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Kia ora e te whānau,

Honouring the Saints and Our Loved Ones

Next week at St. Leo's, our students will be reflecting on the beauty of All Saints' Day (Nov 1) and All Souls' Day (Nov 2). On All Saints' Day, we look to the saints as ultimate guides for living out our values of kindness, strength, and service. On All Souls' Day, we pause to honour the memory of the family members and friends who have passed away, teaching our students the power of prayer and perpetual remembrance.

We encourage families to share stories of their own saints and remembered loved ones at home next week!

Choir Performances - Spreading Joy Through Song



What a week it's been for our wonderful choir! The children treated the little ones at Montessori Kindy and the residents at William Sanders to two very special performances. They sang their hearts out, brought so many smiles to everyone's faces, and truly did our school proud.

A massive thank you to Dominic for his amazing energy and leadership, and thank you for helping our choir shine so brightly!

Every Day Matters: Term 3 Attendance Update

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting our children's learning and wellbeing. We have recently received our Term 3 Every Day Matters Attendance Report, and we wanted to share a quick snapshot of how our school community is performing.

Regular Attendance: 62% of our students attended school regularly (over 90% of the term). While this is slightly down from 64% in Term 3 last year, we are working hard toward the Government target of 80%.

Punctuality: 83% of students are arriving on time every day, a fantastic effort that ensures lessons start smoothly without disruption!

Understanding Absence Factors

The two primary drivers of absences this past term were Illness/Medical (41%) and Family Holidays during term time(34%)

Illness (41%): Keeping sick children at home remains essential for the health of our community.

Term-Time Holidays (34%): Missing whole weeks for family travel significantly impacts learning momentum. Where possible, we strongly encourage families to plan holidays during official school break times.

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.

Timetable of events for term 4

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
Thursday 12 November	Peninsula Kapa Haka event
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	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
Monday 30 November	Year 6 to Rainbows End
Tuesday 1 December	Playgroup Music with Dominic
Wednesday 2 December	BOT Meeting
Thursday 3 December	Waterwise
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

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?)

PTFA News

Meeting dates
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 November 7.30pm in the staffroom.



Working bee
Got an hour or two to spare this Saturday 28 October 9am - 11am to help us erect all the gazebos so we can match tops with legs and make sure we have enough gazebos? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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
It is not too late to bring in these items if you haven't already and would like to.

Do you know someone who would be willing to face paint at the fair? Please let Renee, Kim or Amy know.

Drop offs for toys, white elephant, books and clothes have started. Please bring items to the office during school hours. School will be open on Saturday 14th November 10am - 5pm for you to drop off your cakes, sweets and preserves

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.

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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Devonport Squash Club

COMMUNITY NOTICES







Event details:

Monday 23 November 2026

From 3:00pm

North Shore Golf Club, Albany

North Golf has brought back the Harbour Primary & Intermediate School Championships, providing another opportunity for young golfers to represent their school and get involved.

Full event information and player entries are available here:

Harbour Primary & Intermediate School Champs

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