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

We have already embraced 2 weeks of amazing learning and welcomed new families to our St Leo's whānau. The tamariki have been learning about our planet earth and beyond and have shared some fantastic knowledge and facts at our recent visit to the Stardome. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help on the day and to make this trip happen.

Spotlight on St. Leo the Great: A Pillar of the Early Church - Feast day is on the 10 November

On the 10 of November, we honour St. Leo the Great, a pivotal figure in early Christianity known for his powerful teachings and leadership. As Pope from 440 to 461, St. Leo played a crucial role in defining the nature of Christ and combating heresies. His famous Tome, which articulated the dual nature of Christ, was instrumental in the Council of Chalcedon. Beyond his theological contributions, St. Leo was a compassionate leader, known for his efforts to protect Rome from invasion and for his commitment to the poor. Join us in celebrating his legacy of faith, wisdom, and dedication to the Church!

As a school we are learning about:

Leadership and Courage: St. Leo showed strong leadership in times of crisis. Tamariki can practise being leaders in their classrooms and communities, standing up for what is right and helping others.

Compassion and Kindness: Emulating St. Leo's compassion, we can engage in acts of kindness, whether through helping classmates, volunteering in the community, or supporting those in need.

Faithful Learning: St. Leo was dedicated to deepening his understanding of faith. Children can cultivate a love for learning about their faith, participating in religious education, and sharing what they learn with others.

Respect for Differences: St. Leo defended the truth while respecting different viewpoints. We can practise this by being respectful and open-minded towards others, celebrating diversity, and fostering an inclusive environment.

ST. LEO THE GREAT



PRAY FOR US!

Christian Apostles...

Service to Others: Inspired by St. Leo's service, students can participate in service projects, whether through fundraising, community clean-ups, or helping at local shelters, emphasising the importance of serving others.

Dear St. Leo the Great,

You were a man of great wisdom and faith, dedicating your life to the service of the Church and the spreading of the gospel. I ask for your intercession as I seek to grow in my own faith and to serve others.

May your example inspire me to be a person of deep wisdom, unwavering faith, and selfless service.
Amen.

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 Tūtaki 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:

Akonga confidently participate in a variety of prayer genre, e.g drama, art, sharing, meditation, traditional prayers of the Church and are comfortable to be in quiet spaces, at one with God in prayer. Very effective teaching and learning programmes, delivered by Kaiako have enabled akonga to enter into the mystery of God.

Laudato Si' serves as a spiritual cornerstone at St. Leo's for encounter with Christ and is woven into every facet of the Kura environment. At an aesthetic level, Catholic symbolism, traditional and contemporary artwork, and displays are thoughtful and provocative tools engaging konga in the mystery of God. Katorika artworks and displays are deliberately crafted to nurture and inspire encounter with Christ. The tangible presence of these elements permeates the school, creating a sense of the sacred through encounter with the symbolism of Catholicism.

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.

Stardome Trip

Our recent trip to the Stardome Observatory was an incredible adventure that sparked curiosity and wonder in every child. As we gazed at the stars and explored the fascinating exhibits, students learned about constellations, planets, and the mysteries of the universe. The highlight of the day was the immersive planetarium show, where we travelled through space and time, igniting imaginations and inspiring dreams of future astronauts and astronomers. This memorable experience not only deepened our understanding of the cosmos but also fostered a sense of awe and appreciation for the beauty of creation.



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 now need to be in summer uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and that they bring their school sunhat to school every day. 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/beginning of 2026.

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.

Celebrating past pupils

Congratulations to the following ex pupils of St Leo's who have been awarded prizes:

Ed Wescott - Chosen for North Harbour Water Polo

Benjamin Dobbs - Senior tennis player of the year

Sam Murphy - Cricket player of the year

Anthony Angleo - 6 years service to Music Award

Joseph Wolfkamp - 6 years service to Music Award

Benjamin Dobbs - 3 year service to Music Award

Eli Hansen - 1 year service to Music Award

Leo Radford - 1 year service to Music Award

Anthony Angelo - Board of Trustees student representative

Lily McGivern - Year 13 Dean's award for participation in all aspects of school life since year 7

- New Frontiers Excellence Scholarship

Honor Braid - Principal's Award for the student who has maintained an excellent academic record and been a role model to others

Chloris Wong - Gold award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay competition

Timetable of events for Term 4

Friday 1 November	Carmel & Rosmini Orientation Days
Tuesday 5 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 6 November	BOT Meeting
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 10.15am
Thursday 14 November	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 15 November	Teacher Only Day - Ministry

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

Thank you to those people who have returned their jolly jars. These can come in anytime now. You may drop off good quality items for the white elephant, clothing, toys and book stalls to the office. Please have your items to us by Thursday 7th.

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 have been emailed.. I will have hard copies in the office if you need one. Stock up on some good quality but cheap wine ready for Christmas.

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" **1st November 2024**. (hint - look for the gingerbread people). You do not need to have a ticket to do this.

Parents, caregivers 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 **11th 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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In Term Coaching	
Tots Tennis (3 - 4 yrs) 30 mins	Mon - Tues 3:15pm Friday 3:00pm
Mini Tennis (5 - 7 yrs) 45 mins	Mon - Fri 3:45pm
Junior Tennis (8 - 18 yrs) 60 mins	Mon - Fri 3:30 4:30 5:30 pm Sat 9:00, 10:00am
Adult Tennis (18+) Beginners, Socials, Interclub & Pros	Mon - Sat Multiple class options every week
Private Coaching	Holiday Tennis
Solo or small group private coaching	Holiday prog (HP), Tennis Academy (TA)
Mon - Fri 7am - 9pm Saturday 8am - 1pm	HP: 9-12:30pm, fun & sport for ages 3-14 TA: 2-5pm, intensive training for ages 10-18

Bookings essential. All equipment provided
www.clubspark.kiwi/NgatarangaTennisClub/Coaching





mainly music

Devonport Methodist mainly music is
Turning 20!

Calling all parents, kids and caregivers - if you have been part of mainly music in the last 20 years, we'd love you to join us to celebrate on
Friday 15 November from 5.30 pm

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AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME - for Year 5, 6 and 7 netball players

This programme is designed to give players in **Years in 5, 6 & 7**, the opportunity for additional training in the fundamentals of the game. Each week will focus on a core theme and continue to revisit & also progress the skill development in each session.

When: Monday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November 2024

Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Where: Onewa Indoor Arena at the Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, 44 Northcote Rd, Northcote

Cost: \$115.00 **TO REGISTER [CLICK HERE](#)**

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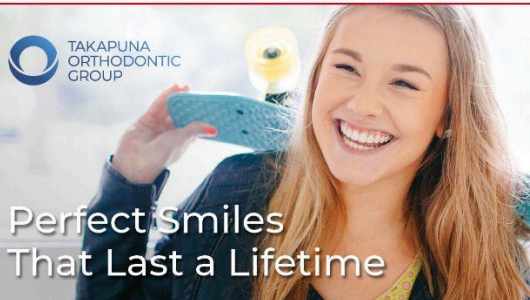
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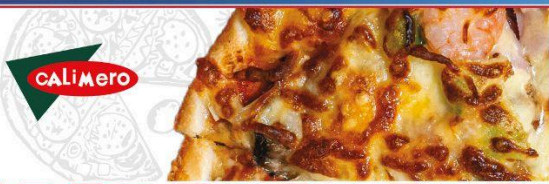
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