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11 September 2025

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

Social Justice Week will take place from September 7 to 13, 2025. This is a critical time in our Catholic calendar when we pause to consider, reflect on, and act on a current social justice issue through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.

The overarching theme for 2023–2025 is:

“Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa.”

Each year has a unique focus, and for 2025, it is:

“Let's build peace together! / Kōwhiria te murunga hara, kia mōhio ki te rangimārie.”

At St. Leo's, our classes will explore what it means to be peacemakers in our daily lives — at school, in our families, in our parish, and in our world. Together, we are learning that peace begins with small acts of kindness, forgiveness, and inclusion, and grows when we choose to live out the Gospel values of truth, justice, and love.



School/Parish Mass

Last Sunday, we gathered as a school and parish community for a beautiful Mass. It was a joyful celebration of faith, friendship, and connection. A highlight of the liturgy was welcoming our new families to St Leo's Catholic School. Each was gifted a special St Leo's candle as a sign of light, belonging, and the warmth of our community. We thank everyone who joined us and helped make the celebration so meaningful.



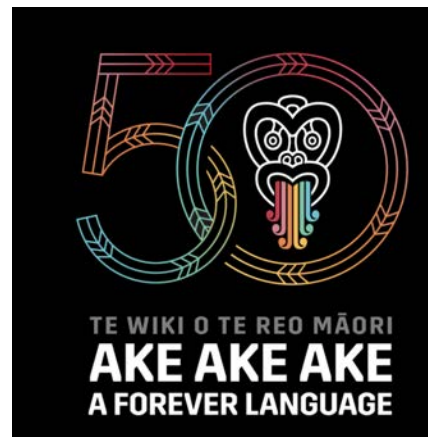
St. Leo's Learning Expo

We are excited to invite all parents and caregivers to our annual Learning Expo, a fantastic opportunity to see our students' hard work and celebrate their achievements. Join us on Thursday, September 11th, from 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm. During the expo, you will have the chance to explore your child's learning journey and see some of the fantastic projects and creations from across the school. This is also a key part of our reporting to parents, as it provides a meaningful way for children to share their learning and for parents to see their progress in a dynamic environment. It's an excellent way to connect with our students and staff and to get a glimpse into the vibrant learning happening in our classrooms. Appointments are not necessary; simply turn up at a time that suits you between 3:15 and 5:30.

Māori Language Week – Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Next week we celebrate Māori Language Week – Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, a special time to honour te reo as a taonga (treasure) of Aotearoa. Throughout the week, our tamariki will participate in activities that encourage them to use and develop their te reo, including waiata, karakia, games, and classroom challenges.

Te reo Māori is not only part of our heritage but also an integral part of our Catholic identity, reminding us that language connects us to our culture, community, and faith. We encourage whānau to join in by trying new kupu (words) at home and celebrating the beauty of te reo Māori together.



Kia kaha te reo Māori – let's keep the language strong!

Haka Performance at Windsor Reserve

We would also like to let you know about an upcoming Haka performance. Students in Years 3 to 6 will be performing at Windsor Reserve on **Monday, the 15th of September**, starting at 9:00 am. Parents will need to drop their children off from 8:45 am onwards, and the staff will meet them there (before-school care children will be walked down). We are still in need of parent helpers for crowd control and assisting children to the toilet. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please let Renee know if you can help that day.

St Patrick's News

St. Patrick's students have been reading the book "The Dragon Defenders" and working on the elements of writing a great paragraph.

Dragons

Dragons, magical creatures,
are a picture in your mind.

They can be as bright as the
sun, as blue as the ocean,
and they can even
camouflage themselves.

Dragons, creatures with
powerful claws, are cool.

If dragons were real, I would
want one.

Sophie

Dragons

Dragons are mythical reptiles
with shiny scales and dazzling
wings with different
outstanding colours.

I love dragons; they are cool,
shimmering creatures.

Dragons, fascinating animals
full of energy, have shiny
teeth.

If dragons were real, I would
want to know how they were
created.

Gunner

Dragons

Dragons are stunning
creatures with fascinating
wings and shiny, beautiful
scales.

I like dragons, but I know that
they are just mythical
creatures.

Dragons, generous animals,
are adventurous reptiles.

Even though I love dogs, I still
want to have a real-life
dragon.

Dyna

St Clare News

St Clare tamariki have been writing cinquain poems using descriptive language.

God Bless, *Vimi Chandra*



Other notices:

Cans for Christmas

We are participating in the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Cans for Christmas Can Drive on September 12th. If every child could bring a can of food, it would be greatly appreciated. A donation basket will be available in the office for your contributions.

Yummy stickers

Please return any yummy sticker charts to the office by **15 September**.

Santa Parade

This will take place on Sunday 11 December at 11am (meeting time 10.30am). We will be entering a float and would like children dressed as shepherds and angels as well as a Mary and Joseph to take part. If your child would like to join our float please let Renee know.

PTFA News

Next PTFA meeting **Wednesday 15th October** 7.30 pm in the staffroom or via Google Meet

Quiz Night - We are all looking forward to the Quiz night on Friday. Don't forget that we will also have raffles, silent auctions, and live auctions for you to participate in.

School Fair - Sunday 16 November

Thank you to the parents who have signed up for jobs at the fair. We still have gaps in our sign-up list, so please have a look and let us know if you can help.

It would be great if every parent could sign up for a job so we can make this day a great success.

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

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Timetable of events term 3

Friday 12 September	Cans for Christmas collection Quiz Night Whole school mass midday
Monday 15 September	Haka Up Performance Windsor Reserve 9am
Tuesday 16 September	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15am Assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 17 September	Music with Dominic
Thursday 18 September	Chess club
Friday 19 September	Term 3 ends.

Timetable of events term 4

Monday 6 October	Term 4 begins Start dropping off good quality books, toys, clothes and white elephant (bric-a-brac items) to the office during school hours
Tuesday 7 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am
Wednesday 8 October	Music with Dominic
Thursday 9 October	Whanau Maori evening 5 pm - 6.30 pm
Tuesday 14 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Year 5/6 cricket tournament Assembly 10.30 am
Wednesday 15 October	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30 pm
Thursday 16 October	Save a Teddy CPR lessons for the whole school
Friday 17 October	Baking goods/grocery item donation for the fair
Tuesday 21 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am
Wednesday 22 October	Music with Dominic
Friday 24 October	Large Chocolate bar donation for the fair Whole school mass midday
Monday 27 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 28 October	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Assembly 10.30 am
Wednesday 29 October	Music with Dominic BOT meeting 6.30 pm
Friday 31 October	Luxury hamper item donation for the fair Rosmini & Carmel orientation day
Tuesday 4 November	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am
Wednesday 5 November	Music with Dominic
Thursday 6 November	Athletics Day
Friday 7 November	Packet/s of mini Chocolate bars donation for the school fair

Saturday 8 November	Sculpture on the Shore starts
Monday 10 November	Save Day Athletics
Tuesday 11 November	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Assembly 10.30 am Year 3 - 6 to Sculpture on the Shore 11.45 - 2.15
Wednesday 12 November	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting 7.30 pm
Thursday 13 November	Year 6 Waterwise starts
Friday 14 November	Drop off sweets and preserves for the fair 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 Playgroup 9.15 am
Wednesday 19 November	Music with Dominic
Thursday 20 November	Year 6 Waterwise Positive Puberty year 6 parent meeting
Friday 21 November	Whole school mass midday
Tuesday 25 November	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am Year 6 Positive Puberty lessons Year 3 & 4 Zoo trip
Wednesday 26 November	Music with Dominic
Thursday 27 November	Year 6 Waterwise
Friday 28 November	Family picnic
Monday 1 December	Year 6 to Rainbow's End
Tuesday 2 December	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am
Wednesday 3 December	Music with Dominic BOT meeting
Thursday 4 December	Peninsula Athletics
Friday 5 December	Save Day Peninsula Athletics
Tuesday 9 December	Music with Dominic Playgroup 9.15 am

	Assembly 10.30 am Parent helpers morning tea 11 am
Wednesday 10 December	Music with Dominic PTFA meeting
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Show 10 am Leavers' dinner 5.30 pm
Friday 12 December	Fun Day
Tuesday 16 December	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10 am School finishes midda



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North Harbour Hockey holiday programme

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This is a unique opportunity to learn from the best as they share their skills, tips, and passion for the game. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, you'll get top-notch coaching to help you elevate your game.

Your participation helps our players chase their dreams. Proceeds from this programme will go directly towards supporting our selected players with the significant costs of attending the Junior World Cup. Come and be part of their journey while having a blast on the turf.

Programme Details

- Dates: 23rd & 24th September – Hit Em Up and 23, 24 & 25th September – Hooked on Hockey
- Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Daily
- Location: North Harbour Hockey Stadium
- Cost:

Hit Em up: 1 day - \$70

2 days - \$135

Hooked on Hockey: 1 day - \$70

2 days - \$120

3 days - \$170

Who Can Attend: Open to all players of all skill levels

Follow the link to register: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/97f273>

Community Notices.



BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

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Basketball Holiday Camps are a great way to:

- Hang out with other players who love basketball just as much as you do
- Develop your skills and set new goals
- Get more game time and play more ball!

📍 Location: Stanley Bay School

💰 Cost: \$25 per session

Dates & Times:

23 September	24 September
Year 3/4: 9:00 – 11:15am	Year 5/6: 9:00 – 11:15am
Year 5/6: 11:45 – 2:00pm	Year 3/4: 11:45 – 2:00pm

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Details

Term Classes - Ages 8+

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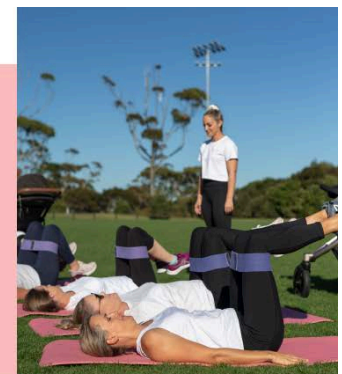
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STEAM FOCUS OF THE WEEK

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