

**Collated responses from the following question presented at the
Meet the Teacher Evening, February 13th 2011.**

What are the strengths of St. Leo's Catholic School?

- Friendly teachers; Reception staff very efficient and friendly; Approachable staff
- Very nurturing and great support with settling new children
- Small school allows the entire community to know each other and to be valued as individuals
- Very welcoming to children and parents of new families
- Religious values
- Structured and clear instructions for homework
- Themes during the term
- Uniform
- Every child recognized for themselves
- Athletics
- Caring environment and children; Older Children Nurturing younger children
- Lots of extra curricular activities offered despite the smallness of school and its internal resourcing
- Small school; Small classes; enables more one-to-one interaction
- Communication - Good newsletter – very informative and timely; Good communication with the parents
- Board Chair communication is excellent
- New website – fantastic
- IT resources - big improvements in technology and ICT training exposure; Lots of ICT equipment available
- Teachers and Principal; Top teachers; Stable learning environment – experienced teachers
- On-going professional development pleasing to see
- Teachers have high standards with progressing children
- Safe learning and nurturing environment
- Multi-generational / sense of history
- Meets the spiritual needs of the children; Happy children
- High academic expectation
- Developing confidence
- Treats the children as individuals
- Pleasing academic results
- Small group learning
- Academic, spiritual, social interaction – educate the 'whole' child
- Pedagogy
- Wiki pages
- Prayer
- Sport - sports achievement; Lots of parent support/run the school sports programme; Sports – good choice for small school and good parental involvement
- People
- Strong PTFA; Willing parents; Great parent community; Parental Participation; Community feel; Good school fair/fundraising; Community spirit; Walking School Bus Co-ordinator very good
- Sense of community
 - within the Parish
 - within the wider Devonport Community
 - within the school
- Relationship between School and Church; Link with Church; Catholic Character School; Good that parents are able to attend prayer assembly; Faith based; Forges good relationship with parish; Class grandparents
- Kids know everyone from an early age; Children play across the school
- School uniform – good idea
- Location; Air conditioning
- Values based learning; Caring
- Te Reo, Maori language used consistently