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

We are excited to welcome everyone back for Term 4! As we embark on this final term of the school year, we look forward to a time filled with learning, growth, and community spirit. Our students will continue to engage in enriching academic experiences while also deepening their faith through various activities and celebrations.

This term, we will focus on fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging our students to live out the Mercy values of awhina/service and tika/justice. We have several special events planned, including our upcoming Flat Stanley afternoon, Christmas Show and other end-of-year celebrations, which we invite you to participate in.

Let's work together to make this term a joyful and fulfilling experience for all. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community!

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7. This month honours the Blessed Virgin Mary for her protective role over the Church in response to the faithful's prayers. The Rosary serves as a simple yet profound way to meditate on the mysteries of salvation. Praying the Our Father emphasises God's role in salvation, while the Hail Mary invites us to contemplate these mysteries alongside Mary, highlighting her deep connection with Jesus throughout both earthly and heavenly experiences. The repetitive nature of the prayers fosters a contemplative atmosphere.



As a school we will pray the rosary every morning for the next two weeks. This is led by our year 6 leaders.

## **New Students**

This term we welcome Mathilda Cairney and Joseph Yue to St Clare, James Horner to St Patrick, Robin Dhalluin, and Jacob Horner to St Catherine. It is great to welcome our new families to St Leo's school and community.

## **Catholic Character Review**

In the upcoming newsletters I will be highlighting some of the aspects of what makes our school great. This was clearly evident to the reviewers.

### **Dimension 1: Te Tütaki Ki ATe Karaiti-Encounter with Christ**

**How effectively does the school encourage and facilitate the development of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who reveals the transforming love and truth of the living God?**

#### **Spiritual Formation:**

*Evidence shows the school very effectively provides ongoing Catholic spiritual formation supporting akonga to develop and deepen their personal relationship with Christ. Akonga are given the opportunity to encounter Christ in a variety of meaningful ways. For example, making and flying kites for The Ascension. The impact of this on akonga is a meaningful encounter with the mystery of God. The effect on the Kura and akonga is a joy-filled Christ-centred community.*

#### **Join Us for Flat Stanley Afternoon!**

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled Flat Stanley presentation on October 31st from 1:50 to 2:50 PM! Stanley Lambchop, the beloved character from Jeff Brown's classic book, \*Flat Stanley\* went on an adventure. After a mishap with a bulletin board leaves Stanley flat, he discovers he can slide under doors, travel in envelopes, and experience the world in a whole new way!

The tamariki have created their own Flat Stanley presentations and some children sent their Flat Stanley on an adventure around the world. Come and have a look at all the wonderful adventures Flat Stanley has been on. The displays will be in all three classrooms.



#### **2025 enrolments**

If you have a child that is turning 5 next year or know of someone who might be enrolling their child at St Leo's could you please let us know as we are looking at funding and class sizes for 2025. If you are planning to enrol your child next year please pick up an enrolment pack from the office.

#### **Pform Dance lessons**

The whole school will be taking part in dance lessons with a qualified teacher as part of the curriculum and in preparation for our end of year show. There will be a cost per child for this that will be added to your invoices.

Ma te atua manaaki  
God Bless,

*Vimi Chandra*

#### **Other notices**

##### **Attendance Dues**

Term 4 Attendance Dues are due before the end of this term and invoices for term 3 activity fees were sent before the holidays. Please pay these as soon as you can if you haven't already done so. If you are having trouble paying these invoices please see Renee or Vimi.

##### **Uniforms**

All children will need to be in summer uniform by Labour weekend. Some children are wearing the new uniforms and are looking great. We would like all children in the new uniform by the end of 2025.

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.

## Timetable of events for Term 4

Monday 21 October	Dance lessons start
Tuesday 22 October	Private music lessons with Dominic Year 6 Cricket tournament Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 23 October	Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 24 October	National earthquake drill Stardome trip
Friday 25 October	Whole school mass midday
Monday 28 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 29 October	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Friday 1 November	Carmel & Rosmini Orientation Days
Wednesday 6 November	BOT Meeting
Tuesday 5 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Friday 8 November	Whole school mass midday
Saturday 9 November	Drop off cakes, sweets, preserves etc for fair 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10 November	School Fair 11am - 3pm
Tuesday 12 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am Open Day
Wednesday 13 November	Assembly
Thursday 14 November	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 15 November	<b>Teacher Only Day - Ministry</b>
Monday 18 November	Year 5/6 camp
Tuesday 19 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am Year 5/6 camp
Wednesday 20 November	Year 5/6 camp
Thursday 21 November	Year 6 Waterwise Year 6 parents meeting Positive Puberty
Friday 22 November	Whole school mass
Sunday 24 November	Auckland Santa Parade
Tuesday 26 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am

	Year 6 Positive puberty
Wednesday 27 November	School Athletics Day 9.30am - 1pm PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 28 November	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 29 November	Savouries lunch
Saturday 30 November	Waffle fundraiser at Titirangi Music fundraiser 7pm (see PTFA news)
Monday 2 December	Year 6 to Rainbow's End
Tuesday 3 December	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 4 December	Assembly - St Clare BOT meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 5 December	Waterwise
Friday 6 December	Peninsula Athletics Mass midday
Tuesday 10 December	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 11 December	Assembly
Thursday 12 December	Christmas show 10am
Monday 16 December	Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 December	Term 4 finishes midday

## **PTFA News**

### **Fair**

Cake packs will be coming home today. Thank you to those people who have returned their jolly jars. These can come in anytime now. You may start dropping off good quality items for the white elephant, clothing, toys and book stalls to the office.

### **Fair working bee**

Thank you to Gin and Maddie, Anna, Amy, Anne-Katherin, Fiona and Emma, Brock and Sasha for a great working bee last night. It was good to get several time consuming jobs done.

### **Music fundraiser 30 November evening**

*An upcoming exciting event: for the first time in our 10-years-plus history, the St Leo's Catholic School Choir will be giving a public concert in the hall.*

*Very exciting, but we need your help. Most importantly, we need all our singers there on the night so please mark this date in your diary.*

*The music starts at 7pm, so it won't be a late night: perfect for inviting grandparents, extended family, friends, neighbours and former pupils as it's a fundraising event. We want to fill the hall!*

*Doors open at 6pm with a licenced bar and food and the Parish Choir has kindly offered to begin the evening. Advance tickets will go on sale soon so please keep an eye out for that notice. Adults \$10, school-age children \$5.*

*Many thanks in advance for your support, Dominic Blaazer*

## Sand saucers

This includes our students too so please encourage your children to have a go.

## DECORATIVE SAUCER COMPETITION AT ST LEO'S SCHOOL FAIR NOVEMBER 10TH 2024

We will be holding a decorative saucer competition at our school fair. Fill your own saucer/small plate/small container with soil or sand and decorate it in whatever way you wish - flowers, animals, toys etc

Bring it with you to the school fair and drop it off at the decorative saucer stand, give us your name and some contact details and we will give you a number.

Judging will take place during the fair and you will be notified if you win.

Age categories are:

3-4 years old, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12



## Wine fundraiser

We will be running another wine fundraiser from 28 October to 22 November. Order forms will be sent by email on 25 October. I will have hard copies in the office if you need one.

## Homes of Devonport

Some of you may remember that last year we entered the Homes of Devonport Christmas tree competition and won it. We have entered again this year and the trees will be on display at 5 Matai Road on the day of the Event. "Home Of Devonport" **1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**. (hint - look for the gingerbread people). You do not need to have a ticket to do this.

Parents, care givers can come along and view the trees and cast their vote for the best tree. ***Sorry but due to the criteria for "Home Of Devonport" it stipulates No pets or children please.***

There will be tea, coffee, a savoury and sweet treat available for \$10.00; money going to Dementia and Cure Kids.

After the event the trees will be displayed in the Devonport Library for a silent auction from the week starting **11<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Santa Parade

St Leo's will be entering a float in this year's Santa Parade. Please let me know if your little shepherd or angel, Mary or Joseph would like to participate.

## Next meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This will be a fair debrief and last minute planning for November 30th fundraiser.

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

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**SUN 17th NOV 10AM - 1PM**




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**Community Hui**

2:30pm Sunday 20 October  
Holy Trinity Hall  
20 Church Street, Devonport

**Bring-a-plate afternoon tea.** \*According to respondents to THKDPT Survey 2024. Scan QR to see summary results:



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