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

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at St Leo's Catholic School, we reflect on the blessings, achievements, and moments of growth that have shaped our school community in 2024. This year has been filled with learning, faith, and fellowship, as we worked together to live out our Mercy values in everything we do.

We are so proud of our students for their hard work and dedication, and we thank our teachers and staff for their tireless efforts to nurture and guide them. To our parent community, board members, and volunteers, your support has been instrumental in creating a vibrant and caring environment for our tamariki.

As we look forward to a well-deserved summer break, we wish all our families a joyful and restful holiday season. May you celebrate the spirit of Christmas with aroha, manaakitanga, and gratitude. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you back in 2025 for another year of learning, growth, and community.

Meri Kirihimete and blessings to you all!

Merry  
Christmas  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Farewell to Mrs. Fulmizi

As the school year comes to a close, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Fulmizi, who has been a cherished member of the St Leo's Catholic School community. Her dedication, passion for teaching, and care for our tamariki have left a lasting impact on students, staff, and families alike.

Mrs. Fulmizi's contributions have gone far beyond the classroom, enriching the life of our school with her humour, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to living out our Mercy values. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her as she embarks on her next chapter. Mrs Fulmizi will be teaching at St Josephs in Takapuna where her daughter is currently attending.

On behalf of the entire St Leo's community, we thank Mrs. Fulmizi for her incredible service and wish her every blessing in the future. You will always be part of our St Leo's whānau!

## New Entrant Transition and Settling-In Program

At St Leo's School we are committed to ensuring that our new entrant students have a smooth and positive transition into school life. Our Transition and Settling-In Program is designed to provide a nurturing and welcoming environment, reflecting the Mercy values of compassion, respect, and care.

Led by Anna Rumble, a valued member of our teaching team and Board of Trustees, the program runs over 4 weeks. During this time, children gradually transition into the Year 0-2 class, receiving tailored support to help them adapt to their new learning environment. This is followed by an additional two weeks of ongoing support to ensure they are fully settled and thriving.

The program focuses on core curriculum areas such as literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development, helping students build foundational skills while fostering confidence and independence. Activities are designed to align with the school's commitment to excellence in education and its nurturing ethos, ensuring every child feels supported, valued, and ready to learn.

We believe that a strong start sets the stage for a lifetime of learning and growth, and we are proud to provide this dedicated program to support our youngest learners.



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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 a new entrant transition and settling-in program, as well as before and after school care. Our children enjoy a broad education including multiple sports, music, Kapa Haka, drama, 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 \$332 (\$133 per term). Excludes school activities/trips. For enrolments submitted in 2023. This includes enrolments for future years. Subject to St Leo's enrolment criteria. Limited spaces available.

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Led by Anna Rumble, a valued member of our teaching support team, Board of Trustees and a mother of three, the program runs over 3-4 weeks. During this time, children receive tailored support for the first hour of each day, to help them adjust to school routines and gradually transition into the Year 0-2 class. This is followed by up to two weeks of additional ongoing support to ensure they are fully settled and thriving in their new learning environment.

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## Introducing St Clare Teachers 2025: Silke Schaffer will be in St Clare for 3 days and Josie Masson for 2 days



My name is Silke Schäffer. I am a German New Zealander, who lives with my husband, our 5 children, aged from 10-23, and our black spoodle Ruby in Browns Bay Auckland. After having travelled halfway around the world on my big OE to NZ, I studied to become a primary school teacher in Dunedin. While I have called New Zealand my home now over nearly 35 years, I have also maintained a close relationship to my original home country, Germany. To ensure that all our children grow up fully bilingual and bicultural I have enabled them to also live about 2-3

months a year in Germany, where they then attend German school while I work at an international kindergarten and after school care in Munich. Back in Auckland I established a small bilingual school and kindergarten 20 years ago which my own children and many others of the German New Zealand community have attended.

Children's language development, their literacy and love for learning have been part of my philosophy of life. I look very much forward to the opportunity to share my love of teaching and working with young children at St Leo's Primary school in a part-time role and cannot wait to get to know every one of you and your children in person.

### Greetings St Leo's parents and school community,

My name is Josie Masson and I am thrilled to join the St Leo's community next year. I will be teaching in St Clare on Thursday's and Friday's in a job share role. I have been teaching for roughly six years now in a variety of different year levels, from New Entrants through to Year 6. I am also a local Devonport mum and I live with my fiancé Julian and our two preschool aged sons; Teddy, 3, and Leo, 1 - you may have even seen me around with a double buggy!

I feel very privileged to be able to work in our wonderful community and I aim to uphold the Mercy values in my teaching practice as well as finding fun ways for children to learn. Music is one of my passions - I can play the cello and I love to sing, so I look forward to bringing this passion to the classroom environment. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, exercising, exploring the local playgrounds with my sons and getting new books out of the library. I look forward to meeting you all soon. Ngā mihi me te aroha nui.



### Sponsorship: Your chance to sponsor a child to come to St Leo's in 2025

St Leo's Catholic Primary School Board invites you to consider sponsoring a child's attendance dues for 2025 (total \$532 for the year or \$133 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.

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*

## Other notices

### Attendance Dues

Term 4 Attendance Dues are due before the end of this term and invoices for term 4 activity fees have been sent. Please pay these as soon as you can if you haven't already done so. If you are having trouble paying these invoices please see Renee or Vimi.

### Timetable of events for Term 4

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| Thursday 12 December | Christmas show 10am  |
| Monday 16 December   | Year 6 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm                        |
| Tuesday 17 December  | Leavers Mass 10.30am - all welcome<br>Term 4 finishes midday |

### PTFA News

#### Music Concert

A huge thank you to Dominic and the choir for a fantastic evening of music on November 30th. We hope those of you who attended had a great time.

#### Save the Date

Our beginning of the year family picnic will be held on Friday 21 February. More details to follow but in the meantime save the date.

#### End of year letter

An end of year PTFA letter will be emailed to you in the next few days.

We have had an amazing year of fundraising making around \$36,000.00 this year. A donation of \$30,000.00 was made to the school this week which will go towards funding staff and resources for the school.

After two years as temporary PTFA chairperson I will be stepping down as Chairperson at the AGM so please have a think about whether it is something you could do (or you and a friend)

#### Dumplings

We have some frozen dumplings leftover from the fair. If you would like to purchase some of these for \$4 packet please see Renee.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# NOUGHTY WASTERS

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| <b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>CUTE HATCHLINGS FUN & ANGRY BIRDS MADNESS!<br><br>BIRD FUN BATTLE! EXCELLENT CHALLENGES, GAMES AND CUTE CRAZINESS!                                      | <b>TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>FINDING DORY DAY!<br><br>WHERE IS THAT FUNNY DORY? LET'S HAVE A GREAT DAY OF SEA CREATURE FUN AS WE HUNT FOR HER AND REUNITE THE FORGETFUL FISH WITH HER FRIENDS! | <b>WED 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>CROODS DAY!<br><br>EPIC WILD CAVE - CREATURE, DINOSAUR AND CAVEPEOPLE CHALLENGES, FUN HUTS & CRAFTS!                        | <b>THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>SUMMER FUN DAY!!<br><br>WATER PLAY AND SUMMER CRAFTS! REMEMBER TO BRING A HAT, TOWEL & A TOWEL FOR WATER PLAY AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE!               | <b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>PADDINGTON IN PERU MOVIE & AN ICE CREAM! EXTRA COST \$18<br><br>MOVIE AT THE VIC AND SUPER SWEET FUN AND BEARY CUTE CRAFTS AT DCH. BRING YOUR FAVOURITE TEDDY OR PLUSHIE IF YOU LIKE!        |
| <b>MON 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>GAMES! GAMES! GAMES! KIDS' WORLD RECORDS GAMESHOW DAY!<br><br>MAKE OUR OWN BOARD GAMES, PLAY FUN GROUP GAMES AND RECORD BREAKING GAME SHOW CHALLENGES! | <b>TUES 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>MR KRABS TROPICAL FUN DAY!<br><br>REMEMBER TO BRING A HAT, TOWEL & A TOWEL FOR WATER PLAY AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE! BEACH VIST & SANDCASTLE COMPETITION!           | <b>WED 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>SCOOBY DOOBY DOO! MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY DAY!<br><br>SPOOKY DOOBY MYSTERY MADNESS IN AND AROUND DCH HELP US SOLVE THE MYSTERY! | <b>THURS 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>LET'S CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN & HAVE GAMES & A PICNIC LUNCH!!<br><br>WEATHER PERMITTING BIG WALK UP MT VIC! REMEMBER YOUR SUNHAT, SHOES & WATER BOTTLE! | <b>FRI 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b><br>YOGI KIDS YOGA! GALAPAGOS ISLAND ADVENTURE!<br><br>STRETCH LIKE AN IGUANA AND MOVE SLOW LIKE A TORTOISE. FUN WITH YOGI KIDS PD YOGA AND COOL AMAZING ANIMAL ANTIMICS, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS! |

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