ST. LEONARDS
– ROAD SCHOOL –

"EMPOWERING TAMARIKI TO THRIVE"

Weekly Newsletter
No 5 Term 4
11 Nov 2026

Hello • Tena Koutou • Talofa Lava • Malo e Lelei • Namaste • Ni sa bula vinaka • Fakalofa lahi atu
Kia Orana • Ni hao • As-salamu-Alaikum • Noa'ia'e Mauri

Namaste and Happy Diwali. Our wonderful Indian staff have planned a activities for classes to celebrate this special time of year and invite our school community and to come dressed Diwali style on Friday.

Today marks a significant day in our history and for us as a School when we made history having our very first Armistice Remembrance Service. The historical significance of this is that we take to remember the exact time WWI officially ended ... at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Special guests from the Navy joined us to lead our service and raised the NZ Flag that the Royal New Zealand Navy kindly gifted us. We can now raise our flag and know that it will be a long long time before we purchase another. Thank you to our wonderful community for the many ways you bless us as a school. Officer James is one of our fabulous SLRS parents and of the three cadets who joined him, two who are x SLRS students. How awesome is that!

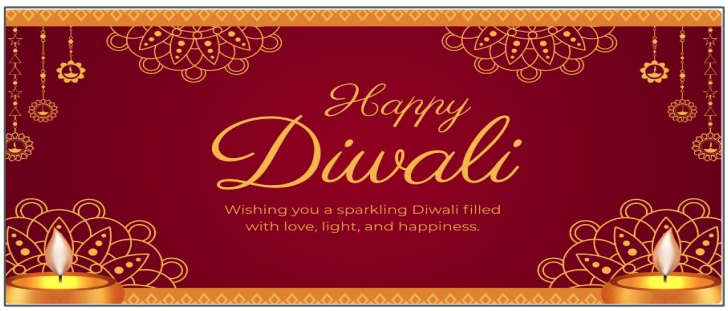
Featured in this newsletter is;

- ➔ Important Term 4 dates and 2027 school year dates
- ➔ Tuakana carrots corner
- ➔ Armistice Day celebrations
- ➔ Kelston Pataka kai
- ➔ Friends of Arataki - Kids Day

Thank you to our Samoan Bilingual Aiga who attended last nights fono where we enjoyed a slideshow including a student led video celebrating the successes of 2026 and honouring aiga as our heroes.

I hope you have scheduled Friday the 4th of December when we will be having our Heroes 'Finale - Market Day and Whānau Picnic.

Yours in service,
Sharon Fuemana - Tumuaki.







Attendance Awardees







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Visit our newly refreshed website www.stleonards.school.nz for coming events and more

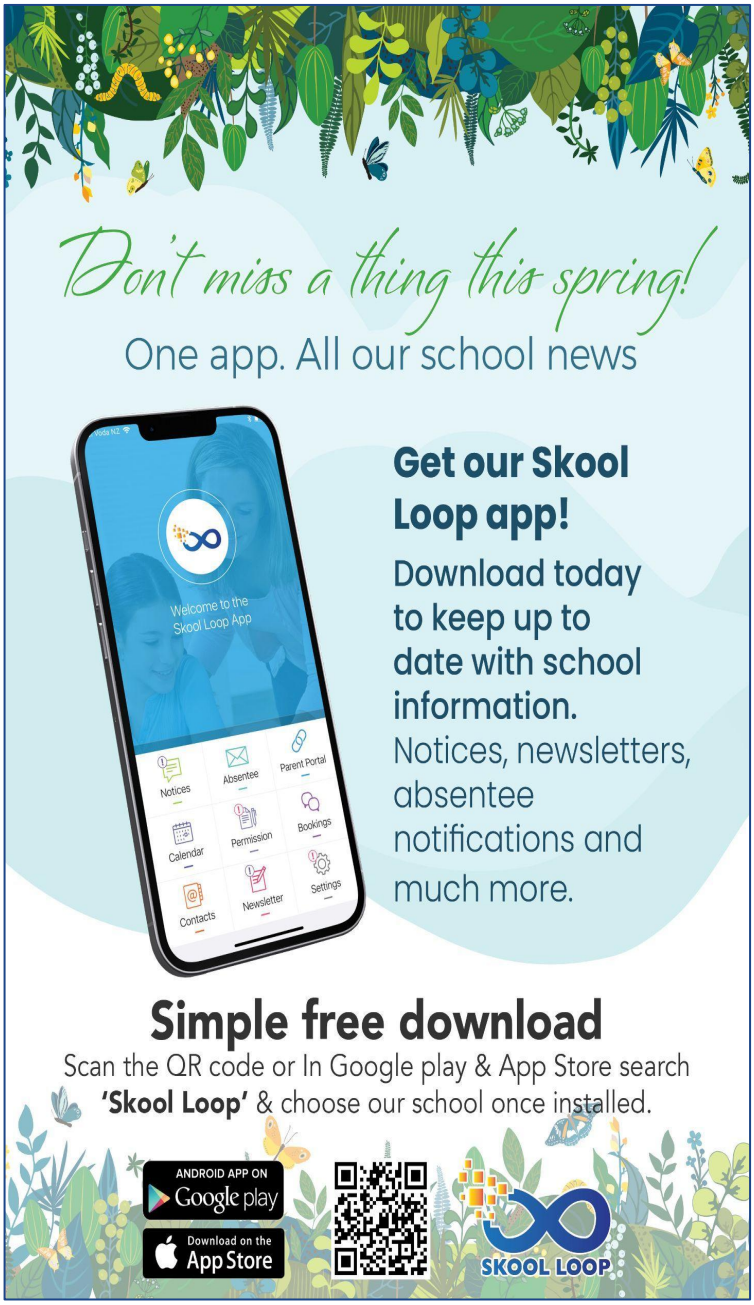
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Important 2026 Dates

2026 Term 4 Events	Dates
Diwali	Mon 09 - Fri 13 Nov
Armistice Day	Wed 11 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R8	Fri 13 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R14	Fri 20 Nov
FOTS Bake Sale *(Reo Rua bringing baking)*	Fri 20 Nov
Interschool Athletics *…Save Date*	Mon 24 Nov *Thu 26 Nov*
6.30pm Board Meeting	Wed 25 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R21	Fri 27 Nov
9.30am-1pm Y5 Road Patrol Training	Tue 01 Dec
Last Vagahau Niue Class for 2026	Thu 03 Dec
9.10am - Pupil of the Term Assembly	Fri 04 Dec
Market Day / Whanau Christmas Picnic	Fri 04 Dec
Road Patrol Trip to Rainbows End	Wed 09 Dec
6.30pm Board Meeting	Wed 09 Dec
9.10am - Pupil of the Year Assembly 2pm - FOTS Sausage Sizzle	Fri 11 Dec
9:30am - Y6 Graduation	**Tue 15 Dec**
4:00-5:30pm - Y5 & 6 End of Year Disco	**Tue 15 Dec**
LAST DAY 2026 - 1PM FINISH **9.15am - Carols Assembly**	**Thurs 17 Dec**



2027 School Year Dates and Public Holidays:

Term 1 - 2027	Term 2 - 2027	Term 3 - 2027	Term 4 - 2027
Wednesday 3 Feb to Friday 9 April	**Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July**	**Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September**	**Monday 11 Oct to Friday 17 December**
Holidays: *Waitangi Day (observed) - Mon, 8th Feb; Good Friday - Fri, 26th Mar; Easter Monday - Mon, 29th Mar; Easter Tuesday - Tue, 30th Mar*	***Holidays:*** *King's Birthday - Mon, 7th Jun; Matariki - Fri, 25th Jun*	***No Holidays***	***Holidays:*** *Labour Day - Mon, 26th Oct*

Tuakana Whānau

Over the past eight weeks, Room 25 has been busy researching carrots and creating presentations using Canva as a digital tool. Working in pairs, students explored the difference between facts and opinions (Point of View) and learnt how to present their findings in an interesting and engaging way. Each pair then had the opportunity to stand in front of an audience, share their research and communicate their ideas with confidence. Our next presentations will be focused on watermelons and highlighting a "Hero in our Community". Here are just a few snapshots of what our Room 25 learners have been working on. I hope you enjoy seeing their wonderful efforts and creativity!
Mrs Allport

CARROTS

Feleti Fangaloka is a Year 5 student in Room 25. Here are a few of his Points of View (POV) from his Canva presentation.

🥕In my opinion soup is better with carrots because it tastes better and it has more sweetness and flavour.

🥕In my opinion carrots can taste bitter and yuck. They can be chewy and crunchy at the same time.

🥕Carrots can grow in weird bendy shapes or they can grow as tall as a straight metre ruler.



CARROT JOKES

What do you call an angry carrot?
A steamed vegetable!
What did the rabbit say to the carrot?
It's been nice gnawing you!
What is invisible and smells like carrots?
Bunny farts!

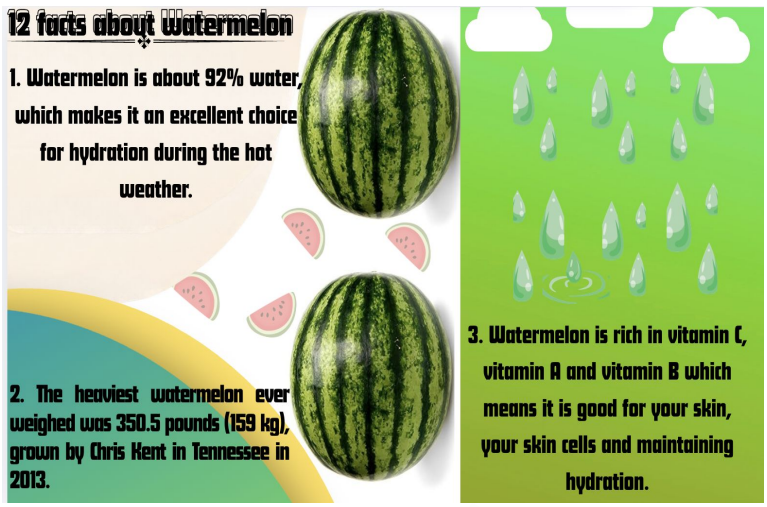
Here are three quirky facts about watermelons!

🍉They're fruit AND vegetables! Watermelons are a fruit because they grow from flowers, but they belong to the cucumber and pumpkin family too!

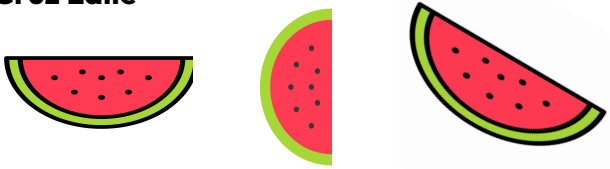
🍉They can explode! If a watermelon gets too ripe or builds up too much pressure, it can sometimes split open all by itself!

🍉They're mostly water! Watermelons are about 92% water, making them a refreshing treat on a hot summer's day! 🍉

WATERMELONS



The slide above was created by Hautaku-Ryan & Cruz Laile



Armistice Day

St Leonards Rd School
Armistice Day Commemoration

On Wednesday 11 November, St Leonards School will hold a special ceremony to commemorate Armistice Day, remembering those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Armistice Day marks the end of fighting in the First World War on 11 November 1918. Each year, New Zealanders pause to remember our service men and women and reflect on the importance of peace, courage and remembrance.

This year, we are especially fortunate to have been gifted a beautiful, New Zealand Navy-issued flag by one of our school parents, James Faleofa, a serving New Zealand Navy officer.

This generous gift will be treasured by our school for many years to come.

James and his group, FAHI ON, will join us for a short ceremony to unveil our new flag and mark this important occasion.

We are incredibly grateful to James for his generosity and for creating such a special opportunity for our tamariki to learn about service, remembrance and pride in our country.



Armistice Day







On behalf of St Leonards Rd School Board and School Community we extend heartfelt thanks to 'Officer James' and the 3 cadets who joined you in leading our Armistice Remembrance Day today, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. With hearts full of gratitude to the Royal New Zealand Navy we say *thank you in the languages of the Pacific* for gifting us our new flag that we respectfully raised today, lest we forget. *Ngā mihi, Fa'afetai lava, Mālō, Fakaaue lahi, Meitaki, Fakafetai lahi lele, Fakafetai lasi and Ko rabwa.*





Kelston Pātaka Kai



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Friends of Arataki - Kids Day



FRIENDS OF ARATAKI KIDS DAY!

Sunday 6 December 2026

11am - 3pm

Arataki Visitor Centre, 300 Scenic Drive, Nihotupu







Join us for the annual Friends of Arataki Kids Day!

- The Amazing Bug man
- Fire brigade and displays
- Face painting
- Roskill Rovers Scouts
- Bouncy Castle
- Sausage sizzle
- Bake sale (cash only)
- Wai care water monsters
- Guided walks with The Biodiversity Guy
- ...and more!

Parking: Kids Day parking is at 300 Scenic Drive with overflow parking available across the road at 285 Scenic Drive.

For more information visit facebook.com/aratakivisitorcentre

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