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Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you and your tamariki enjoyed a wonderful, restful break and they are feeling recharged for the exciting final term of the year.

Term 4 is always filled with energy, celebration, and special milestones. We have a busy and joyful term ahead, with many wonderful events to look forward to, including:

Blessing of the Mary Grotto

Annual School Fair

Christmas Show

Year 6 Dinner, Camp, and Graduation

School Picnic

Fun Day

Thank you for your ongoing support as we dive into this final stretch of the school year. Let's make Term 4 a brilliant one together!

Celebrate October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is recognised throughout the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a dedicated time to pause, reflect, and draw closer to Christ through the eyes of Mary. Instituted by Pope St. Pius V following the victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, this tradition invites us to meditatively pray through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries.

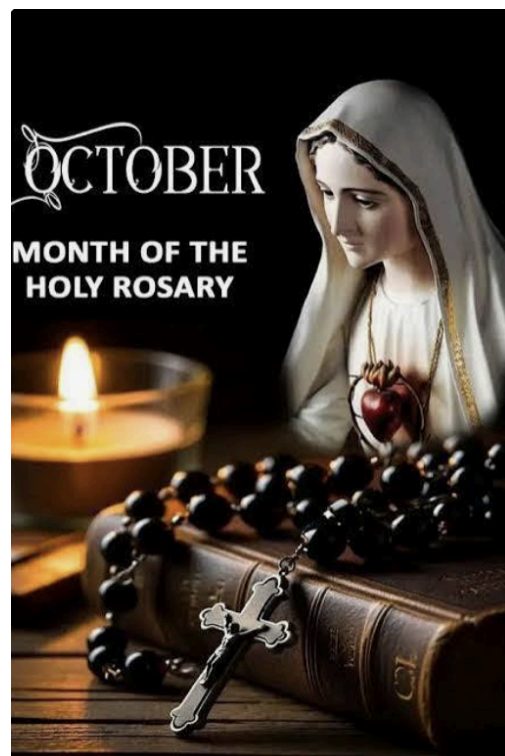
Whether you pray a full decade each day or gather with family and parish members for a daily Rosary, taking up these beads offers a powerful sanctuary of peace, hope, and spiritual renewal in our daily lives.

Ways to Observe This Month:

Pray as a Family: Set aside 15 minutes in the evening to pray a decade together.

Reflect on the Mysteries: Focus on a single mystery each day using a scriptural Rosary guide.

Join Parish Intentions: Offer your Rosary for peace in our world, personal healing, or neighborhood needs.



Help Shape the Future of Our School

The Ministry of Education has outlined new planning and reporting requirements for schools to help ensure every student thrives. Under these updates, our school must develop both long-term goals and annual action plans using community feedback and student assessment data.

Your voice is a crucial part of this process. We want to work closely with our parents, whānau, and students to understand what is working well, where we can improve, and what matters most for your child's learning, safety, and wellbeing.

What you can expect from us:

- **Shared Plans:** Our long-term and annual plans will be published online and written in clear, accessible language.
- **Inclusive & Safe Environment:** We are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive learning space that supports cultural diversity, student rights, and equitable outcomes.
- **Regular Updates:** We will report back to our community every year on the progress we are making in student learning and wellbeing.

We will be inviting all parents, whānau, and students to consult with our School Board members to share your thoughts and help shape our goals. You can also learn more about the national planning and reporting requirements by visiting the [Ministry of Education website](#).

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices

Homes of Devonport

St Leo's will once again be selling the tickets for the Homes of Devonport event on Friday 13 November. Tickets are \$85 and the school gets to keep \$40 so a great little fundraiser for us. See Renee if you would like to purchase tickets.

Summer uniform

We would like all children in summer uniform after Labour weekend please. For boys this is navy shorts, short sleeved polo and sandals. For girls it is the light blue short sleeved polo, skorts and sandals. A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in term 4. No hat no play. We do still have some hats for sale in the office otherwise you will have to order them online.

Photolife code keys

By now you should have received your code key to view your photolife photos that were taken towards the end of term 3. If you haven't received your code please let us know (check your junk/spam folder) Free delivery to school is available until Sunday 25 October.

Devonport Health Centre Pharmacy We are excited to inform you that from the 1st of October, there is an expansion of services being provided by Devonport Health Centre Pharmacy.

As an extension of the existing, Extended Pharmacy Services for children under 14 years of age, that was rolled out in June being able to diagnose and prescribe funded treatment for headlice, scabies, acute pain/fever, dehydration and conjunctivitis.

This will now be expanded and include minor bacterial, fungal infections, mild dermatitis, and oral thrush.

Timetable of events for term 4

Thursday 14 October	Chess club
Friday 15 October	Fair collection item bag of wrapped lollies
Tuesday 20 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup
Thursday 22 October	Chess club
Friday 23 October	Fair collection item - large chocolate bar
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 27 October	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 October	Choir to Ryman and Belmont Montessori kindy PTFA working bee - cake packs, lolly necklaces etc 7pm in staffroom
Thursday 29 October	Year 6 Waterwise Chess club
Friday 30 October	Fair collection item - luxury item eg gourmet food, toiletries, wine etc
Saturday 31 October	PTFA working bee to sort gazebos and fair stuff 9am
Tuesday 3 November	Playgroup Music with Dominic
Wednesday 4 November	BOT meeting
Thursday 5 November	Athletics Day
Friday 6 November	Carmel Orientation Day Fair collection item - bag of mini chocolates
Monday 9 November	Save day athletics
Tuesday 10 November	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm Unveiling of Mary grotto 10am
Wednesday 11 November	Peninsula Kapa Haka showcase PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Waterwise Chess club
Saturday 14 November	Drop off cakes, sweets, preserves etc for fair

Sunday 15 November	Fair
Monday 16 November	St Clare to camp until Wed
Tuesday 17 November	Playgroup Music with Dominic
Thursday 19 November	Chess club Positive puberty parents meeting Year 6 6.30pm
Tuesday 24 November	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 25 November	Year 6 positive puberty PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 26 November	Year 6 Waterwise Chess club
Monday 30 November	Year 6 to Rainbows End
Tuesday 1 December	Playgroup Music with Dominic
Wednesday 2 December	BOT Meeting
Thursday 3 December	Waterwise Chess club
Friday 4 December	Family picnic 4pm
Tuesday 8 December	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 9 December	Peninsula Athletics
Thursday 10 December	Christmas show 10am Chess club Year 6 Leavers dinner 5pm
Friday 11 December	Fun Day Dumpling lunch
Monday 14 December	Last day of school - school finishes midday Leavers Mass 10am

PTFA News

Meeting dates

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 28 October at 7pm**. This will be a working bee to prepare the cake packs and lolly necklaces and any other jobs that need to be done. We will also be holding a working bee to check all the gear (gazebos mainly) needed for the fair on October 31st starting at 9am.

There will also be a working bee on **Saturday 31 October at 9am** to sort out all the gazebos and things needed for the fair. We would love to see you there.

Fair

Collection dates & items

Friday 16 October - bag of wrapped lollies

Friday 23 October - large chocolate bar

Friday 30 October - luxury item

Friday 5 November - bag of mini chocolate bars

Drop offs for toys, white elephant, books and clothes will commence from Monday 19th October. Please bring items to the office during school hours.

We need a couple of Dads to help pick up bigger items on Saturday 7th November. If you have a trailer that could be useful too. Please let Renee know if you can help. We could potentially need some Dads to deliver items following the fair too.



Bottle tops

Remember to keep bringing those bottle tops in

Help our school win \$1000 and keep waste out of landfill! (We won last time, can we do it again?)

A big thank you to New World Devonport for the donation of \$1250 towards the school fair and to Trish & Tracey from Barfoot & Thompson for all they do for us.

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Robotics Level 2: 3:15 – 4:15pm
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