



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
3rd Dec
2015

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

Principal's Note

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

Thank you to all those who attended the special Mass for me on Sunday. It was a very moving experience for me and my husband to be honoured by the parish community.

Thank you to our Choir who performed beautifully, twice on Sunday! First at Mass and then at the Advent Liturgy in the evening. I very much appreciate the commitment of the students and their parents who made sure they attended.

We are now approaching the second week of Advent and we continue to pray that we will welcome Jesus into our hearts with openness and joy.

This week we warmly welcome **Ava Woodley**, daughter of Emma, to our school. We hope that your time at St. Theresa's will be fruitful and happy.

I am thrilled that the principal appointment has been made and I know you will welcome Donna next year with the same hospitality I experienced twelve years ago!

God bless, *Lita Smith* - Principal



PARUMOANA SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Tobias Macintosh** for achieving 3rd place at the recent interschool competition held at Aotea College.

A great credit to you Tobias!



SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

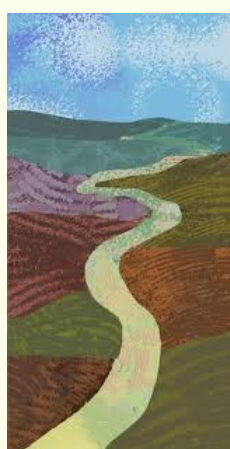
Luke 3:1-6

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be
made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made
straight,
and the rough ways made smooth."*

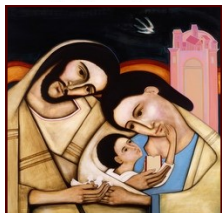


Catholic Character

At Christmas time

*You can make a
difference...
by helping a local family
from a Catholic school.*

**See Flyer.
Closing date 14th Dec.**



CHRISTMAS DRAMA "A traditional (and modern) nativity play" Christmas Eve - 7p.m.

St Theresa's Church Christmas Eve Nativity Play - the Nativity story always with a twist - is a well-loved tradition. If you would like your child to be a part of this year's play, please email Eleanor Cater - eleanor.cater@xtra.co.nz with your child's name and age. They will need to be available for several morning practices of around 2 hours in the week leading up to Christmas and we will need the assistance of parents with some costumes/props.



Please remember to check out the Community Noticeboard on our website - there is much information about Holiday Programmes, Art Clubs, Sports registration, local events, etc.

WHANAU DAY and THANK YOU MORNING TEA THIS FRIDAY, 4th December

PLEASE COME! IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE WHOLE MORNING, PLEASE COME TO SOME!

- 9.15 - 10a.m.: Powhiri Whakatau led by senior students & Kapa Haka display outside (Hall if wet)
- 10 - 10.30a.m.: Thank You Morning Tea in the Staffroom
- 10.45 - Noon: Cultural activities
- 12.30p.m.: Picnic Lunch (Bring your own lunch and picnic blanket)



Apologies from Gina for the error in last week's newsletter. This is **Mahi** and not Luis. (You think she'd know by now!)



Sparks of God - Week 7, Term 4



RUGBY STADIUM RAFFLE

Last chance to get your tickets! Only \$1 each from the Office. All proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul. To be drawn TOMORROW!

A message from Sarah Hunt, our Librarian Summer reading programme

Permission slips need to be returned by TOMORROW. You don't want to miss out! If your child has outstanding or overdue books, they won't be able to participate.



Outstanding/overdue library books

All outstanding library books are to be returned to the Learning Hub by Friday, 11th December. Any books outstanding/overdue at this time may incur a charge. Please ensure all books are returned if you wish your child to have books issued for summer.

Back: Neroli Lyne, Oceana Uitime, Josh Lovell, Belle Croasdale, Luke Gilmour, Courtney Tyrell
Front: Mathias Uitime, Asha Stewart, John Tyrell, Francesca Dale-Low, Ruby-Rose Dennison, Samuel Beuerlein, Kahukuranui Johnson-Bates

From the Parish.....

Sacramental Programme (First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist) for 2016 is now open for enrolment. Children aged 8 years and older by February 2016 are welcome to enrol. Please contact Fiona Robertson fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz or 0273208511 NO LATER than Friday, 18th December.

Christmas Mass Timetable at St. Theresa's, Plimmerton:

Christmas Eve: 7p.m. with children's Drama.

Christmas Eve: 11p.m. With Christmas Carols starting at 10.30p.m.

Christmas Day: 9.30a.m.



Jars, jars, jars!

We still need as many as you have to give! If you have already filled one Mystery Jar, please feel free to do more. House points for all contributions. Thanks to those families who have already filled theirs! Jars also needed for preserves and jams.



Our School Pool will be open for this summer season and is already available for use! Keys can be bought from the Office for \$100 with a \$10 bond refund when the key is returned in March, 2016. Come along and get one for your family. It may be hard to believe at the moment but there will be some scorching days ahead!



MINIBALL RESULTS

Tbirds lost 6 - 8 PoD **Phoebe Harland & Lachlan Hannon**

Astros defaulted

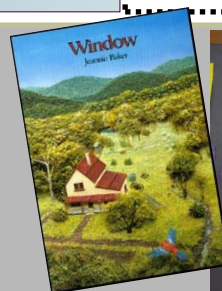
Eagles lost 8 - 40 PoD **Phoebe Harland**
Rockets lost 2 - 22 PoD **Cruz King-Tararo**

Lost Property: PLEASE check if your child mistakenly has **Owen Pieries'** named school jersey which also has all his badges on it. It's been missing for 2 weeks! **Amy O'Hagan's** jersey as well! Also, please check the Lost Property bucket in the corridor outside Room 1 to see if anything belongs to your child. At the end of this term, EVERYTHING left in it will be going to a new home!

Class of the Week - Room 3

We have been doing lots of learning around kaitiaki and showing care for all living things. We read the book "Window" by Jeannie Baker and created our own mixed media art, "What can I see from my window?"

In Room 3, we are kaitiaki of animals, plants and people (including ourselves). Love from Room 3



Look at our amazing Advent calendars!