



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

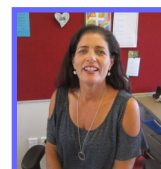
Principal's Note

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo

We have been blessed with another wonderful week of settled weather and the children have been busy settling into school life again. There has been lots of activity in and out of school, with classes swimming, visiting Mindlab, making pancakes and attending the Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday. Before receiving the ashes, Father Carmody talked to the children about the many ways that they can be more like Jesus. He encouraged them to think about using kind words and actions in their daily lives, rather than having to give something up. Please talk to the children about what this may look like for your family during our time of Lent.

Tomorrow is the much anticipated annual Beach Picnic and I am very excited to be part of this. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help with walking across to the beach or supervision at the beach. As you will be aware, we require many hands to ensure the children's safety in the water. I am looking forward to meeting many more families and praying for a sunny, fine day.

Please remember to keep checking the website Calendar for updated information on movements within the school. We encourage open lines of communication and teachers can be contacted through email or by leaving a message with Gina at the office, if you have questions or concerns around your child's learning. 3-way parent interview dates have been set and are on the calendar; I encourage you to book a time and prioritise this as it is a valuable opportunity to work with your child and their teacher on setting goals and identifying next learning steps. We will have our first community consultation on 5th April, 2016, on the topic of Cyber Safety and being a responsible digital citizen. More details will follow soon, however please put this date into your dairy now.



God bless, *Donna McDonald* - Principal

## Gospel for Sunday

In the Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent, we hear of Jesus spending forty days in the desert, where He fasted prayed and was tempted. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted and God alone is God.



All children in Rooms 6, 7, 9 and 10 should have a large journal bag for school notices, library books, etc. If your child doesn't already have one, they are available in a range of colours, from the Office for \$4.

## SHROVE TUESDAY in Room 4

YUM!!



## Beach Picnic This Friday

Leaving school at 10.30a.m.  
We'd love you to join us!



# Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 1



**Back:** Jesse Hurcomb, Jayden Reynolds, Vada McLaughlin  
**Front:** Lukas Braun, Isaac Braun, Teija Joronen, Stella Smith, Ava Woodley

## Uniform fittings for Term 1

Friday, 19th February

Friday, 11th March

Friday, 1st April

Appointments are available from 2p.m. onwards so please call the Office if you want to book a time. Fittings will be in Room 5 (the old library). If you already know what you want and don't need a fitting, you can call Bernadette directly on 972-0682 or email her [b.chapman@paradise.net.nz](mailto:b.chapman@paradise.net.nz).

## Bits and bobs.....

\* **WeetBix Kids TRYathlon:** Children 7 and over - **20th Mar.** - Go to [www.try.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.try.weetbix.co.nz) and make sure you link yourself to OUR school. Questions? Jan Hannon - [janandpaddy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:janandpaddy@xtra.co.nz) or call her on 027-4919634.

\* **Second hand school bags and pencil cases** still needed. Leave with Gina in the Office.

\* **Home to rent still required.**

Please call Waihoroi on 021-08496655 if you have a property available or know of one that is.

The Learning Hub newsletter from Sarah Hunt is in the message section of our email. Just click on the link and all your questions and/or wonderings will be answered!

Carnival Drop Off. This Sunday between 10.30a.m. and 11.30a.m., the shed will be open for you to drop off any Carnival items/donations. Make the most of this opportunity!

## Awesome work by everyone in Room 1!



## Carnival 2016

**Saturday, 9th April**

Please let the Carnival Co-ordinators know if you can help in any way - on the day, with donations, if you have any contacts for donations, contributions to the stalls and prizes. We need **EVERYONE** on board to make this day a success.

Any questions?

Contact Shona Croasdale, Gail Saipani or Michelle Cook.

From this..... To this.....



Room 2 is a wonderful place to be!