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14 November 2024

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

A Big Thank You for a Successful St Leo's School Fair!

What a fantastic day we had at the St Leo's School Fair! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our school community—students, staff, parents, and volunteers—this year's fair was an incredible success. From the delicious food stalls and exciting games to the creative art displays and raffles, it was a day filled with fun, laughter, and connection.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised significant funds that will go directly towards supporting our school's educational initiatives, resources, and community programs.



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, whether by donating goods, volunteering their time, or simply attending. Your support helps make St Leo's an even stronger and more vibrant community.

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's fair—let's keep the spirit of St Leo's alive, supporting one another and making a difference for our students!

Catholic Character Review

In the upcoming newsletters I will be highlighting some of the aspects of what makes our school great. This was clearly evident to the reviewers.

Dimension 1: Te Tütaki Ki ATe Karaiti-Encounter with Christ How effectively does the school encourage and facilitate the development of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who reveals the transforming love and truth of the living God?

Evangelisation:

The school effectively facilitates an encounter with Christ and spreads the Good News to the community. The school and Parish work collaboratively to find ways to encourage ākonga and the whānau to attend and participate in the termly Mass.

The Parish priest holds the school in good regard. Parishioners are visible in the kura, several are Board members and this is effective in strengthening an ongoing relationship with the Parish. Both the school and Parish are positive about what can be achieved by working together and these opportunities are enjoyed immensely by the ākonga and kaiako.

Ministry Teacher Only Day Friday 15 November- School Closed

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Friday for a teacher only day.

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 3 activity fees were sent before the holidays. 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.

Celebrating past pupils

Congratulations to ex pupil Joseph Wolfkamp who has been made head boy of Rosmini College.

Yummy stickers

Thank you to those who have been collecting Yummy stickers for the school. We earned \$283 to spend on sports gear this year. Charts are available from the office so you can start collecting again for next year.

Timetable of events for Term 4

Friday 15 November	Teacher Only Day - Ministry
Monday 18 November	Year 5/6 camp
Tuesday 19 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am Year 5/6 camp
Wednesday 20 November	Year 5/6 camp
Thursday 21 November	Year 6 Waterwise Year 6 parents meeting Positive Puberty
Friday 22 November	Whole school mass
Sunday 24 November	Auckland Santa Parade
Tuesday 26 November	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am Year 6 Positive puberty
Wednesday 27 November	School Athletics Day 9.30am - 1pm PTFA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 28 November	Year 6 Waterwise

Friday 29 November	Savouries lunch
Saturday 30 November	Waffle fundraiser at Titirangi Music fundraiser 7pm (see PTFA news)
Monday 2 December	Year 6 to Rainbow's End All library books due back
Tuesday 3 December	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 4 December	Assembly - St Clare BOT meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 5 December	Waterwise
Friday 6 December	Peninsula Athletics Mass midday
Monday 9 December	Parents Thank you morning tea 11am
Tuesday 10 December	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am
Wednesday 11 December	Assembly
Thursday 12 December	Christmas show 10am
Monday 16 December	Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 December	Term 4 finishes midday

PTFA News

Fair

A huge thank you to each and every one of you who helped at the fair on Sunday. Final figures will be released soon but it was an awesome day.

Music fundraiser 30 November evening

An upcoming exciting event: for the first time in our 10-years-plus history, the St Leo's Catholic School Choir will be giving a public concert in the hall.

Very exciting, but we need your help. Most importantly, we need all our singers there on the night so please mark this date in your diary.

The music starts at 7pm, so it won't be a late night: perfect for inviting grandparents, extended family, friends, neighbours and former pupils as it's a fundraising event. We want to fill the hall!

Doors open at 6pm with a licenced bar and snacks and the Parish Choir has kindly offered to begin the evening. Tickets are now on sale and are available from the school office. Please pre buy your tickets for catering purposes.

Adults \$10, school-age children \$5. Money can be paid into the PTFA account - 12-3057-0067576-00

Many thanks in advance for your support, Dominic Blaazer

Savoury lunch

Order forms have been sent home today for a savoury lunch on Friday 29 November. Please return order forms by Wednesday 27 November.

Sand saucers

Congratulations to the following children who won the decorative saucer competition: 3/4 age group Theo & Eva Gillies 5/6 age group Cody 7/8 age group Evie Atkinson 9/10 age group James Edhouse 11/12 age group Izzie Atkinson

Wine fundraiser

We have a wine fundraising running until **22 November.** Order forms have been emailed. I will have hard copies in the office if you need one. Stock up on some good quality but cheap wine ready for Christmas.

Homes of Devonport

Thank you to those of you who voted for our Homes of Devonport Christmas tree this year. We came second this year and won \$250.

Santa Parade

St Leo's will be entering a float in this year's Santa Parade on December 1st. At the moment we only have one child taking part. Please let us know if your child will be a part of our float.

Next meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This will be a fair debrief and last minute planning for November 30th fundraiser.

Thank you to the following businesses that have supported the fair by donating goods or vouchers or loaning us goods:

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