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

Welcome to Term 3

We hope you had a lovely and restful break! As we begin Term 3, our learning concept is Change, and our tamariki will be exploring how change in the world around us, particularly through science and the environment, calls us to be responsible kaitiaki (guardians) of God's creation.

Through our focus on the Material World (chemistry), students will investigate how chemical and environmental changes affect ecosystems, communities, and daily life. They will explore how we can respond to these changes with stewardship, innovation, and care, making meaningful connections between science and real-world action.

This concept also encourages tamariki to view change as a positive force, an opportunity for growth, resilience, and learning.

At Mass on Sunday, we were reminded of the importance of being a good neighbour: to love others, show kindness, and live with compassion. This ties beautifully into our Mercy value focus for the term, Respect. We will be encouraging our students to show respect for themselves, for others, and for the world around them in all they do.

We look forward to a meaningful and inspiring term ahead!

Welcome to International Students and New Student

We welcome our International Students this term. We also welcome Noah Rawlinson to St Patricks as well as Zivo Bongo and Aria Hubbard to St Clare.

DEPOT Trip

This Friday, the whole school will be visiting DEPOT Artspace to view and learn about the amazing Matariki-themed artwork created by local Devonport artists. This is a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to explore how Matariki is expressed through visual art and storytelling, and to connect with our local creative community. We look forward to celebrating this special time of year through the lens of culture, creativity, and reflection.



Soccer Skills Sessions

On Wednesday, our tamariki took part in a fantastic Soccer Skills Session. The session was full of energy, teamwork, and lots of fun as students practiced dribbling, passing, and shooting through a range of engaging drills and games. Led by experienced coaches, the session catered to all skill levels and created a supportive environment where every child could build confidence and enjoy being active.

St Leo's Catholic School – 2025 School Board Elections

All state and state-integrated schools, including St Leo's Catholic School, are required to hold board elections every three years. The next round of elections will take place this year, in September 2025.

St Leo's is a vibrant Catholic primary school with a rich heritage, committed staff, and a supportive and faith-filled community. Serving on the St Leo's School Board is a special opportunity to act as kaitiaki (guardian) of our school and its mission, and to help shape the strategic direction and vision for our tamariki through good governance.

Our school board consists of four elected parent representatives, three Proprietors representatives, the Principal, and a staff representative elected by staff.

You don't need to be a parent or caregiver of a child at the school to stand for election. You just need a genuine interest in supporting St Leo's Catholic School, strong communication skills, and the ability to work well as part of a team.

Every board member brings their own unique strengths. You might have experience in education, finance, leadership, or community involvement. You may also bring valuable insight into the diverse communities that make up our school.

Before standing for election, all nominees must confirm they meet the eligibility criteria. You can find out more about this at www.schoolboardelections.org.nz.

If you're enthusiastic about making a difference and want to help shape the future of our school, we'd love you to consider standing!

St Leo's has appointed Renee Mossman as our Returning Officer.

In July, nomination and voting information will be emailed/posted directly to all eligible voters by the returning officer. If we don't have your email address on file, nomination and voting papers will be posted to ensure everyone has the chance to participate.

School Board Elections must follow the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022.

If you have any questions about the election process, you can contact the Returning Officer on 09 4459339. We'll continue to share updates over the coming weeks as we move through each stage of the election process.

Election date: 17 September 2025

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices:

Chess

After a successful free lunchtime chess session last term we are looking at getting Chess Power in for lunchtimes once a week. Flyers were sent home last term. If your child is keen register at www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

PTFA News

Next PTFA meeting **23 July** 7.30pm in the staffroom or via google meet

Disco - We are looking forward to the disco tomorrow night. Time: 5.30-8.30pm. Junior music, 5.30-7pm and Senior music, 7-8.30pm or come when you like.

As well as serving dinner for the children we will have hot chips, waffles, soft drinks and lollies on sale. We will also have glow products on sale for the children.

Sausage sizzle lunch - There will be a sausage sizzle lunch on Friday 8 August. Order forms will be sent home soon.

Quiz Night - Friday 12 September Ticket sales will open Monday 21 July. Get in early and get your tickets so you don't miss out.

<https://events.humanitix.com//stleos-quiz-2025>

School Fair - Sunday 16 November

Sign up sheets for jobs for the fair will be up in the office early next week so sign up quick to get the job you want. It would be great if every parent could sign up for a job so we can make this day a great success.

Reuben O'Neill Bursary

The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to assist in making Catholic education available to some families and their children who otherwise would be unable to receive a Catholic education. The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established to honour Reuben O'Neill, who was an exceptional volunteer and supporter of Catholic education throughout his lifetime. Reuben O'Neill (1932-2025) was a husband, parent and grandparent and was recognised by Pope John Paul II in 1989 receiving a papal knighthood for his services to the Catholic Church of New Zealand. Reuben was proud of his own Catholic education and worked faithfully to make Catholic education accessible to as many people as possible, through building the Common Fund Cooperative, developing new schools, and improving the standard of existing schools across the Diocese of Auckland.

Whānau/families can apply at primary or secondary levels. Eligibility criteria include a desire for Catholic education for their child, and financial benefit to their family. Students of any year level can apply for the scholarship.

In 2025 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries were awarded and are for the duration of a student's time at primary or secondary school. In 2026 an additional 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries will be offered. It may be a family whose child is already enrolled in a Catholic school, or someone you know who desires a Catholic education for their child but for whom the associated cost of Attendance Dues are a barrier.

All applications should be emailed to Viki Trainor at scholarships@cda.org.nz or posted to Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Auckland 1144.

See Renee or Vimi for an application form.



Timetable of events term 3

Friday 18 July	Whole school trip to The Depot School disco 5.30 - 8.30
Tuesday 22 July	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 23 July	Interschool cross country Music with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 24 July	BIS New Parent Info Evening 6.30pm
Friday 25 July	Save day Interschool cross country Whole school mass midday
Tuesday 29 July	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am BIS Open Day Tour 9.30am - 10.30
Wednesday 30 July	Music with Dominic BIS Open Day tour 11.15 - 12.15 BOT meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 31 July	Year 5 Bike skills
Friday 1 August	Peninsula Choral Festival 9.30
Tuesday 5 August	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Thursday 7 August	Kahui Ako Kapa Haka showcase at Rosmini
Friday 8 August	Sausage sizzle lunch
Tuesday 12 August	Photolife photos Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic
Wednesday 13 August	Music with Dominic
Thursday 14 August	Rippa rugby tournament
Friday 15 August	Whole school mass midday
Tuesday 19 August	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic Save Day Rippa Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 20 August	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 26 August	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic Kahui Ako Kapa Haka showcase
Thursday 28 August	Open Day
Friday 29 August	BIS Enrolments close Daffodil Day Whole school mass
Sunday 31 August	School/Parish mass
Tuesday 2 September	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic Assembly 10.03am
Wednesday 3 September	Music with Dominic BOT meeting
Sunday 7 September	Father's Day
Tuesday 9 September	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am
Wednesday 10 September	Music with Dominic
Thursday 11 September	Learning expo
Friday 12 September	Cans for Christmas collection Quiz Night Whole school mass midday
Monday 15 September	Haka Up Performance
Tuesday 16 September	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 17 September	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Friday 19 September	Term 3 ends.

Community Notices.

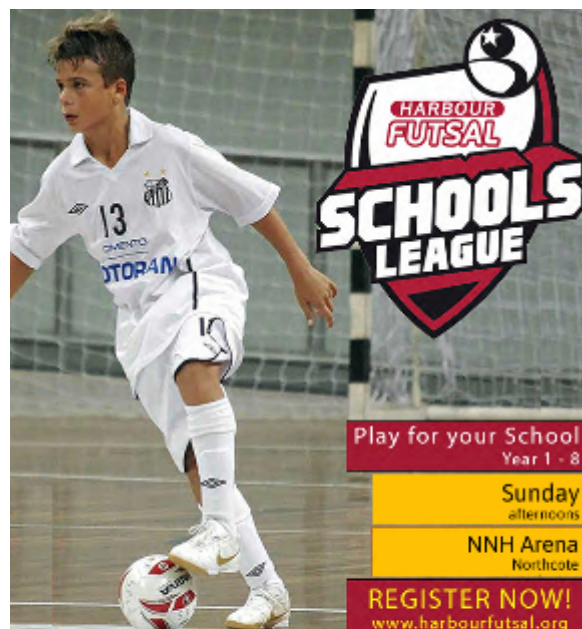
A new exhibition at the Kerr Street Artspace, "Building (Under the Volcano)" with artists/ academics Kate Linzey, Richard Reddaway, and Matt Liggins, as well as several students from the School of Architecture and Planning from the University of Auckland. This email is in case the Depot Artspace has not already emailed you yet.

The exhibition is a great opportunity for children to learn the joy of building and creativity, given it is entirely assembled from cardboard and paint, but also features many fun spaces constructed from cardboard such as a movie theater and tunnels! It would be a great activity for children, especially if the weather is less than ideal such as today. You can learn more about the exhibition with the following links below:

[DEPOT Events: Building Under the Volcano](#)
[Architecture Now Article](#)

Furthermore, here are some photographs of the Exhibition for reference, attached below/

The Exhibition is open from Monday 14th to Friday 18th from 10am to 4pm, and it is free entry.



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