



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
10th March
2016

"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

The builders arrived on Monday and work is well under way to ensure our school is up to code in case of an earthquake - the good news is, the scope of work is less than the engineer had allowed for, so we will have even less disruption to our school programme.

Thank you to Father Maurice for celebrating our class Mass with Rms 4 and 7 on Wednesday. This was an opportunity for the Parish and School to come together to worship in another environment and it was wonderful to see so many parents and parishioners attending. Thank you also to the parents for providing the lovely morning tea after Mass which was appreciated by adults and children alike.

We have our scheduled visit from the Education Review Office starting on Monday, 21st March and finishing on Thursday, 24th March. The review team will be conducting an external review of the school that compliments our own ongoing internal review process. This is a great opportunity for us to work with an outside agency to review our focus and direction going forward. We will be having a powhiri at 11a.m. on the Monday and you are all invited to attend. The staff, BoT and I are very excited to share with ERO the great work that has been happening in the school since their last visit.

Health and Safety - Thank you all for being vigilant and bringing any potential hazards you identify around the school to our attention; this helps to keep the whole community safe.

We warmly welcome Isabella (Izzy) Heberley and her parents Kaleb and Hannah to our School. We look forward to a happy association with them for many years to come.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

Donna McDonald - Principal



Catholic Character

Gospel Reading for Sunday

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The Gospel challenges us to reflect that as sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others. Jesus, the one who is without sin, offers us his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent

to sin no more
and to live in
God's love and
peace.



Board of Trustees Elections - 3rd June, 2016

The date has been set for our triennial Board of Trustees elections. Nominations will be invited for the election of 3 parent representatives and 1 staff representative. Nominations will be called for at the beginning of May. Becoming a board member is an opportunity to assist the St Theresa's Catholic School community in setting and maintaining the focus and direction of the school. If you are considering standing for election please let Michelle Barber know on 027 4439915 or email her: chairperson@st-theresas.school.nz.

Keep checking the newsletter for more details on this wonderful opportunity.

There are some booklets in Reception - *'A parent's guide to the role of the Board of Trustees'* - which will answer all of your questions!



Easter Weekend



School will be closed from Good Friday, 25th March to Tuesday, 29th March inclusive.

Term 1 ends on Friday, 15th April.



Whole School/Parish Mass

Palm Sunday, 20th March at 9.30a.m.

All students are expected to attend Mass, dressed in their full school uniform. There will be morning tea in the Hall afterwards, so please bring a plate to share. Non-attendance, for whatever reason, needs to be communicated to the Principal in writing. donna-mcdonald@st-theresas.school.nz

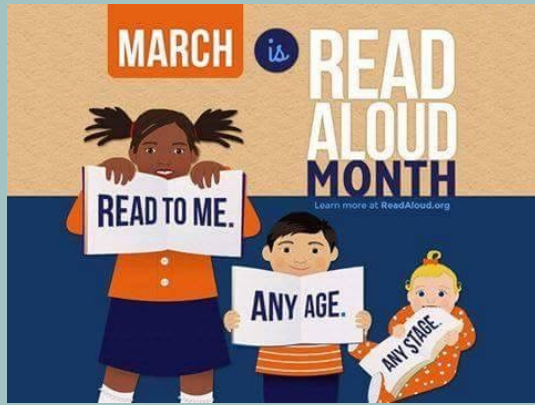
Caritas 2016 Challenge - TOMORROW!

Please bring along your gold coin and be prepared for a day without electricity.

March is

READ ALOUD MONTH

- ◇ READ ALOUD
- ◇ 15 MINUTES
- ◇ Every parent.
- ◇ Every child.
- ◇ Every day.



Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 5



Back: Anna Curran, Charlotte Kemp, Vinnie Barber, Noah Cole
 Front: Kieran Dunlop-Brown, Isabella Ringrose, Brianna Huynen, Ethan Ho, Harlan Baker, Kahukuranui Johnson-Bates



In Room 9 we have been sketching and thinking about a taonga that is connected to our culture. The Year 5 students went to cricket and even though it rained, they still got to do some cool stuff.

Nova from Foodstuffs has been visiting us and telling us about how to read the label on packets so that we know what is good for us. Did you know that V and Coca Cola have the most amount of sugar per 100ml and that the best thing for you is water!? Today we went to New World in Paremata to use all the information that we have learnt. We can now teach our families lots about this!

Class of the Week - Room 9

Reporters:

Rachel Liao & Riley Seque



Tsunami Drill - Tuesday, 15th March

Please be aware of the following details:

- ◆ The hand bell will ring at 8.45a.m.
- ◆ Children will immediately leave the school grounds with their teacher and any other adults who are joining in.
- ◆ All teachers will take their children up the track at the far side of the field and continue on to the designated meeting place.
- ◆ The roll will be taken and then children will return to school with their teacher, following the same route back down.
- ◆ The school day will continue as usual.
- ◆ We ask that you have your children at school by 8.30a.m.
- ◆ Children who arrive after the hand bell has been rung will assemble in the Learning Hub.

WE NEED THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL OUR PARENTS FOR THIS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO ENSURE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ARE AWARE OF OUR COLLECTION POINT - THIS WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE.

Netball results

St. T's Allstars had a bye.

Flag Football results:

St. T's Tigers won 6 - 1
 POD Kahukuranui
 Johnson-Bates & Stella
 Smith

Well done to all the players and thanks to parents!

School Pool closing on Thursday, 31st March.

All pool keys need to be returned by this date in order to secure your bond refund.

