



# St Leo's Catholic Primary School

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23 November, 2023

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## Jessie Tree

The Jesse Tree is a special way to get ready for Advent, which is the time leading up to Christmas. It's like taking a journey through the stories of Jesus's family tree.

Every day during Advent, you can read a Bible story about someone from Jesus's family tree and hang a special ornament on your Jesse Tree that represents that story.

As you decorate your tree with these ornaments, you'll see how God planned and prepared for Jesus to be born by bringing together many generations of people. It's a fun and meaningful way to learn about the history and significance of Christmas!

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David.



## Introducing Kelly-Anne Fulmizi

The school has appointed Kelly-Anne Fulmizi for St Clare's class next year. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and has currently been working part time at St Joseph's Takapuna. Kelly-Anne will be joining us in a part time/fixed term role in 2024. During the hours of 9am to 1pm, Monday to Thursday, she will be at St Clare. Her focus during this time will be on the core subjects mandated by the Ministry of Education, in addition to participating in the Religious Education program. During the afternoons and on Friday, the children will then continue their learning journey with Ruth Christy. Here is a little blurb from Kelly-Anne.



Hi my name is Kelly-Anne Fulmizi. I grew up on the North Shore, lived in Melbourne for 6.5 years and returned to New Zealand with my Aussies in 2021. My husband's name is Samuel and we have two girls, Violet and Clara.

I have always been a junior school teacher and love making learning fun and memorable. I have a real passion for literacy and have been a private structured literacy tutor for the last year and a half.

Outside of school I love to sew, spend time outdoors with my family and eat ice cream. I am really excited to join the St Leo's family and look forward to getting to know you.

### Devonport Santa Parade

Thank you to Renee and Ruth for putting everything together for the parade. I would also like to thank all the families who were able to make it to the event. The weather was certainly not great and I sincerely appreciate your commitment to our St Leo's float.



### Nativity Show

The tamariki are practising hard for the upcoming Nativity show. It is going to be amazing and we would like you all to join us in celebrating this special occasion. The show is on 13 December at 10am.

### Garden to Table

This week St Patricks tamariki made strawberry mousse. It definitely smelt yum when I walked through the staffroom and I am sure it tasted pretty good.



### Farewell and Fun Day

On 14 December at 10am we will be farewelling two of our amazing teachers, Mrs Williams and Miss Dawbin. After the farewell guests will be invited for a shared morning tea. After morning tea, we have planned an exciting afternoon of fun to celebrate the wonderful year that we have had.

### Leavers Mass

On the last day of school, we will be celebrating our Year 6 leavers at Mass. You are invited to join us at 9.30am. School will finish at 12pm.

### 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

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\*Details of offer (School fees) refers to attendance dues only amounting to \$516. Excludes school activities/fees. Uniform provided in excellent condition, excludes shoes. For enrolments submitted in 2023. Subject to St Leo's enrolment criteria. Limited spaces available.

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. We have completed the Term 4 review.

However, just a reminder of the Concerns and Complaints policy as this is one of the policies that can get overlooked.

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

Ma te atua manaaki God Bless,

*Vimi Chandra*

### **Other notices**

#### **Year 6 Leavers dinner**

Parents of year 6 children should receive their invite to the Leavers dinner tonight. Please RSVP to Renee by Monday 11th December for catering purposes. The cost is \$30 per head (including parents and can be paid into the school bank account).

#### **Sports uniforms**

Please return all netball uniforms and borrowed sports jackets to the office by Wednesday.

#### **PTFA News**

A huge thank you to every person who participated in the school fair in one way or another. We are very grateful for your help.

Final figures are not quite in yet but we think we have made around 23k.

Sausage sizzle -Thursday 14 December. Forms were sent home earlier this week. Please return your order form and pay by Tuesday 12 December. Pre orders only.

Dates for next year - school picnic and PTFA AGM 16 February. Start thinking about whether or not you can help next year please. We will be looking for a secretary and chairperson.



## 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

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 Nativity play <b>10am (note change of time)</b> 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)**

### Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre

This full-time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work.

**Key Tasks include:** Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management.

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### Journey to Bethlehem

<https://www.thevic.co.nz/movie/journey-to-bethlehem>

## Community Notices



### TERM ONE 2024

Mon 29 Jan to Sat 13 Apr

#### AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

**TOTS** (3-4 years) 3pm, 3.30pm Tues & Fri

**MINIS** (8-10 yrs) 3.45pm Mon-Fri

**JUNIORS** (8-18 yrs) 3.30, 4.30, 5.30pm,  
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#### ADULT COACHING



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**ATTACXX MAXX** 90 mins  
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Tues 7.30pm & Fri 9am

**CARDIO TENNIS** 60 mins  
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**BEGINNERS PLUS** 60 mins  
TECHNIQUE & PLAY  
Mon 5.30pm & Tues 5.30pm

**DEVELOPERS PLUS** 60 mins  
ADVANCE YOUR GAME  
Tues 6.30pm & Fri 12.30pm

**ADVANCED PLUS** 90 mins  
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### ADULT & JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

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- ! PRIZES including CASH PRIZES \$100 winner \$50 runner up
- ! RESULTS count towards TNZ CONFIGURE RANKINGS

#### EVENTS

- Men's & Women's singles** S2-S6 / S7-S10 / S11-12
- Men's & Women's doubles** Open Men's / Open Women's
- Junior Girls and Boys draws** S5-S7 / S8-S10 / S11-S12
- Hot Shots: Min of 3 matches** Mixed Green ball (10 & under)  
Mixed Orange ball (9 & under)  
Mixed Red ball (8 & under)

#### SCHEDULE

- Hot Shots: Red / Orange / Green** 9am-11am Saturday 23 Dec
- Juniors / Men's / Women's** Sat 23 Dec - 24 Dec

\$55 Junior & Open / \$25 Hot Shots

#### REGISTRATION

- Registration via [tournamentsoftware.com](https://tournamentsoftware.com) or [admin@tennisplus.co.nz](mailto:admin@tennisplus.co.nz)
- ! Registration & payment deadline – Tues 19 Dec 2023
- ! Entries valid when paid to 'TENNIS PLUS' 38-9011-0863558-00



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**After school music lessons at Belmont Int 2023**

If your child is interested in learning a new instrument or continuing tuition in 2023. I have Guitar, Bass, Ukulele and Drum lessons available after school at Belmont Intermediate.

Lessons are fun, up to date/current and include two group 'Jam Days'. Please note classes and group sizes are limited. For more <https://www.heathwatsonguitar.com/belmont-intermediate-info-sign-up.html> For more Information or email [heathwatsonguitar@gmail.com](mailto:heathwatsonguitar@gmail.com)

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**Hon Simon Watts**  
 MP for North Shore

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