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

Feast Day of Saint Clare 11 August

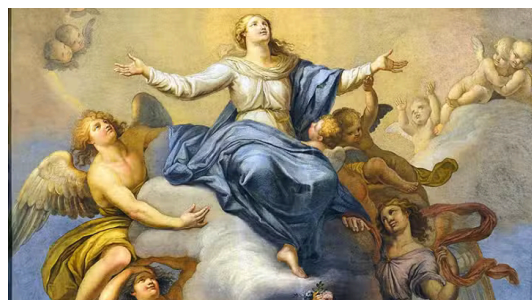
On August 11th, we remembered the Feast of St Clare, a day dedicated to honouring her inspiring life of faith, compassion, and service. St Clare's commitment to kindness and humility reminds us all of the importance of caring for others and living out our values daily. Students participated in special prayers and reflections, deepening their understanding of her example. This feast day encourages us to continue fostering a spirit of generosity and love within our school community.



"Go forth without fear, Christian soul, for you have a good guide for your journey. Go forth without fear, for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother." - Saint Clare, on her deathbed in 1253

Assumption of Mary

On August 15th, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a special day that honours Mary being taken body and soul into heaven. This feast reminds us of Mary's unique role in God's plan and her example of faith and devotion. Our students reflected on Mary's journey and the hope it brings to all believers. It's a beautiful celebration of faith, hope, and the promise of eternal life.



Kapa Haka Showcase

Our students had an incredible opportunity to participate in the Rosmini Kapa Haka Showcase, where they proudly shared their kapa haka talents on stage. This event celebrated Māori culture and provided a wonderful platform for our tamariki to express themselves through waiata, and traditional performance. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment to embracing and sharing our rich cultural heritage.



St Leo's Catholic School – 2025 School Board Elections

We received 4 nominations for the Board of Trustees Elections. As this is the number of positions we needed to fill there is no need to hold an election.

We therefore declare the new Board of Trustees to be:

Dan Mauafu

Sarah Hooper

Samantha Rawlinson

Olivia West

We look forward to working with them. We will share their profiles with you in upcoming newsletters.

A big thank you to all they have contributed over the years to Aston Talbot, Andrew Jameson and Henry Stanaway who have stood down.

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

Other notices:

Look Sharp Code

Below is a QR code that grants a 10% discount to all students, parents, teachers and staff of your school. Simply show this code when purchasing at any Look Sharp store.

PTFA News

Next PTFA meeting **Tuesday 9th September** 7.30pm in the staffroom or via google meet

Quiz Night - Friday 12 September Ticket sales are open. Get in early and get your tickets so you don't miss out. Tickets are already selling fast.

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

School Fair - Sunday 16 November

Sign up sheets for jobs for the fair are up in the office so sign up quickly 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 15 August	Whole school mass midday
Monday 18 August	Morning tea soccer session
Tuesday 19 August	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 20 August	Music with Dominic
Thursday 21 August	Chess club
Monday 25 August	Morning tea soccer session
Tuesday 26 August	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic
Wednesday 27 August	New Parents afternoon tea 2.15pm staffroom
Thursday 28 August	Open Day Chess club
Friday 29 August	BIS Enrolments close Daffodil Day
Sunday 31 August	School/Parish mass
Monday 1 September	Morning tea soccer session
Tuesday 2 September	Playgroup 9.15am Music with Dominic Assembly 10.03am
Wednesday 3 September	Music with Dominic BOT meeting
Thursday 4 September	Chess club
Sunday 7 September	Father's Day
Monday 8 September	Morning tea soccer session
Tuesday 9 September	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Soccer tournament PTFA meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 10 September	Music with Dominic
Thursday 11 September	Chess club Learning expo
Friday 12 September	Cans for Christmas collection Quiz Night Whole school mass midday
Monday 15 September	Haka Up Performance Windsor Reserve 9am
Tuesday 16 September	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 17 September	Music with Domini
Thursday 18 September	Chess club
Friday 19 September	Term 3 ends.

Community Notices.

FEMALE


SELF DEFENSE

CLASSES WITH KAUAN GRACIE

10AM-11.30AM

date of classes
10TH AUGUST
14TH SEPTEMBER

event's location
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FREE ENTRY	31 AUGUST	SUN 1-3PM
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PLEASE BRING:

- Bike
- Helmet
- Long-sleeved top
- Long pants
- Covered shoes
- Gloves

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- Bikes of all sizes
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