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Kia ora e te whānau,

Embracing the Summer Season in Faith and Gratitude

As the warmer summer days arrive, we are reminded of the beauty of God's creation all around us, from our local beaches to the joyful energy of our tamariki in the playground. Summer is a wonderful season of light, growth, and renewal, giving us time to pause and give thanks for the many blessings within our St Leo's community.

Guided by our Mercy values and our Catholic faith, this season invites us to share warmth, kindness, and hospitality with everyone we meet, living out Christ's love in our everyday actions at school, at home, and alongside our parish family at St Francis de Sales and All Souls Church. Whether we are celebrating end-of-year milestones or enjoying longer evenings together, may this summer bring peace, rest, and joy to your whānau.

Year 5 & 6 Shakespeare Lodge Camp Adventure!



Our Year 5 and 6 students recently returned from a camp at Shakespeare Lodge, packed with outdoor challenges, teamwork, and plenty of laughter.

Set against the stunning backdrop of Whangaparāoa, the tamariki threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and courage. From archery, rock climbing, and raft building, it was fantastic to see students stepping outside their comfort zones and cheering one another on.

A huge thank you to our dedicated parent helpers and Mr M whose energy and support made this camp possible.

Updated Schooldocs Policy Site
Recently we have had an upgrade to our school policy site. Please click on the link and sign up to access the school policies.

https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/stleos

Policy Spotlight: Photos, Video, and Audio Recordings at School

At St Leo's School, we value capturing and sharing special moments while protecting the privacy, safety, and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community.

Here is a quick summary of our policy regarding media recordings:

- **School Consent & Opt-Out:** Parents complete consent forms upon enrolment covering official school publications, websites, and media. You can update or change your consent preferences at any time by contacting the school office.

- **Events & Performances:** Parents and visitors are welcome to take photos or videos during open school events (such as athletics, assemblies, and productions) strictly for personal family use.

- **Social Media Guidelines:** To respect the privacy of all families, please do not post photos or videos of other students on public social media accounts without the explicit permission of their parents or caregivers.

- **Commercial & Unauthorised Recording:** Recording for commercial purposes, streaming live without permission, or recording in sensitive areas (such as change rooms) is strictly prohibited.
  For full details, you can review our complete Recording, Photos, Video, and Sound Policy on SchoolDocs.

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices

Parking

We have recently noticed several parents parking across the school driveway. We have staff members who need to get out of the carpark after school to collect their own children so please do not block the carpark driveway or park across any other driveway.



Rotary Christmas Tree competition

We are delighted to announce that we won the Rotary Christmas tree competition and won $500 for the school. The trees are now in the Devonport library where you can make a bid to win the tree if you wish. Thanks to Mrs Christy for leading this art project.





Uniform

A reminder that all children should now be in

Timetable of events for term 4

Friday 27 November	Open Day
Monday 30 November	Year 6 to Rainbows End All library books to be returned please
Tuesday 1 December	Playgroup Music with Dominic Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 2 December	BOT Meeting
Thursday 3 December	Waterwise
Friday 4 December	Library stocktake Belmont Intermediate Meet the Teacher & Transition day Year 4 & 5 Waterwise swimming test 9.45am Family picnic 4pm
Sunday 6 December	Devonport Christmas parade
Monday 7 December	Parent helpers morning tea 11am staffroom
Tuesday 8 December	Playgroup Music with Dominic
Wednesday 9 December	Peninsula Athletics
Thursday 10 December	Christmas show 10am & Vimi farewell Year 6 Leavers dinner 5pm
Friday 11 December	Fun Day Hot dog lunch
Monday 14 December	Last day of school - school finishes midday Leavers Mass 10am

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?)
These are being collected from the school on December 14th so a few weeks left.

PTFA News

Hot dog lunch:
Order forms were sent home earlier in the week. $6 for a hot dog, treat and drink (please send along a cup for the drink). We will need some people to help with the preparation and serving of this lunch on Friday 11 December. You would need to be here around midday and stay until about 1.30pm. Please let Renee know if you can help.

Barkers fundraiser
Don't forget to order your Barkers products if you want some. A great Christmas gift.
Orders close 3 December.
https://raised.nz/f/stleos-playground



Marmalade
We have 8 jars of grapefruit marmalade left over after the fair if anyone would like to buy some.

Fair
A big thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a huge success.
Final figures are not in yet but at this stage it looks like we raised around $15,500k after expenses.
The raffle is still going if you would like to put in a ticket or two.
Prizes are $150 Dulcie voucher, 3 month gym membership at Devonport Squash Club gym, Studio Pilates 5 class pass, $50 towards a Lego Themed birthday party at Bricks 4 Kids and a voucher for one hour of a nanny service. Tickets $2 each, 3 for $5, 6 for $10. Raffle will close Friday 4 December.

Thank you to those of you who ordered your calendar art. This is currently being processed and will be back at school before the end of term.

There will be a short survey regarding the fair coming out shortly and we would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill this in for us.

Family picnic
Friday 4 December - all invited. Come along for a relaxed evening from 4pm onwards. There will be a free sausage sizzle and pizza, soft drinks and slushies for sale. Bring your cash/eftpos card. We will need a few people to help with cooking and serving sausages. Please let Renee know if you can help.

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Friday 26 February which will be another family picnic and the PTFA AGM.

Held at school in the hall

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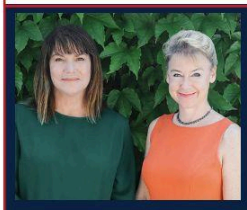
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