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28 November 2024

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

Advent: A Season of Hope and Anticipation

As we begin the season of Advent (Sunday 1 December), we are invited into a time of preparation and reflection. Advent, meaning "coming," marks the four weeks leading up to Christmas, a time when we wait in hope for the celebration of Christ's birth. It's a season to pause, reflect on God's promises, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

This Advent, let's embrace the quiet moments of waiting, the joy of anticipation, and the light of hope that shines in the darkness. Whether through daily reflections, acts of kindness, or time spent with loved ones, may this Advent be a season of renewal and peace for all. Join us as we journey together through these weeks of preparation, ready to celebrate the great gift of Christ's birth.

Stay tuned for resources, events, and ways to grow in faith during this special season.



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 2: Te Whakatupu Mā Te Mātauranga: Growth in Knowledge

How effectively does the school assist its community to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ, his teachings and the Catholic Church?

Evangelisation:

Planning assessment, evaluation and reporting procedures about and for ākonga are as highly effective and of the same very high standard as are those in other learning areas. This is evidenced through ākonga's outcomes; these are also responsive, planned and evaluated very effectively.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

The year 5 and 6 tamariki had an amazing time at Shakespear YMCA Camp. They took part in fun activities which allowed them to work as a team and take some risks. It was great to see the children using problem solving skills to navigate their way through raft building and orienteering. What a fabulous experience for everyone. Thank you to all the parents who took their time out to help with camp.



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.

What a Day at Athletics!

We had an incredible time at our School Athletics Day! The sun was shining, the energy was high, and our students gave it their all in every event, from sprints to long jumps and everything in between. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship on display.

A massive thank you goes out to our amazing parent helpers who made the day run so smoothly. Whether you were helping set up, cheering from the sidelines, or assisting with the events, we couldn't have done it without you. Your support means so much to our school community.



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 Rosemary Dobbs for winning an award for teamwork and commitment to orchestra.

Hall Cleaning working bee

The Parish is running a working bee on Saturday 7 December to clean and tidy up the hall so it is ready for our end of year events. If you are able to give an hour of your time please arrive at 10am or anytime until 11am.

Thank you morning tea

Invitations to the thank you morning tea were sent out a while ago. If you are able to come and have not responded please let Renee know for catering purposes.

Timetable of events for Term 4

Friday 29 November	Savouries lunch
Saturday 30 November	Waffle fundraiser at Titirangi Music fundraiser at school 6pm (see PTFA news) Tickets still available until 3pm Friday
Monday 2 December	Year 6 to Rainbow's End All library books due back ready for stocktake
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 - final one
Friday 6 December	Mass midday
Saturday 7 December	Hall cleaning working bee
Monday 9 December	Parents Thank you morning tea 11am
Tuesday 10 December	Private music lessons with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am - 10.15am Year 5 swimming for Waterwise session
Wednesday 11 December	Whole school show practice 9.30 - please ensure your child is at school
Thursday 12 December	Christmas show 10am
Monday 16 December	Leavers Dinner 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 December	Leavers Mass 10.30am Term 4 finishes midday

PTFA News

Fair

A huge thank you to each and every one of you who helped at the fair. Figures are still not quite finalised as money is still coming in but we are looking at around \$25,000.00 profit. A great result!!

Congratulations to Grace Rumble who won the prize for donating goods for the fair. Grace, Freya and Mr M enjoyed lunch at Corelli's today.

Music fundraiser 30 November evening

Your child does not have to be in the choir for you to attend. Come along and enjoy a fun 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

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE
OR
PAINT YOUR OWN COOKIES
OR
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Time - 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Date - 17, 19, 20 & 23 December
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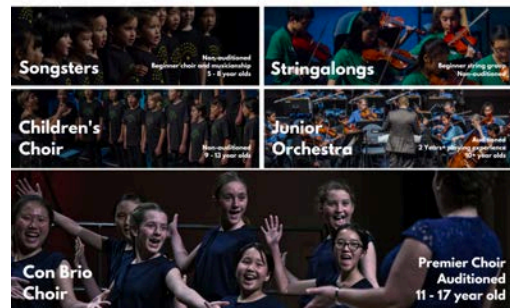
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20th - 24th January 2025
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Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the January School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

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