



# St Leo's Catholic Primary School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whānau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

Welcome back to another exciting term! We have so many activities and events planned for this term to end a fantastic year. Let's ask for God's blessing for this new term and may he continue to guide and strengthen us as we come closer to the end of 2023.

## Month of the Holy Rosary

As we enter the beautiful month of October, it holds a special significance in our Catholic faith—it is the Month of the Holy Rosary. This month is a time for us to come together in prayer, reflection, and devotion to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and seek her intercession.

The Holy Rosary is a powerful and beautiful prayer that brings us closer to God and helps us meditate on the life of Jesus through the eyes of His loving mother, Mary. Just like a bouquet of flowers offered to someone we love, each prayer of the Rosary is like a spiritual flower we offer to Mary.



In October, let us make it a special goal to pray the Rosary regularly, either with our families, in our schools, or on our own. The Rosary is made up of joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries, each telling a different part of the story of Jesus and Mary. As we pray, let's think about the love, joy, and sacrifice that are a part of their sacred journey.

Here are a few ways we can embrace the Month of the Holy Rosary:

**Pray with Love:** When we pray the Rosary, let's do it with love in our hearts. Each Hail Mary is like a little "I love you" to Mary and Jesus.

**Learn the Mysteries:** Take time to learn about the mysteries of the Rosary. Understand the

events they represent and the lessons they teach us about Jesus and Mary.

**Create a Rosary Space:** Make a special space at home or in your room for your Rosary beads. It could be a quiet corner or a small table with a picture of Mary and Jesus.

**Pray for Others:** As we pray, let's remember to ask Mary to intercede for those who need help, love, and healing.

**Celebrate Mary:** On special days, like the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th, take some time to celebrate Mary. Maybe light a candle, say a special prayer, or draw a picture of Mary.

Remember, the Month of the Holy Rosary is not just about saying words; it's about opening our hearts to God's love and letting Mary guide us to her Son, Jesus. Let's make October a month of prayer, love, and joy as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary through the beautiful gift of the Holy Rosary.

### **New Pupils**

We welcome Frankie Hooper who has joined St Clare. She has settled in well and has made friends already.

### **Farewell**

On behalf of the BOT, I would like to let you know that Lucia Dawbin will be leaving us at the end of 2023. She has been a part of the St Leo's community for 8 years. We will be sad to see her go and she will be missed by our St Leo's community. She is moving to Wellington to be closer to family. We will be organising a farewell assembly alongside Adrienne Willams on the 14 December. More information will follow closer to time.

On a positive note, we are delighted to welcome Ruth Christie to our St Leo's staff who has accepted a position for 2024. Ruth has an extensive background in teaching and leadership, bringing a depth of knowledge and skills to her role. She is already familiar with the St Leo's whānau and it will be great to have her on board.

### **Garden to Table**

This week St Patrick students used the spinach and herbs from the garden to make pizza. The pizzas looked amazing and the students enjoyed being a part of the cooking process. We also harvested and sold a great crop of spinach.



### **Feedback from RE Survey**

Last term the Catholic Character Committee sent out a survey about prayer. It was great to hear back from 10 families that the prayer bag was a fantastic idea for them to get together and pray. Some families would like to make their own prayer bags and requested names of shops where they could purchase a few items. Here are two:

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz>

<https://stjosephscentre.co.nz>

Some families also requested some prayer ideas which I have included above as part of the month of Holy Rosary. Please email or come and see myself or Adrienne if you have any questions.

### All Blacks Experience

The children absolutely loved the trip. There were lots of interactive activities and information about the past and present players.

The education programme at the All Blacks Experience is unique, offering students and players an understanding of what it means to make, shape and be an All Black or Black Fern. Tamariki learnt about culture, teamwork, storytelling and had a chance to put their knowledge and physical skills to the test.



### Sponsorship: Your chance to sponsor a child to come to St Leo's

St Leo's Catholic Primary School Board invites you to consider sponsoring a child's attendance dues for 2024 (total \$516 for the year or \$129 a term). What a great way to support our young Catholic community and grow our local school. We have a few people who have already become sponsors and this is also tax deductible. Please contact the school office at 09 445 9339 if you are able to help. The marketing committee has designed the following poster which has been distributed to selected kindies.

### Policy Review

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews a number of our policies. Some of these are reviewed by the Board, some are also reviewed by staff and for some policies feedback is sought by parents.

During Term 4 the policy we are seeking parent feedback on is 'Home Learning', 'Distance Learning' and 'Student Achievement Information'.

Please visit our school docs website <http://www.stleos.school.nz/policies.html>.

Click on the St Leo's Catholic School Policies User name: StLeos Password: mercy

Click on the green current review tab at the top of the page.

Select the appropriate policy at the bottom of the page.

Read the policy content

Click on the blue 'Start your review' at the top of the page. Here is a link to "How-to"

YouTube videos: [Taking part in reviews](#) and [Viewing review feedback](#).

Ma te atua manaaki God Bless,

*Vimi Chandra*

A poster for St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport. The top part is blue with the school's logo and name. Below that is a yellow circle with the text 'FREE SCHOOL FEES &amp; UNIFORM FOR 2024'. The bottom part is white with a photo of children and text about school fees and enrollment. The text includes 'Small class sizes | Academic excellence | Extra learning opportunities | Christian Family Values' and 'St Leo's small class sizes and experienced, passionate teachers enable learning to be tailored to children's individual needs, strengths and interests. As a result, our students excel academically.' It also mentions 'We offer multiple sports, music, Kapa Haka, drama, Mandarin, Te Reo Maori, a dedicated art class and a dedicated STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths), as well as several out of school trips throughout the year.' At the bottom, there are icons for 'AICHI COMPASSION', 'MANAATOKA WHAKATAKI', 'TE WHAKA O TE TANGATA KAIHAKI', 'KATO I AMIHI KAIHAKI', and 'TEA KAIHAKI'. The website 'www.stleos.school.nz' and phone number '09 445 9339' are also listed.

## **Other notices**

### **Sushi Term 4**

If you wish to order sushi for lunches on Wednesday term 4 will be for 9 weeks @ \$4.50. Orders need to be made by 9am on Tuesday for lunch Wednesday.

### **Summer uniforms**

On return to school in term 4 children may wear their summer uniforms. We would like everyone to be in their summer uniform by the Tuesday after Labour weekend please.

### **Hats**



Our school policy is that all children must wear a sunhat when outside in term 4. This week has been a grace week but next week any child without a sunhat will have to play in the shade.

We have 4 different size school sunhats for sale for \$15 each if you need to purchase one. We would like all children to be wearing the school hats not random hats.

## PTFA News

### Honey Sales fundraiser

**This fundraiser will continue until the end of the year. Thank you to those of you who have purchased this honey.**

Beebro Rewarewa fundraising Honey and/or Large Honey Comb options. Both have a retail value of \$18 **PRICE DROPPED TO \$15 UNTIL THE END OF 2023**



FOR EACH JAR/HONEYCOMB SOLD \$5 goes to St Leo's School

\$1 goes to Nutters Club (Mike King's mental health foundation)

Step 1: Go to [www.beebro.co.nz](http://www.beebro.co.nz)

Step 2: Select Beebro 'Nutters Club' 500g Rewarewa honey / Large Comb honey

Step 3: Select a minimum of any 2 products for FREE DELIVERY (otherwise 1 product will incur a \$6 delivery cost).



Step 4: In Shopping Cart use unique code 'Leo'

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Think 100% natural toffee flavours 🍯

Feel free to forward this to family and friends to increase our sales

## Fair

Planning is under way for the school fair on November 26th.

Collection dates

## Art Calendars

This term we will be doing calendar art with the children to be made into diaries, calendars etc. Ideal as Christmas presents. Watch this space for more details coming soon.



## Fair donation thank yous

**Thank you to the following businesses who have sponsored the fair, sponsored a stall or donated goods for the fair.**

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## Timetable of events

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| Friday 13 October     | School disco 5.30 - 7.30  |
| Monday 16 October     | Dance with Pform<br>Touch rugby   |
| Tuesday 17 October    | Private music lessons   |
| Wednesday 18 October  | Private music lessons<br>Assembly 10.15am   |
| Thursday 19 October   | Year 5/6 Cricket tournament at TGS  |
| Friday 20 October     | Choir to Freeman's Bay school   |
| Monday 23 October     | Dance with Pform<br>Touch rugby   |
| Tuesday 24 October    | Private music lessons   |
| Wednesday 25 October  | Private Music lessons<br>BOT meeting  |
| Thursday 26 October   | Peninsula Kapa Haka performance   |
| Friday 27 October     | Open Day  |
| Monday 30 October     | Dance with Pform<br>Touch rugby   |
| Tuesday 31 October    | Year 6 Kahui Ako outing<br>Private music lessons  |
| Wednesday 1 November  | Private Music lessons<br>Assembly 10.15am<br>Choir to Navy kindy<br>P T F A meeting fair working bee 7.30pm |
| Thursday 2 November   | Waterwise   |
| Friday 3 November     | Rosmini Orientation Day   |
| Monday 6 November     | Dance with Pform<br>Touch rugby   |
| Tuesday 7 November    | Private music lessons   |
| Wednesday 8 November  | Private Music lessons<br>NZ Sculpture on the Shore visit  |
| Thursday 9 November   | Waterwise   |
| Monday 13 November    | School Athletics  |
| Tuesday 14 November   | Private music lessons   |
| Wednesday 15 November | Private music lessons<br>Assembly 10.15   |

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| Thursday 16 November  | Waterwise TBC                                     |
| Friday 17 November    | Teacher Only Day                                  |
| Tuesday 21 November   | Private music lessons<br>Yr 6 Puberty Talks       |
| Thursday 23 November  | Waterwise   |
| Sunday 26 November    | School Fair                                       |
| Tuesday 28 November   | Private music lessons                             |
| Wednesday 29 November | Waterwise   |
| Friday 1 December     | Peninsula Athletics                               |
| Monday 4 December     | Choir to TGS evening TBC                          |
| Tuesday 5 December    | Private music lessons                             |
| Wednesday 6 December  | Save Day Peninsula Athletics                      |
| Friday 8 December     | Reports to go home<br>Year 6 to Rainbow's End     |
| Tuesday 12 December   | Private music lessons                             |
| Wednesday 13 December | Assembly<br>The Christmas Show<br>Leaver's Dinner |
| Thursday 14 December  | Farewell & Fun day                                |
| Friday 15 December    | Leaver's Mass 9.30am<br>School finishes midday    |
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### **2023 Term dates**

Term 4 ends midday Friday 15 December

Term 1 2024 starts 31 January



## Community Notices



### ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

#### WHO?

Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

#### WHEN?

Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are at St George's Community Centre after school on Wednesdays, between 3.30pm - 7pm.

#### WHERE?

Takapuna Primary School.

#### LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information

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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

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In addition to all of the above, Head Held High students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your no-obligation trial lesson simply visit:

[www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high](http://www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high)

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them! Simply email: [janita@headheldhigh.co.nz](mailto:janita@headheldhigh.co.nz)

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**NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** invites all women to join us on Wednesday, 18th October 2023 at 7:30 p.m. for praise and worship, teaching and prayer ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. **SPEAKER:** JANE THOMSEN. **SCRIPTURE:** John 2: 5 – 7 *Jesus' mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.*

## Kids & Teens Market & Swap Shop

Saturday 18 November  
Devonport Community House  
1pm-4pm

### TAMARIKI ME RANGATAHI MĀKETE

- ✓ Swap Shop- Bring in your pre-loved, good condition clothing between 30th October and 17th November, (Mon-Friday 9-2.30pm) drop off outside of these hours, email [events@devonportcomhouse.co.nz](mailto:events@devonportcomhouse.co.nz)
- ✓ Toys, Books & lots more at Kids Market
- ✓ Shop more sustainably and come support your local youth!
- ✓ Gold coin donation gets you entry into both events

**TO BOOK A MARKET TABLE (\$10), EMAIL [RIXT@DEVONPORTCOMHOUSE.CO.NZ](mailto:RIXT@DEVONPORTCOMHOUSE.CO.NZ)**

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5:15PM

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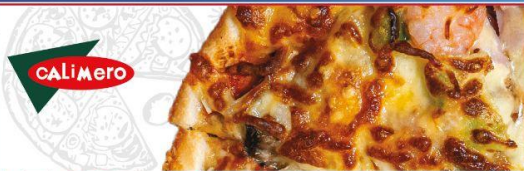
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