



ST. LEONARDS - ROAD SCHOOL -

“EMPOWERING TAMARIKI TO THRIVE”

Weekly
Newsletter
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19 Nov 2025

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

Ngā mihi St Leonards Rd School Whānau, Kaiako (teachers), Kaiawhina (teacher aides) and tamariki for our production! Closing night was a huge success and we continue to hear how proud our parents and community are. The following text sums it up perfectly

“Wow what a beautiful production... I think I cried 5 times ... it's real purākau and a beautiful way of keeping the stories alive. Everything was amazing ... the waiata hui kōrero and rewarewa was stunning ... a job well done.”

As we celebrate our tamariki and what we accomplished together in collaboration with our Iwi, it is a timely reminder of how we as a school are ‘enacting’ Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Doing this, is how we achieve our school vision: **“Empowering Tamariki to Thrive”**.

The Purākau in our production were generously shared not only to our school but to schools across Tamaki Makaurau by our Iwi, who are part of the ‘Mana Kura’ programme. The joy and pride the purākau brought our community has been evident in so many ways. It reminds me of this whakatauki:

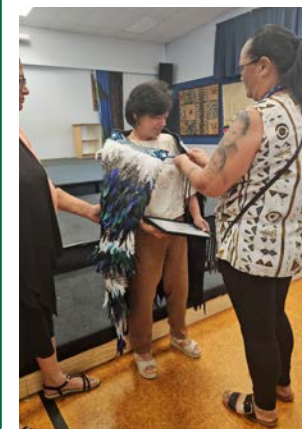
“Nau te toutou, naku te manuhiri.”

With your basket and mine, the people will thrive.”

It is also politically timely, as Board's across Aotearoa have been writing their response to the Government's proposed removal of School Board's responsibility to Enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi as part of their core business. At our Board meeting next Wednesday we will write our collective school Board response to this. I invite you to contribute to this by emailing principal@stleonards.school.nz. As your Tumuaki, my stance remains firm and unwavering. We will continue to enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi at SLRS. Ngā mihi.

Last night we had a high turn out to Te Whānau o Hato Renata bilingual whānau hui. Te Tiriti o Waitangi was part of our Korero. You can access our strategic goals, commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi including goals and our 2024 strategic review of these goals in our website under the home page menu: Our School. Select Strategic Direction and also ERO & Audit Reports.

On Monday night we hosted the ‘Proud to be Kelston Awards’ in our school hall. It was a very special night honoring community members including Nana Mihi and two of our Kaiako, Whaea Audrey Willey and Ms Emma Paeu for their service to our school and the wider community. We congratulate Whaea Audrey and Emma and all other nominees for their awards on what was a very heartfelt evening of special acknowledgements. Ngā mihi, Sharon.



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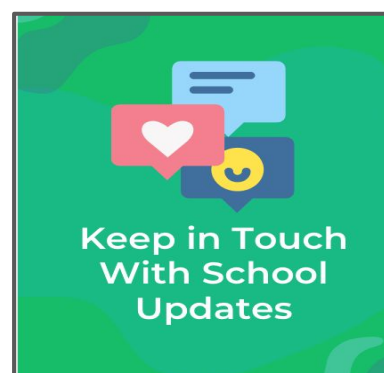
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Visit our newly refreshed website www.stleonards.school.nz for coming events and more.

Important 2025 & 2026 year dates



2025 Term 4 Events	Dates
9:10am - School Assembly. R19	Fri 21 Nov
Bake Sale	Fri 21 Nov
Superhero/Casual Clothes Day	Fri 21 Nov
Inter-School Athletics DayRain Day	Tue 25 Nov Thu 27 Nov
Constable Sarah "Stepping Out" safe walking with Y0-Y2 classes	Tue 25 Nov to Fri 28 Nov
6pm Board Meeting	Wed 26 Nov
9:10am - School Assembly. R5	Fri 28 Nov
9-11am Constable Sarah training Y5 for 2026 Road Patrol	Thu 04 Dec
9:10am - Pupil of the Term Awards Special Assembly. R17	Fri 5 Dec
6.30-8.30pm Year 6 Formal Graduation	Tue 9 Dec
2-4pm Year 6 Graduation Dance	Fri 12 Dec
9:10am - Pupil of the Year Assembly. R12	Fri 12 Dec
School Reports Home today	Fri 12 Dec
FOTS Final Sausage Sizzle of the Year (after school)	Fri 12 Dec
9.15am Carols assembly & Staff Farewells	Wed 17 Dec
Last day of Term 4	Wed 17 Dec



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School Year Dates: 2025 Term 4 and 2026 Term 1, 2 & 3

Term 4 - 2025
Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec
Holidays: Labour Day - Mon 27 Oct

Term 1 - 2026
Tue, 3 Feb to Thu, 2 Apr
*Holidays: Waitangi - Fri, 6 Feb.
Easter - Fri, 3 Apr to Tue, 7 Apr*

Term 2 - 2026
Mon, 20 Apr to Fri, 3 Jul
Holidays: Anzac - Sat, 25 Apr: observed Mon, 27 Apr; King's Birthday - Mon, 1 Jun: and Matariki, Fri, 10 Jul

Term 3 - 2026
Mon, 20 Jul to Fri, 25 Sep
No Holidays

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School Production 2025: Te Kete o Ngā Taonga o Te Kawerau ā Maki - The Treasure Basket



After months of planning, countless rehearsals, and lots of hard mahi, the students and staff of St Leonards Road School were ready to present our 2025 production, Te Kete o Ngā Taonga o Te Kawerau ā Maki: The Treasure Basket, to our Kelston community, in collaboration with

Te Kawerau ā Maki. With two soloist teams (A and B) and our full school split into two groups, we presented four showcase nights to our whānau. Each night was better than the one before, with our students going from strength to strength.

Our production told the story of our tīpuna, going back in time to see where our kura pepeha originated and how it shapes our school values today. This production was a complete labour of love and could not have been achieved without our beautiful staff. From building props all the way to our front-of-house ushers, every job played its part in creating these beautiful shows.

Whānau, thank you for coming to our production this year. Your tamariki are absolute stars!

Ngā mihi nui,
St Leonards Rd staff.



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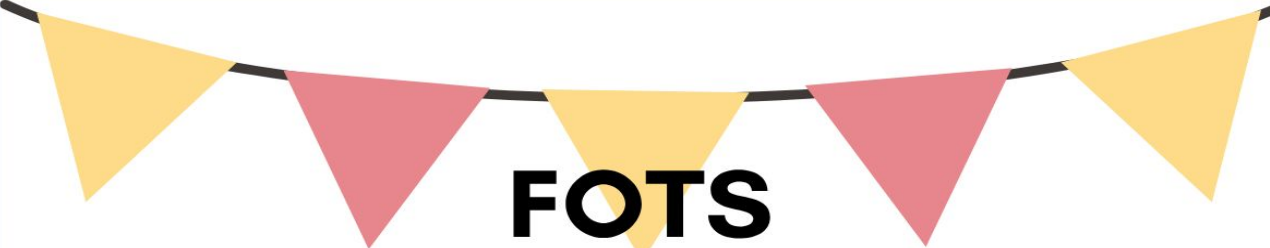


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FOTS Bake Sale



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FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

*This term our Kākano & Reo Rua Whanau is bringing
baked items to sell to fundraise for our school*

IN THE HALL 11.00 - 11.30

BRING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE!

