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Kia ora e te whānau,

St. Leo's Corner: Celebrating the Season of Creation

From September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) through October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), our St. Leo's school community joins Catholics worldwide in celebrating the Season of Creation. This sacred month gives our students and families a dedicated opportunity to praise God for His gifts and grow as faithful caretakers of the earth.

Inspired by Pope Francis's message in *Laudato Si'*, we are teaching our students that caring for creation is an essential part of living our Catholic faith. When we protect nature, we show love for our Creator and compassion for our neighbors, especially those most impacted by environmental changes.

How St. Leo's Families Can Get Involved

- **Pray Together:** Open family meals or bedtime routines with a short prayer of gratitude for nature. Encourage your children to notice God's beauty in the trees, weather, and animals around your home.
- **Practice Daily Stewardship:** Help your child pack a "waste-free" lunch using reusable containers, turn off unused lights, and practice recycling household items together.

Let us use this season to help our St. Leo's lions grow into thoughtful, action-oriented stewards of God's world!

Season of Creation 2026



Living Water

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Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The theme for this year's Season of Creation (Sept. 1st-Oct. 4th) is "Living Water".

School Parish Mass

Thank you to all the families who were able to make it on Sunday. It was a special occasion for us to gather together with our Parish whānau.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Our students showed up in full force at the recent Rippa Rugby tournament, delivering incredible performances on the field from the very first whistle. Their hard work, quick footwork, and teamwork were on display throughout the day, leading to some fantastic tries and thrilling matches.

Even more impressive than their play on the field was the outstanding sportsmanship our teams demonstrated. Win or lose, our players cheered each other on and respected the referees. They truly represented the school with pride, humility, and heart. A huge thank you to the coaches, parent volunteers, and supporters who made the day such a resounding success!



Mary Reflection Area

Work on the Mary Grotto and reflection area is making wonderful progress! Construction of the arch is officially complete, providing a beautiful frame for the space, and the statue of Mary has been repainted with renewed detail. Additionally, the memorial plaque honoring Adrienne has been ordered and will be installed on her seat as soon as it arrives, bringing us one step closer to finishing a serene environment for quiet prayer and contemplation.



God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices

Touch Rugby

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

Sibling photos

On Friday 11 September Photolife will be taking class and individual photos. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform that day and if they are in the Rippa or soccer teams they will need their PE gear to change into.

If you would like to have a sibling photo taken please pick up a form from the office (or email me and I'll send it home with your child) and return it before Friday 11th morning. No form = no photo.

PENINSULA TOUCH
HOSTED BY
NORTH SHORE RUGBY
MONDAY NIGHTS
26TH OCT - 14TH DEC
Primary Touch
Years 0-6 girls and boys
Time: 4:00 - 6:00pm
Cost: \$60
Registrations due by 20th September
Venue: North Shore Rugby Club
Register at
www.sporty.co.nz/peninsulatouch

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.

Timetable of events for term 3

Friday 4 September	Last day for cans for Christmas Book Character Parade 10.30am Book fair closes 3pm
Sunday 6 September	Father's Day
Tuesday 8 September	Music lessons with Dominic Open Day
Wednesday 9 September	Soccer festival
Thursday 10 September	Save Day soccer festival Chess club 1pm
Friday 11 September	Photolife Photos day Quiz night
Tuesday 15 September	Music lessons with Dominic PTFA dumpling lunch Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 16 September	Year 3 - 6 Rippa with North Harbour rugby (at school) PTFA meeting 7.30pm
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

PTFA News

Meeting date

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 16 September**(link will be sent out closer to the time)

Quiz Night

11 September - Quiz night at the RSA -

This is the last week to get your tickets for quiz night!

Some great auctions up for grabs including a 3-course dinner party for 6 with your own chef and a beach getaway in the stunning Karikari Peninsula!

There are just a few tables left. Teams of up to 6 people, come along for a night of fun (no pressure to dress up if you don't want



Tickets are on sale through Humanitix.

<https://events.humanitix.com/stleos-quiz-2026/tickets>



Dumpling lunch

The PTFA are holding a dumpling lunch on Tuesday 15 September. Forms came home last week.

If your child does not like dumplings but would like to have a treat and drink the cost will be \$3.

Either return the form or put the money into the PTFA account by Monday 14th September.

If you are able to help with the preparation and serving of this lunch please let Renee or Vimi know.

Fair

The fair is fast approaching and so far we have not had many school families sign up to help. The fair is our major fundraiser of the year which means we raise more money to go towards next year's staffing. Please sign up soon.

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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RUGBY 5-13 years old 28th & 29th Sept East Coast Bays Rugby		RUGBY 5-13 years old 30th Sept & 1st Oct Takapuna Rugby Club	
HOCKEY Ages 5-13 28th & 29th Sept Pinehurst, Albany		NETBALL Ages 8-14 28th & 29th Sept Pinehurst, Albany	

- 2-day program
- Sessions led by experienced teachers
- Focused on building confidence and fundamental skills
- 9:00am to 2:30pm

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 Ages 5-13
 7th & 8th Oct
 Takapuna Normal Intermediate



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HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

**28 SEP - 2 OCT 2026
5 - 9 OCT 2026**

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9.00 am - 12.00 pm

\$50.00 (Club members)
\$55.00 (Non members)



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4 SCHOOL ROAD, BELMONT

LITTLECOOKS

Mondays

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

Time: 3.20-4.30pm

Location: Rose Centre

Cost: \$80 for 2 sessions

or book for one at \$40 each

TO REGISTER: EMAIL TEAM@LITTLECOOKS.CO.NZ



What's On

School Holiday Fun!

2 SEPT

Bubs Club with Claudia Robin Gunn

10am | Centre Court



28 SEP - 2 OCT

Build a Bear Workshops

Bookings Essential | Centre Court



3-8 OCT

Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Workshops

Free - Bookings Essential | Centre Court



31 OCT - 1 NOV

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Mall Hours | Collect from Centre Management



31 OCT

Face Painting & Balloon Twisting

1pm-5pm | Centre Court



Visit shore-city.co.nz to book.



NORTHCOTE SOFTBALL CLUB

open day

20th September 10am-12pm

Give Softball a go!

All ages and skill levels, new and returning players all are welcome.

Where: Diamond 10, beside the main clubhouse Rosedale park.

Jack Hinton drive via Rosedale road.



Word whizz

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Tuesday:

3:30-4:15pm junior hip hop 5-7 years

4:15-5:00pm senior hip hop 8-11 years

Friday:

3:30-4:15pm senior contemporary 8-11 years

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