



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

Catholic Character

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

Mark 10: 35-45

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."



Tena koutou katoa. A kia noho te ariki ki a koutou. Welcome back to the last school term of the year.

This week we extend a warm welcome to three new families. We welcome Asha Stewart and her parents, Andrea Hancox and Liam Stewart; Noah Pio and his parents Junior and Teresa; and Florence and her parents Andy and Vicki Locke-Fearon. We hope you are very happy here at St Theresa's and find it an enriching place to be.

In this weekend's reading, Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a person who wants to follow him. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love was just as countercultural then as it is now. Pope Francis is a wonderful model of being the servant of all, especially of those who are small in the eyes of the world.



God Bless,

Zita Smith, Principal

Principal's Report

School Terms for 2016

Term 1 1/2/16 - 15/4/16

Term 2 2/5/16 - 8/7/16

Term 3 25/7/16 - 23/9/16

Term 4 10/10/15 - 20/12/16 PLEASE

NOTE: The **start and end dates only** have not been finalised yet - this is just a guide.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Fri., 23rd Oct. **STAFF ONLY DAY**
NO school for children on the Friday **BEFORE** Labour Weekend.

Congratulations to **Lisa Lemaire** who was one of the Porirua50 Awards recipients.

She received the award for her tireless work to ensure all Porirua dog owners have access to de-sexing services regardless of their income and her commitment to doing good across all of Porirua.



The Book Fair is coming!

These are your shopping opportunities so get in quickly!

Wednesday, 21st October

2:30- 3:15

Thursday, 22nd October

8:30 - 9:15 and 2:30- 3:15

Tuesday, 27th October

8:30 - 9:15 and 2:30- 3:15

Volunteers required to help with 'shop' (any time to spare will be appreciated - see Sarah in the Learning Hub)

*A great opportunity for Christmas shopping! **All sales benefit the Learning Hub in the form of free books and cash commission based on total sales.***

Book Character Dress-up Day Thursday, 22nd October

Prizes awarded for best girl and boy costume in each class.

The Fair theme is "Under the Ocean" but any book character costume is allowed, of course!

Check out the Learning Hub tab on our website for further details.

Congratulations to our top **Mathletics** students: First - **Owen Pieries**, Second - **Jayden Reynolds**, Third - **Rukshana Isaako**. Very well done to all of you!

ICAS HIGH ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to our high achieving students in the recent ICAS English test



Back Row: **Courtney Tyrell** (Distinction), **Aifili Patelisio** (Distinction), **Tyler Duncan** (Distinction), **Leo Hutchins** (Distinction)

Front Row: **Amokura Royal** (Distinction), **Noah Cole** (High Distinction) and **Aiden Harrison** (High Distinction).

On the right: **Teija Joronen** (Distinction)

A great achievement by all who sat the exam.



Uniform fittings for Term 4 - Please call Gina to book an appointment.

Friday : 30th October, 20th November, 11th December between 2 and 3.20p.m.



Our poppies are starting to bloom! Come and get an eye-ful when you're next at school.



Jessica Deed & Jasmine Watkins represented our Year 6 students at the Porirua Young Leaders Awards Ceremony. They are pictured here with Nick Leggett, our Mayor.

Sparks of God - Week 10, Term 3



Back: Joshua Todd, Mrs. Fitzsimons, Vada McLaughlin, Lily Richards, Hollie Browne, Emily Clark, Josh Lovell
Front: Janelle Burrell, Dylan Goodstadt-Brown, William Baker, Lina Ramm, Abigail Vincent, Kira Sidoti, William Snaddon

After School Care offer for Friday, 23rd October - definitely worth a read!

Please note the offer of care to students of St. Theresa's on our Staff Only Day. For full details, please go to the link in our email or check it out on our website under 'School Notices'.

School Sunhats

We no longer hold stock or sell sunhats through the office however, we do still have about 3 size S for sale from what we previously had. Only \$10 each. Please remember that everyone needs a hat in Terms 4 & 1 otherwise there will be no play for them outside the shady spots!

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Registrations are now open for the Wellington event on **20th March, 2016** for those children aged 7 and over. Enter as an individual or as a team. Go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz and make sure you link yourself to OUR school. This event sells out really quickly and we had some very unhappy children last year who missed out, so don't delay! If you have any questions about the event or registering, please see Jan Hannon or email her janandpaddy@xtra.co.nz or call her on 027-4919634.



Class of the week - Room 6

We have started to learn and think about ways that we are kaitiaki of the earth. We have created a science experiment to investigate the conditions that plants grow in. We have planted a couple of bean plants and put them in a range of different conditions to see which one grows the best.



'Lest We Forget' DVD and photos

Please get your orders in as soon as possible. The opportunity to do so will not be an option soon! Forms available from the office or contact Craig Bain directly on craig@craigbain.com.

Carnival 2016

SITUATIONS VACANT

Please read and respond to the notice attached to our email regarding next year's Carnival.

WE NEED YOU!

Pastoral care for our own School community

If you and your own family or anyone else you know of in our school community need help or support of any kind, PLEASE let us know.

We will be able to help in some way. Confidentiality ensured.

Contact Zita directly or call Gina to make an appointment to see Zita.