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9 November, 2023

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

All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a significant celebration in the Catholic Church that takes place on November 1st each year. It is a time to honour and remember all the saints, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. Catholics believe that these saints serve as role models and intercessors, guiding and praying for those on Earth.

During the All Saints' Day celebration, Catholics attend Mass to commemorate the saints and their exemplary lives. The liturgy often includes special prayers and readings that highlight the virtues and achievements of various saints. It is a time for reflection and gratitude for the saints' contributions to the faith.

In addition to these traditional practices, All Saints' Day is an opportunity for Catholics to deepen their understanding of the saints and their teachings. Many engage in personal reflection, studying the lives of specific saints and learning from their examples of faith, love, and service.

All Saints Day Prayer:

Te Atua, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.

Garden to Table

This week St Patrick students made cauliflower garlic bread. I must say, it smelt delicious and looked like all the students enjoyed it as the plates came back empty. This is something I will be trying out in the holidays.

NZ Sculpture Onshore

This week St Leo's students visited the Sculpture OnShore. We were totally amazed by all the different sculptures that were showcased by renowned artists. The local schools also took



part in this exhibition. St Leo's pyramids definitely stood out and we were so proud to be a part of this exhibition.



nz sculpture onshore
Supporting Women's Refuge New Zealand

4-19 nov
devonport

With over 100 artists, the exhibition promises to be one of our best yet.
Tickets on sale now!

nzsculptureonshore.co.nz

 **fisherfunds**  **Hesketh Henry**  **Harcourts Cooper & Co**

Teacher Only Day

On Friday the 17 November school will be closed as the teachers will be having a teacher only day. This a Ministry funded day to work on the new curriculum and our local curriculum.

Looking Ahead 2024

It is great to be receiving enrolments for 2024 and beyond. Our roll is steady and will continue to grow. If you know of anyone who is planning to enrol their child please encourage them to do so. Have a look at the poster for free attendance dues and uniform for 2024.

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>.



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FREE SCHOOL FEES & UNIFORM FOR 2024
* Refer to details below
VISITS WELCOME!

Small class sizes | Academic excellence | Extra learning opportunities | Christian Family Values

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.

We offer multiple sports, music, Kapa Haka, drama, Mandarin, Te Reo Māori, 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.

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*Details of offer: 'School fees' refers to attendance dues only, amounting to \$514. Excludes school activities/trips. Uniform provided in excellent condition, excludes shoes. For enrolments submitted in 2023. Subject to St Leo's enrolment criteria. Limited spaces available.

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

Other notices

Santa Parade

The Devonport Santa Parade is being held on Sunday December 3rd.

Could you please let us know if your child/ren will be able to be part of the St Leo's float dressed as a biblical character eg angels, shepherds, wise men etc. We have some costumes here that can be borrowed.

Art Competition!
 Design and colour your own Christmas scene, hand in to the St Leo's office before 4pm Friday 24th of November to be in to win!

All art will be displayed at the St Leo's School Fair on Sunday 26th November.

1st Prize
 Book of fair dollars to spend at the St Leo's school fair and a Calimero voucher!

Spot prizes will be awarded for creativity!

Open to children 12 and under. All entries must have child's name, age and contact number on the back.
 Prize winners will be contacted by the 25/11/23

Celebrating Past Pupils

Katarina Lockyer got the Greentree International Team spirit award in football
 Aimee McGivern - Junior swimmer of the year.
 Kate Bell-Booth - Defensive player of the year
 Lily McGivern - Senior water polo spirit cup

Babysitting Ad

Hi there, my name is Pippa Laing, I am 16 and a year 11 student at Takapuna Grammar School looking for some families to babysit for. Some of you may already know me as I have coached and umpired for the St Leo's girls netball team for the last 3 years. I am available and keen to babysit almost every day of the week including the weekend. I live locally in Devonport and am willing to travel towards Belmont/Hauraki if needed. I have experience babysitting all ages and love to interact and look after children. I can also provide references if needed. If you are interested please text or email me.

Pippalaing166@gmail.com
 0212757833

POSTER COMPETITION!
 North Harbour Blue Light Poster Competition
 Deadline: 1st December
 Theme: What does bike safety look like.
 Prize: Drift Bike for the winner of each category

Three Categories
 Years 1 & 2
 Years 3 & 4
 Years 5 & 6

One entry per student and must include full name, year group & school on the back on of the poster. All entries must be handed in to their school office by the deadline. Winners will be decided Friday 8th December 2023 and notified through their Primary School. Winning entries and a selection of others will be shared on North Harbour Blue Lights Facebook page.



PTFA News

As of this week 25 jars of honey have been sold.

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 and lavender. All 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

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

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'

Fair

Collection dates - 10 Nov Luxury item for hamper

17 Nov multipack of mini chocolates

24 Mufti Day

Children will be awarded 100 whanau points for items donated.

Collection point is the school library before school and the office after 9am

All children who have delivered items go into the draw to win a lunch with a friend and the staff member of their choice.

You may now drop off your books, clothes, toys and bric-a-brac anytime during school hours. Cakes, sweets, preserves etc will be dropped off on Saturday 25th.

Art Calendars

This term we will be doing calendar art with the children to be made into diaries, calendars etc. Ideal as Christmas presents. Order forms have been sent home and are due back by 17 November. I have copies of the art work here if you would like to view it.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 15 November in the staffroom 7.30pm. This is the last one before the fair so please try to be there to find out how everything works on the day.

Fair dollars vouchers - can be purchased from the office anytime between now and the fair. They are also available at the fair to St Leo's pupils only. \$10 per bsweok gives your child \$12 to spend and children don't have to run around with money in their pockets.

Jolly jars and raffle tickets can be returned anytime between now and the fair. If you are not able to sell your raffle tickets please return these before the fair so we can sell them at the fair.

Cake plates were sent home this week. Sweets, and preserves can be dropped off on the week prior to the fair. The school will be open on Saturday for cakes to be dropped off.

A final fair notice will be emailed early next week so keep an eye out for it.

Fair donation thank yous

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

Trish & Tracy Barfoot & Thompson

Takapuna Orthodontic Group

Vidzing

Avenue Advice

Top Trust Cleaning

Spike Trading (Cabu)

Hellers

Farrahs

Fifa

Escape HQ

Marbles

Bridgestone Direct, Glenfield

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Devonport Scouts

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Devonport volunteer fire brigade

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GROUP



Dulcies

Flying Rickshaw

Skill Samurai

Parakai Springs

Devonport Deli

Devonport Recycling Centre

Tim Bray productions

Timetable of events

Friday 10 November	Whole school attending Mass
Monday 13 November	School Athletics
Tuesday 14 November	Private music lessons
Wednesday 15 November	Private music lessons Assembly 10.15 PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 16 November	Waterwise
Friday 17 November	Teacher Only Day
Monday 20 November	Yr 6 parents Positive puberty zoom meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 21 November	Private music lessons Yr 6 Puberty Talks
Wednesday 22 November	Private music lessons
Thursday 23 November	Waterwise
Friday 24 November	Whole school attending Mass
Saturday 25 November	Fair drop off day of cakes, sweets, preserves etc
Sunday 26 November	School Fair
Tuesday 28 November	Private music lessons
Wednesday 29 November	Private music lessons Assembly 10.15 BOT meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 30 November	Waterwise
Friday 1 December	Peninsula Athletics All library books to be returned
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 Year 6 to Rainbow's End Year 5 Waterwise swimming activity
Monday 11 December	Parents thank you morning tea 11am
Tuesday 12 December	Private music lessons
Wednesday 13 December	Assembly

	The Christmas Show Leavers Dinner 5.30pm
Thursday 14 December	Farewell & Fun day Sausage sizzle lunch
Friday 15 December	Leavers Mass 9.30am School finishes midday

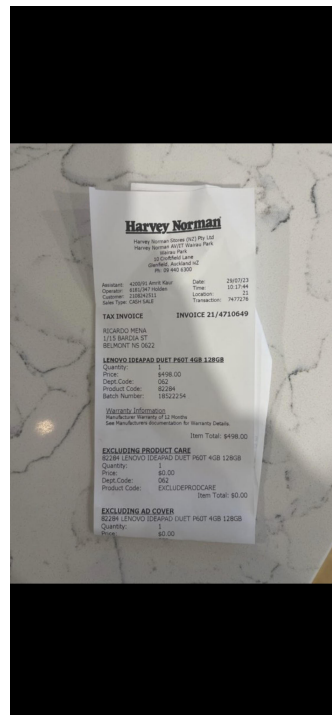
2023 Term dates

Term 4 ends midday Friday 15 December

Term 1 2024 starts 1 February 2024 **(please note change of date)**

For Sale

Lenovo Ideapad Duet Chromebook- 8 weeks old. Only used a couple of times! Paid \$498 8 weeks ago. Will sell for \$300. Contact Shannon on 021 988 805 if you are interested.



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 dependent) 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.

In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guessmate 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.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

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.

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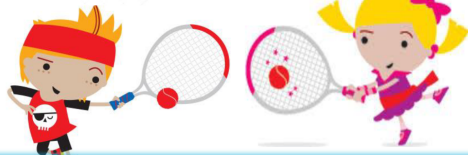
www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

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

For more information

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TOT'S taster (3-4 years) 9am to 9.30am

MINI's taster (5-8 years) 9.30am to 10am

PLUS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES ALL YEAR!!

BOOKINGS ✉ admin@tennisplus.co.nz by 3 Nov

Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols
Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese.
3pm - 5pm Saturday, 25th November 2023
Sir Woolf Fisher Arena
(770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104)

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LIVE ON STAGE

TAKAPUNA - THE PUMPHOUSE THEATRE
2-22 DECEMBER
timbray.org.nz

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
- ✓ 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

JETS RUN

The JETS community run follows the gorgeous Devonport waterfront. Participants qualify for a free electrolyte drink together with the opportunity to win both spot and place getter prizes.

25 Oct - 13 Dec 2023
24 Jan - 27 Mar 2024
Torpedo Bay Navy Museum
King Edward Parade
Devonport

Every **Wednesday 6PM**
Registration from 5:45PM
3KM / 5KM / 10KM Routes
\$7 Adult \$6 Child
jetsrun@xtra.co.nz | 0274 379 423

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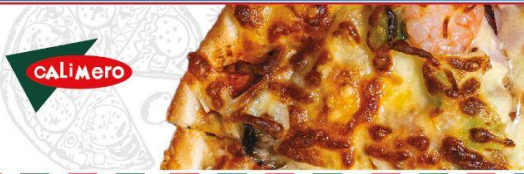
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