



"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

On Tuesday night the staff attended the Archdiocese Commissioning Mass for 2016. This was an opportunity to celebrate Eucharist and be commissioned and blessed in our ministry. The Mass was concelebrated by Cardinal John Dew with Fr. Maurice, our new Parish Priest, and other priests. It was an opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the Diocese.

It has been wonderful to be in classrooms again this week and I am really enjoying being part of the children's learning and getting to know them. They continue to show their 'Spark of God' in everything they do and are a credit to you all.

In this newsletter there is a lot of information about upcoming events and reminders so please keep checking the community calendar or call us here at school if you are unsure about anything.

The school is buzzing and busy and our first full week back has been action-packed. Thank you to the many people who are involved in all the activities that are happening around the school, particularly the Carnival Committee for their organisational skills. The planning for the Carnival is gathering momentum and I am very excited to be a part of this annual event for the first time.

As we continue in the Jubilee Year of Mercy we are reminded to be "Merciful like the Father".

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - Have a great weekend!

atua manaaki *Donna McDonald* - Principal



WEEKEND GOSPEL

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Luke 9: 28-36



***"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."***

Reminder: The carpark outside the church that is marked as a disabled carpark needs to be left empty at all times unless you are displaying a mobility sticker. This can be very distressing for drivers with a physical disability if they are unable to access their park. Also there is a cone that is reserving a carpark outside the main gate for a special needs student who arrives by taxi. This a Health & Safety requirement and is temporary until the council organises making this a permanent disability carpark. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our wonderful teachers!

We were very proud to be in attendance at the Commissioning Mass on Tuesday and celebrate with several teachers who received certificates from The Catholic Institute presented by Cardinal John Dew.



Deana Collis and Arnie Pham
- Foundation Level
Jo Beasley, Trish Fitzsimons, Deb Neave
- Classroom Level
Cheryl Kidd, Pauline MacLean
- Leadership Level

Year 6 Camp to Bridge Valley in Nelson - November, 2016

Planning is already underway for this exciting EOTC event. The first meeting to outline details of Camp will be on **Tuesday, 23 February at 5.30pm in Room 10**. This is a great opportunity to find out all the details you will need to support your child with their Camp preparations.

Digital Citizenship Event

On Tuesday, 5th April at 6.30p.m., St Theresa's Catholic School is offering a free seminar run by NetSafe. Lee Chisholm will speak about what parents need to be aware of to maintain children's digital footprint and help them to develop the digital citizenship skills required to be confident online learners. Lee is the leader of NetSafe's contact centre that receives queries and reports from across NZ. Lee combines her unparalleled operational experience with her background in management, conflict resolution and counselling to deliver training and education to schools and organisations across NZ. We will be offering supervised child care so that both parents can attend. Please mark this in your diary. We will call for confirmation of your attendance closer to the time.

Sparks of God - Term 1, Week



Back: Toby Carter, Jena Taylor, Finn Leighton

Front: Charlie Stewart, Emily Beuerlein, Logan Simmons, Jakson Croasdale, Patch Dunne, Jade McLaughlin

ASB

Any new ASB home loan of over \$150K could earn us a donation of \$1000.

Please consider nominating St. Theresa's Catholic School if this applies to you or anyone you know! Valid until the end of April, 2016. Voucher available from Gina or simply tell them it's for us!

Scholastic Book Club orders need to be in by next Friday, 26th February.

Carnival 2016 - Newsletter attached as well as sent home with your child. We need everyone's help to make this event a success.

Class of the Week - Room 10

Last Friday, the whole school celebrated Beach Day at Plimmerton Beach. We all had a lot of fun and excitement which included making sandcastles and swimming. The highlight of beach day was enjoying the beautiful weather together - the smiles on everyone's faces and the sound of laughter proved that fun was had by all. Thanks to the students, the teachers and all the parents for making Beach Day a very successful one.



Last Tuesday, Rooms 9 & 10 went to The Mind Lab in Petone. It is a 'techmobile' building where geniuses go to study electronic gear. We learnt how to do Makey Makey which is when you connect circuits to different objects to make different sounds. We also learnt about Robotics which is when you create your own robot and direct it when you drive it. The last thing we did was Stopmotion. This is when you create a video that has little adjustments to the video. Mind Lab was definitely educational and was such a good experience.

Reporter: Azizah Isaako

Uniform fittings for Term 1

Friday, TOMORROW

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.

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

Morning tea contributions for our powhiri/Welcome Masses

Once a term we welcome new families, as you will have been, with a powhiri, Mass and morning tea. Two different classes per term are asked to supply the morning tea for this special occasion and ALL families are expected send along something to add to the table.

For this term's powhiri which is on Thurs., 25th Feb., it is the turn of all families in ROOMS 9 and 10 to provide the morning tea.

