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5 February 2025

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

Welcome Back to Term 1! Xīnnián kuàilè!

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break, filled with rest, joy, and special moments with loved ones. It's always exciting to start a new term, and we're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and community.

Summer Adventures

This summer was a truly special one for me, as I had the chance to visit Melbourne to spend time with family and friends. It was wonderful to reconnect, share stories, and create new memories. I also cherished some quality time with my family and dog Charlie, making the most of the sunshine and relaxed holiday pace. I hope your summer was just as refreshing and enjoyable!



Looking Ahead to an Exciting Term

As we step into Term 1, we have plenty to look forward to, including school picnic and curriculum evening, swimming sports day, school/Parish Mass, PTFA AGM and much more. Please see the notices at the bottom of this newsletter for other events and dates. Our focus this term will be on Turangawaewae: *one's place of belonging, connection, and identity, grounded in whenua (land), whakapapa (ancestry), and community. Fostering a sense of belonging for all students, staff, and whānau, rooted in the values of manaakitanga (hospitality) and whanaungatanga (relationships). It aligns with the Gospel message of inclusion, love, and respect for each person as created in the image of God, ensuring a strong and positive start to the year for all our students.*

We are blessed to have such a supportive school community, and I look forward to working alongside you all as we journey through this year together.

Wishing you all a joyful and successful start to the term.

Welcome New Students

We welcome Evander Mauafu and Harry Matheson to St Clare. We also welcome Jayce Kuruvilla to St Catherine.

Welcome International Students

We welcome 5 International Students to St Leo's. Three tamariki are in St Catherine and two in St Patrick.

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, which is also tax deductible. Please contact the school office at 09 445 9339 if you can help.

Attendance

The Ministry of Education's attendance goal: is to get 80% of students to attend 90% of the time.

St Leo's Catholic School – Daily Attendance Process

1. Reporting Absences: Parents must notify the school office by 9.30am if your child cannot attend school. The office will contact the parent or caregiver if we have not received a reason. If no response is received, the child will be marked as Truant.
2. Daily Roll Checks: Attendance is recorded twice daily—once at the start of the day and again after lunch. The office monitors attendance to ensure consistency.
3. Ministry of Education Tracking: Attendance data, including information on students who are absent or late, is automatically sent to the Ministry of Education each day.
4. Principal's Attendance Report: Each term, the principal receives a report summarising student attendance, including reasons for absences. This report is shared with the Board of Trustees.
5. Attendance Alerts: The office, and principal receive automatic alerts when students meet the following levels of non-attendance within a term:
 - o 5-9 days
 - o 10-14 days
 - o 15 or more days
6. School Attendance Plan: The St Leo's Catholic School Attendance Plan will be confirmed at the next Board meeting and shared with the St Leo's community.
7. Accessing Attendance Information:
 - o Attendance policies and procedures are available on SchoolDocs.
 - o The Ministry of Education's parent information for parents is available to view by clicking on this [LINK](#).
8. Parent Communication: Attendance expectations and procedures will be shared with all new families at the start of each term.

Regular attendance plays a crucial role in student learning and success. Thank you for supporting and ensuring your child is present and engaged in daily education.

God Bless,

Vimi Chandra

Other notices

Invoices

These were posted to all families today so hopefully you will receive them in the next few days. Please pay them in whatever way fits in with your budget but also please note that if you are paying by term, Attendance Dues for that term must be paid by the end of the term. Please note when doing online banking the account name is now ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL (DEVONPORT) BOARD.

Scholastic books

Order forms will be coming home today. If you want to order these are only done online.

Celebrating past pupils

Congratulations to Joseph Wolfkamo and Anthony Angelo on becoming prefects at Rosmini.

Carmel College

Honor Braid Principal's award for contribution to school life.

Lily McGivern year 13 Deans' award contribution to school life.

Kate Bell-Booth service to sport

St Mary's College

Chloris Wong - 1st in fashion & Interior design.

Clara Angelo - Top Academic Achievement in year 8. First in drama, English, Maths, RE, Science, Social studies and tech. May

Upton - 1st in English, Health & PE, RE & Social Studies.

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Timetable of events for Term 1

Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Tuesday 11 February	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 12 February	Music lessons with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Friday 14 February	Whole school mass
Tuesday 18 February	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 19 February	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 20 February	Year 6 Waterwise begins
Friday 21 February	School picnic/PTFA AGM 4pm
Tuesday 25 February	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 26 February	Music lessons with Dominic BOT meeting 6.30
Thursday 27 February	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 28 February	MOE TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 3 March	Swimming sports @ Devonport school
Tuesday 4 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 5 March	Music lessons with Dominic Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Tuesday 11 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 12 March	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 13 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 14 March	Whole school mass
Monday 17 March	St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 18 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15 Assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 19 March	Music lessons with Dominic Yr 6 Grip Leadership Programme
Thursday 20 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 21 March	St Catherine Antarctica VR experience @ school
Sunday 23 March	Sacramental programme begins 3.30 - 5pm
Tuesday 25 March	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 26 March	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 27 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 28 March	Whole school mass Renee away
Sunday 30 March	Sacramental programme 3.30 - 5pm
Tuesday 1 April	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 2 April	Music lessons with Dominic BOT meeting
Thursday 3 April	Year 6 Waterwise Parent/Teacher interviews
Monday 7 April - Wednesday 9 April	Life Education Visit
Tuesday 8 April	Playgroup 9.15 - 10.15
Wednesday 9 April	Music lessons with Dominic
Thursday 10 April	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 11 April	Whole school mass Term 1 ends
Sunday 13 April	Sacramental programme

PTFA News

Our beginning of the year family picnic will be held on Friday 21 February 4pm onwards. The PTFA AGM will be held at this time too. Please consider if you or you and a friend would like to be the chairperson. We will also be looking for class reps.

Visit our Open Days on

Thursday 27 February 2025 (1.30-3.00pm) and
Friday 28 February 2025 (9.00-10.30am)



Enrolment Applications for 2026 open on 28 January 2025

For all enrolment application enquiries please check the website or contact Jane Meurant
(jmeurant@carmel.school.nz) or call (09) 4861132 ext 704

Address: 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford, Auckland **Email:** admin@carmel.school.nz **Website:** www.carmel.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2025 OPEN DAY Thursday 6 March 2025

Two sessions available, commencing 2.30pm & 6.00pm
Both sessions deliver the same information



Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2026 open Monday 10 February
for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at
other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions
Enrolment and application information are available on our website

www.stmaryak.school.nz

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13

Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Auckland.
Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3
days – hours can be negotiable) Receptionist/Administrator based
in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic
Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and
support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient,
effective, and professional reception and administrative services
to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Services and staff
vacancies.

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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2026
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 6th March 2025 | 9:30am or 1:45pm
Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)

DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE AND NATASHA PRETORIUS PRESENT

Family FUN DAY BBQ

AT WINDSOR RESERVE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
12PM - 3PM
EXCITING GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy an afternoon with your family.

Join us for a fundraiser supporting our Devonport Community House

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.DEVONPORTCOMHOUSE.CO.NZ

NEWCOMERS MEET-UP

THURSDAYS 9.30AM-10.30AM
DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE
TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

Welcome to anyone who is new to the community and would like some support, meet other people in the community or just wants a cup of tea or coffee. Citizen Advice representative is available at each session, to help with any extra questions you may have.

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The team at Devonport Family Medicine are dedicated to supporting the health and wellbeing of your family. Dr Pieter Veenhuijsen has worked in the Devonport community for over 13 years. Dr Kosar Kheirabi has recently joined the team and has experience in all areas of medicine with a keen interest in paediatrics, surgery, women's health and health of older people. Together with an experienced nursing and admin team, the practice is committed to delivering quality care with a personal touch. Enrol online or simply pop in to see us.

Hon Simon Watts
MP for North Shore

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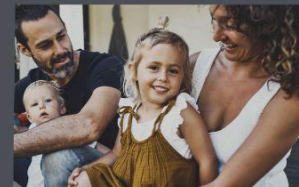
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