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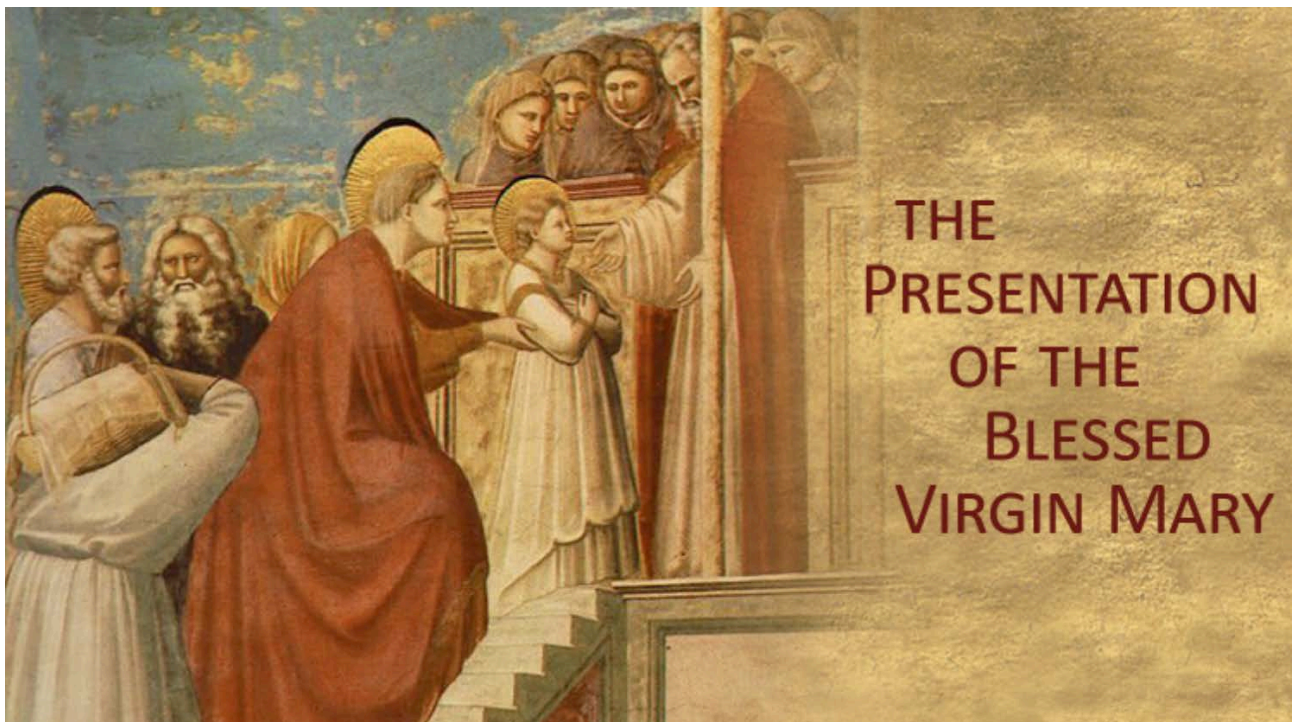
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whānau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

Presentation of Mary

When Mary turned three years old, her parents, Sts. Joachim and Anne offered their daughter to God in the Temple. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary recognises that Mary was holy, even in her childhood. The feast also recognises that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. In response, Mary placed herself at God's service. The feast was celebrated beginning in the ninth century, and was introduced into the official Catholic calendar in 1585. It is the final feast in the Marian Cycle, also containing the Nativity of Mary and the Holy Name of Mary, corresponding to the cycle of feasts of Jesus: Christmas, Holy Name of Jesus, and the Presentation of Jesus.

([Presentation of Mary — Catholic Apostolate Centre Feast Days](#))

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother". (Mt. 12:46-50) ([Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vatican News](#))



St Leo's School Fair

A huge thank you to every student, parent, staff member, and volunteer who made this year's St. Leo's School Fair an absolute triumph!

The sun shone brightly, reflecting the joyful spirit of our community as everyone enjoyed the various stalls, competitive games and delicious food. It was wonderful to see so many families connecting and creating happy memories together.

The funds will be directly allocated to enhancing our school's resources and ensuring we have learning assistants in all classrooms, benefiting all our students.

This incredible outcome is a testament to the hard work of our Fair Committee, the generosity of our sponsors, and the dedication of all the volunteers who donated their time and talents. Your support truly makes St. Leo's a special place. A huge thank you to the new owner of Devonport New World for his generous support.



St Francis and St Leo's Community Survey

We'd love to hear from you! Our community comprises our Parish, St Francis de Sales and All Souls' Church, and our School, St Leo's Catholic School. St Leo's was founded by our Parish in 1897 so that our tamariki could grow and learn in the light of Catholic values and teachings.

To strengthen our connections, we've created a short community survey to help us reconnect and learn about who we are, where we live, and the fantastic gifts, skills, and strengths we each bring. By sharing a little about yourself and your whānau, you'll help us understand how our community is already contributing and how we can come together to plan future opportunities that foster belonging, participation, and shared purpose.

We know many of you are already involved in wonderful parish and school initiatives. This survey will help us create a clearer picture of all the great things happening and how we can collaborate even more effectively.

We'd also love to stay in touch, so please share your preferred contact details. Everything you share will remain confidential. You don't have to answer every question, and completing the survey does not commit you to any future activity — it simply helps us ensure that what we plan reflects who we are, what we value, and how we can continue to grow together as a faith community.

Together, let's celebrate our shared history and strengthen the spirit of connection that makes our St Leo's and Parish whānau so special. Link for the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oEQ9mUsRoL-lTu90jjBZuC_g3Syzr39Q85jhaGW9CZo/edit?ts=68f1730b

Costumes for the end of year show

We are looking for sheep costumes for our Christmas show. If you have one that we could borrow could you please let Renee or Vimi know.

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices:

Term 4 fees

Term 4 fees invoices are now due. Term 4 activity invoices will be coming home soon. Payment before the end of the term would be appreciated.

Summer uniform

Please note that Crocs are not acceptable as school uniform sandals. Also a reminder that all girls need to be in the new uniform next year. <https://www.schooluniform.co.nz/>

PTFA News

Next PTFA meeting is on 26th November 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Preserves

We have some preserves that were left in the classroom and therefore not sold at the fair. If you would like any lemon or lime marmalade, beetroot relish, rhubarb and apple jam, pickled onions, kiwifruit chutney, lemon or lime curd please see Renee \$3 - \$5 a jar.

Wine sales

The order forms have been sent home. Reminder that sales close on **Friday, 21 November**. Good quality wines at reasonable prices. Stock up for Christmas and support the school—we get a percentage of sales.

School Fair

Thank you to each and every person who helped make the fair day a huge success. From the setting up to the packing up at the end and everything in between, it all ran very smoothly thanks to you. The final total is not in yet due to payments for silent auctions etc still coming in but we will be sure to let you know when it is.

Thank you to the following local businesses who supported our school fair:

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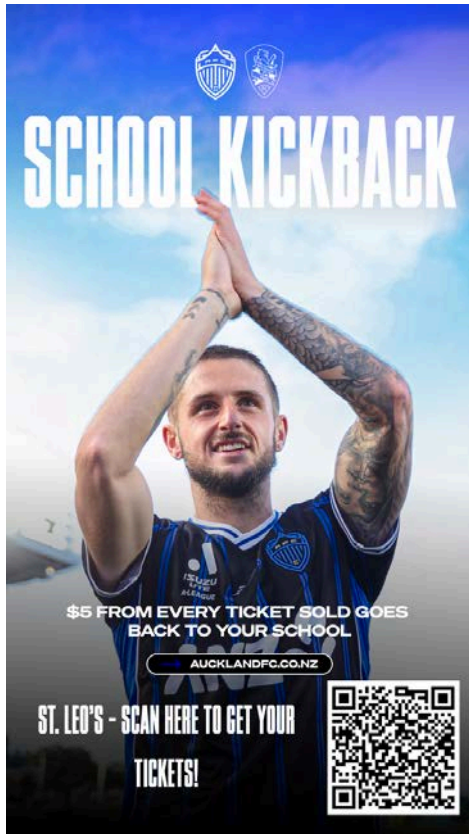
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Request for Sponsorship Support

We are looking for generous sponsors to support families at our St Leo's School by contributing either to attendance dues or a full scholarship for a student in need. A full scholarship would cover attendance dues, BOT fees, school excursions, and stationery, ensuring every child can fully engage in school life without financial barriers.

Your support can make a real and immediate difference for a child and their whānau, helping them access the rich learning experiences and opportunities that St Leo's offers. If you can assist or want more information, please get in touch—we would be grateful for your partnership and generosity.



Auckland FC vs Brisbane Roar – Sunday 23rd November:

<https://aucklandfc.spinzo.com/rd-5-auckland-fc-v-roar-dbn29tg5y?group=st-leos-catholic-school-dqkp>

Auckland FC vs Newcastle Jets – Sunday 30th November:

<https://aucklandfc.spinzo.com/rd-6-auckland-fc-v-jets-heh88zs2v?group=st-leos-catholic-school-dqkp>

A poster for the National Youth Theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The left side features the title 'THE WIZARD of Oz' in large yellow letters, with a QR code and production credits. The right side is a solid yellow background with the text 'Starring Your St Leo's School Student' and a circular portrait of a young girl, Evelyn Atkinson, wearing a green shirt. At the bottom, it says '28 to 30 Nov Aotea Centre' and 'Book now ticketmaster.co.nz'. The bottom of the poster lists credits: 'BOOK BY L FRANK BAUM', 'WITH MUSIC & LYRICS BY HAROLD ARLEN & E.Y. HARBURG', 'DIRECTED BY LARRY MOSEY', 'ADAPTED BY JAMES EARL RAY', 'BASED ON THE CLASSIC BOOK AND FILM CREATED BY MURRAY CLOSE', and 'BACKGROUND MUSIC BY HERBERT STOTHART'. A note at the bottom right states 'Tickets from \$35.00* Ticketmaster *Booking & Credit Card fees additional'.

Timetable of events term 4

Thursday 20 November	Positive Puberty year 6 parent meeting
Friday 21 November	Year 3 - 6 to mass
Tuesday 25 November	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Year 6 Positive Puberty lessons Year 3 & 4 Zoo trip
Wednesday 26 November	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting
Thursday 27 November	Year 6 Waterwise Chess club
Friday 28 November	Open Day Library books due back ready for stocktake
Monday 1 December	Year 6 to Rainbow's End
Tuesday 2 December	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 3 December	Music with Dominic BOT meeting
Thursday 4 December	Peninsula Athletics Year 5 swimming session for Waterwise Chess club
Friday 5 December	Save Day Peninsula Athletics Year 3 - 6 Mass 12.00 Family picnic 4pm - 6pm (please note date change)
Sunday 7 December	Santa Parade
Tuesday 9 December	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Parent helpers morning tea 11 am
Wednesday 10 December	Music with Dominic Year 6 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Show 10 am Chess club Fun Day 11.30 - 2.30
Tuesday 16 December	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10 am School finishes midday

Community Notices



MERE KIRIHIMETE!

It's that time of year again, and we're looking forward to catching up with all of our friends and members at our annual end-of-year BBQ.

The BBQ will take place on the museum grounds (33a Vauxhall Road, Devonport), on **Sunday 07 December at 4pm**

This is an informal occasion to give our thanks to all the volunteers who keep this community museum running, and also a chance to meet with members, supporters and friends.

Come and catch up with us and find out what we have been up to this year!

Please RSVP by 24 November by return email, or phone - 09 445 2661.

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Friendships Workshop

In this workshop, we'll strengthen self-esteem, explore participants unique qualities and learn how their actions can create a positive vibe around them.

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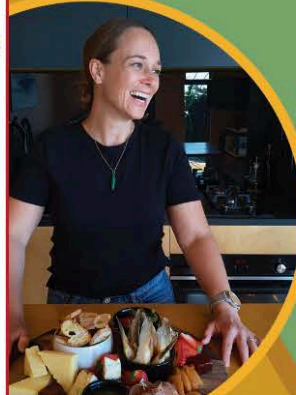
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