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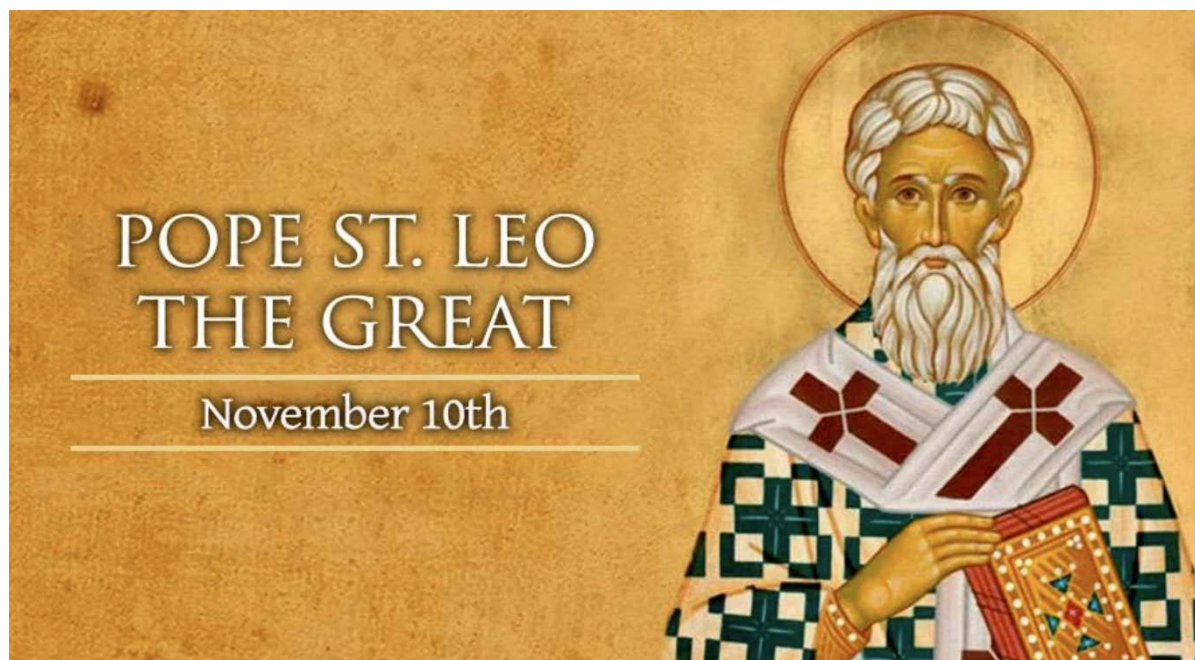
6 November 2025

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

This week, we learnt about All Saints' Day, a special time to remember all the saints who showed God's love through their kindness, courage, and care for others. The saints remind us that we can be followers of Jesus in our own lives too — by helping, forgiving, and showing mercy every day.

Next week, on Monday, 10 November, we will celebrate our school's special day, St Leo's Feast Day! St Leo the Great was a brave and wise leader who taught people to live with faith and love. We are proud to have St Leo as our school's patron saint, and we will celebrate with prayer, fun activities, and time together as a school and parish family.

It's a time to give thanks for our wonderful Mercy school and for everyone who helps make St Leo's a place of faith, friendship, and joy.



## Year 6 Kahui Ako Connections Day

Our Year 6 students had a wonderful time at the Kāhui Ako Connections Day this week! The day began beautifully with a Mass, where students from our local Catholic schools came together in prayer and thanksgiving. After Mass, everyone enjoyed a variety of fun games and activities that helped them build new friendships and strengthen their connections across the Kāhui Ako. It was a joyful day filled with laughter, teamwork, and faith, an excellent way for our Year 6s to celebrate being part of our wider Catholic community.



## Athletics Day

What an amazing day we had for our St Leo's Athletics Day! Our tamariki gave their best effort in every event; from sprints and long distance races to long jump, frisbee throw, and ball throw. It was wonderful to see everyone showing great sportsmanship, cheering each other on, and having fun in the sunshine. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who made the day run so smoothly and to those who took part in the always-popular parents' race at the end! It was a fantastic way to finish a day full of energy, teamwork, and joy.



## St Francis and St Leo's Community Survey

We'd love to hear from you! Our community comprises our Parish, St Francis de Sales and All Souls' Church, and our School, St Leo's Catholic School. St Leo's was founded by our Parish in 1897 so that our tamariki could grow and learn in the light of Catholic values and teachings.

To strengthen our connections, we've created a short community survey to help us reconnect and learn about who we are, where we live, and the fantastic gifts, skills, and strengths we each bring. By sharing a little about yourself and your whānau, you'll help us understand how our community is already contributing and how we can come together to plan future opportunities that foster belonging, participation, and shared purpose.

We know many of you are already involved in wonderful parish and school initiatives. This survey will help us create a clearer picture of all the great things happening and how we can collaborate even more effectively.

We'd also love to stay in touch, so please share your preferred contact details. Everything you share will remain confidential. You don't have to answer every question, and completing the survey does not commit you to any future activity — it simply helps us ensure that what we plan reflects who we are, what we value, and how we can continue to grow together as a faith community.

Together, let's celebrate our shared history and strengthen the spirit of connection that makes our St Leo's and Parish whānau so special. Link for the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oEQ9mUsRoL-ITu90jjBZuC\\_g3Syzr39Q85jhaGW9CZo/edit?ts=68f1730b](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oEQ9mUsRoL-ITu90jjBZuC_g3Syzr39Q85jhaGW9CZo/edit?ts=68f1730b)

God Bless,

*Vimi Chandra*

## Other notices:

### Term 4 fees

Term 4 fees invoices are now due.

### Summer uniform

Please note that Crocs are not acceptable as school uniform sandals.

### Santa Parade

This will take place on Sunday, 11 December, at 11 am (meeting time: 10:30 am). We will be entering a float and would like children dressed as shepherds, angels, Mary, and Joseph to participate. If your child would like to join our float, please let Renee know. At the moment we have no children to take part.

## PTFA News

### Calendar Art

Last week your child should have brought home an order form for calendar art. The art work is looking beautiful. Order forms are due by 14 November. Payments can be made to PTFA account 12-3057-0067576-00

Next PTFA meeting is on 26th November 7.30pm in the staffroom.

### Wine sales

The order forms have been sent home. Reminder that sales close on Friday, 21 November. Good quality wines at reasonable prices. Stock up for Christmas and support the school—we get a percentage of sales.

### School Fair - Sunday 16 November

Everyone should know what stalls they are on now and what time they need to be at school on the morning of the fair.

Please drop off cakes, preserves and sweets at St Patrick classroom on Saturday between 10 am and 5 pm.

We are still accepting donations of good-quality clothing, toys, books, and bric-a-brac.

Flyers: if you have not yet delivered your flyers, please do so as soon as possible.

Please contact Renee, Gin or Amy if you have any questions.

**Fair dollars** don't forget to buy your books of fair dollars before fair day to make everyone's life easier on the day. \$10 gives your child \$12 to spend. Purchase from the office. They will also be available on fair day until they run out.

Thank you to the following local businesses who are supporting our school fair:

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**Timetable of events term 4**

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| Friday 7 November     | Packet/s of mini Chocolate bars donation for the school fair<br>Year 3 - 6 mass 12.00                             |
| Saturday 8 November   | Sculpture on the Shore starts                                                                                     |
| Monday 10 November    | Save Day Athletics                                                                                                |
| Tuesday 11 November   | Music with Dominic<br>Playgroup 9.15 am<br>Assembly 10.30 am<br>Year 3 - 6 to Sculpture on the Shore 11.30 - 2.30 |
| Wednesday 12 November | Music with Dominic                                                                                                |
| Thursday 13 November  | Year 6 Waterwise starts<br>Chess club 1pm                                                                         |
| Friday 14 November    | Drop off sweets and preserves for the fair<br>Mufti day - no money required                                       |
| Saturday 15 November  | Drop off cakes, etc for the fair 10 am - 5 pm                                                                     |
| Sunday 16 November    | School Fair                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday 18 November   | Music with Dominic<br>Playgroup 9.15 am                                                                           |
| Wednesday 19 November | Music with Dominic                                                                                                |
| Thursday 20 November  | Year 6 Waterwise<br>Positive Puberty year 6 parent meeting<br>Chess club 1pm                                      |
| Friday 21 November    | Year 3 - 6 to mass                                                                                                |
| Tuesday 25 November   | Music with Dominic<br>Playgroup 9.15 am<br>Year 6 Positive Puberty lessons<br>Year 3 & 4 Zoo trip                 |
| Wednesday 26 November | Music with Dominic<br>PTFA meeting                                                                                |
| Thursday 27 November  | Year 6 Waterwise<br>Chess club                                                                                    |
| Friday 28 November    | Open Day<br>Library books due back ready for stocktake                                                            |
| Monday 1 December     | Year 6 to Rainbow's End                                                                                           |
| Tuesday 2 December    | Music with Dominic<br>Playgroup 9.15 am                                                                           |
| Wednesday 3 December  | Music with Dominic                                                                                                |

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|                       | BOT meeting                                                                                                |
| Thursday 4 December   | Peninsula Athletics<br>Chess club                                                                          |
| Friday 5 December     | Save Day Peninsula Athletics<br>Year 3 - 6 Mass 12.00<br>Family picnic 4pm - 6pm (please note date change) |
| Tuesday 9 December    | Music with Dominic<br>Playgroup 9.15 am<br>Assembly 10.30 am<br>Parent helpers morning tea 11 am           |
| Wednesday 10 December | Music with Dominic<br>Year 6 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm                                                         |
| Thursday 11 December  | Christmas Show 10 am<br>Chess club                                                                         |
| Friday 12 December    | Fun Day                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 16 December   | Year 6 Leavers Mass 10 am<br>School finishes midday                                                        |

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Be ready for Christmas early this year while supporting Waterwise!

This charity event features festive food stalls, including homemade Christmas cakes, Christmas decorations for sale, and live music.

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Join Devonport Rotary and Bayleys Devonport at our Christmas Market.

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### Position of Parish Secretary

We are looking for someone who can be the "first face" of our Parish, welcoming visitors and providing administrative support for the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Council, based in the parish office for 15 hours a week. Position to commence February 2026. Familiarity with the Microsoft 365 suite would be beneficial. The position requires a standard police vet.

A full position description is available on the parish website [www.devonportcatholic.org.nz](http://www.devonportcatholic.org.nz)  
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About Vanessa: Vanessa is a passionate parenting coach, and life and relationship coach. At the heart of her approach is a powerful shift: seeing yourself not as your child's manager, but as their leader. Someone who sets the emotional tone, holds boundaries with love, and leads with calm confidence. Whether it's tantrums, sibling conflict, or parental burnout, Vanessa helps caregivers move from overwhelm to clarity and connection.

Vanessa is a parenting coach with a background in psychology and a passion for helping families thrive. She specialises in needs-based parenting, helping parents understand their child's behaviour through the lens of emotional needs rather than control. Her work is grounded in compassion, neuroscience, and real-life tools that actually work.

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