



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
19th February,
2015.

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be"

Principal's Report

Tena koutou katoa. A kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou.

As you know, the season of Lent started yesterday with Ash Wednesday. The 40 days of Lent represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, preparing for His life's work, praying and resisting the temptation of anything that would distract Him from His mission. We too are called to do this and Lent provides the opportunity to sharpen our focus.

This week we extend a very warm welcome to Breanna Butler, daughter of Mike and Felicity and sister of Maddison; to William Snaddon, son of Matt and Lisa; and welcome back to Vincent Bakker, son of Anna Maria and Robert. We hope you will find our school community an enriching place to be.

It was sad to hear of the death of author and tireless worker for social justice, Celia Lashlie. She spoke at a fundraiser for St Theresa's in 2013 and will be remembered for her great common-sense wisdom about parenting, delivered with wit and humour. We still have a copy of that address in the office if you wish to borrow the CD. May she rest in peace.

May the journey of Lent lead us all to see Jesus in ourselves and in those we live with and encounter in our daily lives.

God Bless, *Fita Smith,*

Principal



The challenge and opportunity of Lent: can we spend the next 40 days consciously spending time praying, fasting and doing works of love?
I SEE JESUS IN MYSELF AND OTHERS

Catholic Character

GOSPEL FOR THIS WEEKEND

Mark 1: 12-15

Jesus is tempted in the wilderness



"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

MEET THE TEACHERS, MEET THE FAMILIES EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

4.45pm: Welcome outside Room 8

5pm, 5.15pm and 5.30pm: Classroom meetings with the teacher in each classroom as well as in the Library with Sarah Hunt, our Librarian. Repeated 3 times.

5.45 - 6.30pm: Informal social time to get to know new teachers, new families, play games, eat and have fun!

Sausage sizzle from 5pm. Games run by school leaders.



Congratulations to our own Cardinal John! May God bless him in his new role.

First Reconciliation

This programme begins with a Parent Only evening at 7pm in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 22nd February. Names of children aged 8+ years need to be given to Annemaree Deed (234-1641). This Sacrament will be celebrated at 5pm on Palm Sunday evening, 29th March.



Uniform fittings

Tomorrow - Friday, 20th February

If you need to buy uniform items or need something fitted, please call the Office to book a time. You can contact the supplier directly on 9720682 if you already know what you want.

The next opportunity will be on **Friday, 20th March.**

Parents & Friends and Carnival 2015
Meeting

TONIGHT at 7.30p.m. in the Staffroom

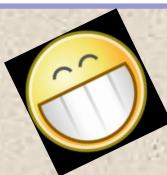
PLEASE come along - everyone's support is needed and very much appreciated.



Sparks of God - Week 2, Term 1

Back: Mark Tyrell, Brandon Khang, Aiden Harrison, Nina Stevenson
Front: Luis Meo, Hannah Tohill, Flynn Porteners, Hannah Greenham

For every new ASB home loan over \$150 000 taken out before 30th June, 2015, a donation of \$500 will be made to our school, if we are nominated.
You can download the voucher from asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.



School photos

will be taken on Tuesday, **24th February**. All children will be photographed and orders can be placed online. If you want a family photo you need to pick up an order form from the Office. Family photos will be taken first.

COULD YOU HELP ORGANISE/CO-ORDINATE OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES? THIS WOULD BE GREAT FOR TWO PEOPLE TO DO TOGETHER!

We have social events throughout the year (e.g. morning teas after the powhiri, the Hot Cross Buns morning tea, School/Parish Sunday Mass morning teas) which need to be co-ordinated. Lots of support will be available. Please email Nicole Lynch nicolelynch@xtra.co.nz for more details. There is not a lot involved - honestly!



Beach Picnic Fun!

St T's doing well at sport!

Courtney Tyrell also competed in the Colgate Games held in January at Newtown Park. She came second in the 200m and 3rd in the 60m sprints.



Caleb Hannon has been selected to represent Western Suburbs in Under 11 Softball.

Well done to you both!



Class of the Week - Room 7

In Room 7 we have been learning how to play Criss Cross Candy Floss and we now know many facts about all the other people in Room 7. We loved the Beach Picnic but the sea was cold. We have made some amazing glasses to help us see Jesus in ourselves and others. Come to our Assembly if you would like to see them.

Reporters: **Maddison Maclean & Cooper Mallon**

