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17 September 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week our school observed the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th.

This feast day invites us to reflect on the seven profound moments of grief and compassion in Mary's life, from the prophecy of Simeon to the burial of Jesus. Rather than dwelling solely on sorrow, this day served as a meaningful reminder of resilience, love, and unwavering faith during life's most difficult trials.

Through our morning prayer services and classroom discussions, students explored how Mary's strength can inspire us to support one another in empathy, stand by friends through difficult times, and find hope whenever we face our own challenges.

We encourage families to keep compassion at the center of their week and to join us in honoring Mary's gentle, steady example.



Haka Up

On Tuesday, as part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Ngahiwi and Terehia supported our kura in performing our school haka and Ka Mate. It was an inspiring day that highlighted our core values of whanaungatanga (community connection) and manaakitanga (respect and support). With Ngahiwi and Terehia's tautoko (support), our students performed with tremendous heart and confidence, showcasing the living strength of te reo Māori within our school. We are also deeply grateful to Ngahiwi and Terehia for generously donating a Matariki pukapuka to our kura, enriching our collection of reo Māori resources for all our tamariki to learn from and enjoy.



Farewells

As this term comes to a close, we prepare to say a very fond farewell to Hervie, who is leaving us to take on an exciting new role at Wilson School.

During her time as a Learning Support Assistant, Hervie has been an absolute pillar of support, patience, and kindness in our classrooms especially in St Clare. Her dedication to helping our students grow, overcome challenges, and build confidence has made a lasting impact on our entire school community. While we are immensely sad to see her go, we are thrilled for the students and staff at Wilson School.

Thank you, Hervie, for your hard work, endless energy, and the genuine care you've shown every single day. We wish you all the very best in this next chapter of your career!

We also farewell the Talbot family who have been with us since Henery turned 5. We wish them all the best with their new ventures in Taupo.

Quiz Night

A massive thank you to our incredible PTFA for putting together such a brilliant Quiz Night on Friday!

From the tricky trivia to the healthy competition (and all the laughs in between), it was a fantastic evening. We truly appreciate the huge amount of time, energy, and organisation that went into making the night such a success, as well as everyone who came out to support and test their brainpower.



God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices

Touch Rugby

Registrations for Touch Rugby are now open. Close 20 September.

Book fair

There is a great display of books etc in the library for book week. Please come in and have a look and maybe make a purchase. Cheaper than the shops and a great way to start your Christmas shopping. Closes 3pm Friday.

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.

Yummy stickers

If you have been collecting Yummy stickers could you please return the sheets to the office before the end of the term. They don't have to be full - every sticker counts.



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School hours

A reminder that children at school before 8.30am should be in before school care. Children do not have access to their classrooms until 8.30am

Renee

A reminder that Renee will be away from the office next week and for the first week of term 1 following knee surgery. Ms Chandra will be monitoring the office emails and phones.

Timetable of events for term 3

Thursday 17 September	Chess club 1pm
Monday 21 September	Renee off all week for knee surgery and week 1 term 4
Tuesday 22 September	Music lessons with Dominic
Wednesday 23 September	Cricket sessions BOT meeting
Thursday 24 September	Year 3 - 6 Rippa with North Harbour rugby (at school) Chess club 1pm
Friday 25 September	Whole school to Mass Last day of term 3

Timetable of events for term 4

Monday 12 October	Term 4 starts Renee off this week
Tuesday 13 October	Playgroup resumes Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 14 October	Chess club
Tuesday 20 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup
Thursday 22 October	Chess club
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 27 October	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 28 October	PTFA working bee - cake packs, lolly necklaces etc 7pm
Thursday 29 October	Year 6 Waterwise Chess club
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
Monday 9 November	Save day athletics
Tuesday 10 November	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly
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
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
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 date

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 (gaxebos mainly) needed for the fair on October 31st starting at 9am.

Quiz Night

As mentioned above, thank you to those who supported our quiz night. We raised

Fair

There are still several families who have not signed up to help at the fair. If you are not sure what a job involves please ask. None of the jobs are super arduous but many hands make light work and more money.

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.

Thank you to these businesses who are supporting the fair. Please support them in return

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MOTAT
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

2 MONDAYS TASTER- LEARN TO COOK WITH US!

Ages 6-12



LittleCooks
cooking classes just for kids

KIDS COOKING

ROSE CENTRE
4 SCHOOL ROAD, BELMONT

LITTLECOOKS

Mondays

September 14th (sweet) and 21st (savory)

Time: 3.20-4.30pm

Location: Rose Centre

Cost: \$80 for 2 sessions

or book for one at \$40 each

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Monday, September 28th
Milford
9am - 3pm

NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE

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Belmont
October 6 - 10

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14 OCTOBER 7PM
15 OCTOBER 7PM
16 OCTOBER 1PM & 7PM
TICKETS \$15 EACH



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WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
5:15PM
ONEWA DOMAIN



- TRY ATHLETICS FOR FREE
- POLICE SPEED GUN - FIND OUT HOW FAST YOU ARE!
- \$25 REBEL SPORTS VOUCHERS FOR FIRST 5 NEW MEMBERS

DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPT/OCT 2026

MON 28TH SEP
MONSTERS AND ROBOTS IN SPACE!



MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM! FUN, GAMES AND INTERPLANETARY CRAZINESS!

MON 5TH OCT
TOY STORY MYSTERY DAY!



WHAT GOES ON WITH OUR TOYS WHEN WE AREN'T LOOKING? MYSTERIOUS FUN TIMES!

TUES 29TH SEP
LETS ROCK! TALENT SHOW TIME!



LETS PUT ON OUR VERY OWN TALENT SHOW, SING DANCE, TELL A JOKE! PLUS CRAZY PUPPET CRAFTS, GAMES & FUN!

TUES 5TH OCT
OMG! ZOOVENTURES ADORABLE ANIMALS VISIT AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE! EXTRA COST \$22



ZooVentures
CUTE GOOD TIMES! COOL CRAFTS AND FUN ACTIVITIES!

WED 30TH SEP
TRIP DAY! FORGOTTEN ISLAND MOVIE & ICE CREAM AT THE VICI EXTRA COST \$10!



FORGOTTEN ISLAND MOVIE AND ICE CREAM PLUS AWESOME ACTIVITIES AND COOL CRAFTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE!

WED 7TH OCT
WHIMSICAL WOODLAND CRITTERS DAY!



CUTE WOODLAND CRAFTS AND GAMES! PLUS WEATHER PERMITTING VISIT TO THE LIBRARY OR WINDSOR RESERVE!

THURS 1ST OCT
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC! BRING A FAVOURITE TEDDY BEAR IF YOU LIKE!



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC! OFF TO THE WOODS. TODAY! WALK AROUND DEVONPORT TO WINDSOR RESERVE, REMEMBER A HAT, SHOES & WATER

THURS 8TH OCT
HORRAY! AMAZINGLY AWESOME ARTY PARTY DAY!



LETS MAKE AND CREATE ALL SORTS OF CRAFTY COOL THINGS TO TAKE HOME!

FRI 2ND OCT
CUTEY SPOOKY WILD FREAKY FRIDAY!



FREAKY FUN ADVENTURES AROUND THE DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE!!

FRI 9TH OCT
LAZY SLOTH EPIC LAST DAY PYJAMA PARTY!!!



SHARED LUNCH! GAMES! SLOTHY SLIMBER PARTY MOVIES! MAKEOVERS! IF YOU LIKE WEAR PJ'S OR ONESIE OR DRESS UPS & IF YOU LIKE BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR SHARED LUNCH!

October School Holiday Bookings open now!

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NOUGHTY WASTERS MAKERSPACE

Week 1
Sep 29-Oct 1st:
Puppet Party
Ages 4-12, \$80
9am-3pm
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Afternoons outdoors

Week 2
Oct 6-8th:
Junk Orchestra
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5 - 9 OCT 2026

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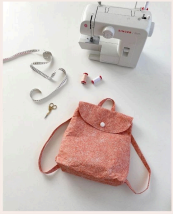
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30.10.2026

THE VIC THEATRE
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