perseverance. The day is often marked with the color green, symbols like the shamrock, and celebrations of Irish culture.

Last week, we loved coming together to celebrate this occasion at assembly and reflected on St. Patrick's message. We are especially proud to have a classroom named after St. Patrick, reminding us daily of his faith and dedication.

Prayer of St. Patrick



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Christ with me, Christ
before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



School Parish Mass Sunday 30 March at 9.30am

Our first school/Parish mass will be held on Sunday 30th March. Morning Tea and Games after Family Mass!

One of the many things that makes our school so unique is our Catholic Character. At 9.30am on Sunday, 30 March, we look forward to celebrating our special character together at our termly Family Mass. We appreciate that our lives are busy and our weekends are precious, so we really value our families taking the time to gather in thanks

Many of us don't get the chance to connect with other parents at the school, so this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our community, form friendships and share what is special about our school together.

We show how proud we are of St Leo's by wearing our uniform to the Mass. After the Mass, please head over to our school hall for a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Our wonderful PTFA will be hosting a range of fun games for our Tamariki on the field outside and our parents will have the chance to chat over a cuppa inside the hall. We will also have our PTFA AGM during this time. For a small school such as St Leo's, the PTFA is our 'beating heart' - when our families are committed to making our school thrive, we do well. It is also another great way to get to know each other and form friendships. We really encourage all members to stay behind and volunteer for roles where they can. Roles can be shared and you are able to volunteer for certain activities based on your availability.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Interviews and School Information Sessions

We value the strong partnership between home and school, and we invite all parents to book a time for our upcoming Parent Interviews. These sessions provide a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, ask questions, and learn more about the year ahead. School finishes at 2 pm and interviews start at 2.20 pm for St Catherine & St Patrick classes and 3.20pm for St Clare. Before the interviews, Vimi will run parent information sessions. There will be 3 sessions: 8 am, 2 pm and 4.30 pm. The information sessions will cover key updates, classroom expectations, and ways we can work together to support student learning. The sessions will take place in the STEM Room. Parent interviews will be scheduled throughout the afternoon—please ensure you book a time with your child's teacher through the Skool Loop App. Any problems booking please see Renee

We look forward to seeing you there and strengthening our school-home connection!

Parent concerns:

Occasionally, things occur at school, leading 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.

Lockdown Practice

At St Leo's the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. As part of our emergency procedures, we recently held a **lockdown practice** to ensure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of a real emergency.

During the drill, students and staff followed the lockdown procedures calmly and efficiently. These practices help us stay prepared and ensure we can respond quickly if needed.

If you have any questions about our safety procedures, please feel free to contact the school office or have a look at our policy on School Docs.

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 for some policies; parents seek feedback. 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.

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 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.



**READ EVERY DAY!
READ MORE IN MAY!**

May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the **NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH** Challenge.

Register between 1 March and 31 March to **WIN ONE OF 50 FREE BOOK PACKS** worth \$150!

Take the 31-Day Challenge:
scholastic.com.au/nfrm

2025
scholastic.com.au/nfrm

WRITTEN BY MR LURE
ILLUSTRATED BY SHING KONRITZ

GUESS WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY?

The banner features a purple background with white stars. On the left is a circular logo for the 2025 National Family Reading Month challenge. In the center is a book cover for 'Guess What We Are Doing Today?' by Mr Lure, illustrated by Shing Konritz. On the right is a cartoon illustration of a girl with red hair reading a book, with a green alien character peeking over her shoulder. A pink button at the bottom right contains the website URL.

Timetable of events for Term 1

Friday 28 March	Whole school mass Renee away
Sunday 30 March	School/Parish Mass PTFA AGM and morning tea after Mass Sacramental programme 3.30 - 5pm
Monday 31 March	Hot Cross Bun orders close
Tuesday 1 April	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
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
Friday 4 April	Whole school mass midday
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 cancelled Sausage sizzle lunch
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

PTFA News

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

AGM

This will now be held on Sunday 30 March straight after the Parish/school mass.

Come over to the school grounds for morning tea and a short meeting. There will be games for the children to play while the adults meet.

Positions to fill are chairperson/co chair, secretary and St Catherine class rep.

Thanks to Anne-Katherine for staying on as Treasurer and Tammy and Courtney for taking over the class rep jobs for St Clare & St Patrick.

Hot Cross Buns

Please get your hot cross bun orders in by **31 March**. \$23 per packet for delicious award winning hot cross buns. If you don't have your order form I have some here at the office. Money can be either in cash or into PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00

Sausage sizzle lunch

This will be held on Thursday 10 April. \$6 for a sausage in bread, treat and a drink. Pre-orders only. Orders close Tuesday 8 April



Community Notices



DON'T MISS OUT, SIGN UP NOW AND GIVE RIPPA A GO.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 5 AND 6 YEARS OLD TO REGISTER FOR A SEASON OF RIPPA RUGBY AT OUR CLUB.

Open to Year 1 (J8 Grade) and Year 2 (J7 Grade) school kids, Rippa Rugby is a great way to get kids active and introduce them to the sport in a safe and non-contact environment.

North Shore Rugby Football Club has a fantastic community feel and welcomes all families no matter what level of experience. Not to mention the kitchen and bar will be open.

ALL J7 AND J8 GAMES WILL BE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS.

SIGN UP
www.northshorerugby.co.nz/register-here
 by scanning this QR code or for more information email Dave Lutton david.lutton@gmail.com



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Who Can Enter?
 Primary, Intermediate & Secondary Student categories +
 Solo or Group Crews +
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Film Requirements
 2-5 minute short films • Shot on phones, iPads, or cameras

Entry Categories
 Animation • Global • Coming of Age • Good vs Evil • Imagination

11 APRIL Sign-Up Closes
1 MAY Submit Videos
10 MAY Film Fest!

MORE INFO - WWW.ROSECENTRE.CO.NZ/EVENTS

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

WEEK 1
 Mon 14 April: TIME TRAVEL
 Tues 15 April: D.I.Y DAY
 Wed 16 April: GLITTER VS GOO
 Thurs 17 April: EVENT DAY: EGGSTRAVAGANZA
 Fri 18 April: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEEK 2
 Mon 21 April: PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Tues 22 April: EASTER MONDAY
 Wed 23 April: ANZAC HEROES
 Thurs 24 April: KC'S GOOT TALENT
 Fri 25 April: EVENT: RED & GREEN BRO'S
 ANZAC DAY

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
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TENNIS Holiday Program+

Monday 14 - Thursday 17 April
 Tuesday 22 - Thursday 24 April

9:00am - 12:30pm

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TENNIS

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<https://nyt.nz/programmes/frozen-jr-4-2025/>

April School Holidays
 Pumphouse Theatre, Takapuna

TICKETS: <https://pumphouse.co.nz/whats-on/show/disneys-frozen-jr/>

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14-17 & 22-24 APRIL

TAKAPUNA NORMAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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9 - 12PM \$39 | 9 - 3PM \$59

Multiple Goals!

More info: Chris Bryson chrisb.fknz@gmail.com

Goals Netball Newsletter

Goals Netball is a locally run holiday programme for Years 2-6 that has been running for three years now with great reviews from parents.

Goals is a netball skills and teamwork-based program tailored for kids of all experience levels. Whether you're a netball expert or just starting out, join us to have fun and sharpen your skills on April 14, 15 and 16.

We're a team of passionate Year 10 Netballers with lots of experience and would love to look after children during this coming term break.

The programme runs from 8.30am to 1.30pm, and is only \$45 per day per child. We are grateful to Stanley Bay School for letting us again use their courts for our programme.

Please email us at goalsnetball@gmail.com to register.

Thanks, Isadora and Mia.

Tunes 4 Tamariki

Hana the glowworm

Auckland Philharmonia

Join Hana on an exciting adventure to find the orchestral!

10am & 11.30am
Saturday 5 April

10am & 11.30am
Saturday 12 April

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POWER UP!

Divorce/Separation Recovery Course

for children aged 6 – 11 years

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28 APR – **23 JUN**
5.30 to 7.30pm

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Hon Simon Watts
MP for North Shore

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