



# St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,  
1st Sept.  
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, Bom dia.

**Happy first day of spring!**

It's amazing how quickly we seemed to move through winter and already we are beginning to enjoy longer days which is fortunate because we seem to be packing a lot into them!

**Thank you** to all the people who were able to attend our Mathematics Information Evening last Thursday - it really was a fast-paced, action-packed Information Evening. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for the planning that went on behind the scenes to ensure it ran smoothly. The link for the You Tube clip we watched is attached and we are putting together a list of really good iPad Apps and internet sites to support Maths learning which will be made available to you all.

**As always** we are constantly learning about new games and Apps our children can access. We strive to be vigilant to ensure the cyber safety of our children when working online, however part of what we are teaching the children is about being Internet savvy and making sensible choices. Thank you for continuing to work with us to ensure our children are getting the best possible advantages from using the Internet as a tool to assist their learning.

**We have** been busy this week with cultural, academic and sporting successes right across the school. The choir were a credit to the school on Wednesday night at ArtSplash as were our Mathswell team who competed on the same night. The seniors head off to an Ultimate Frisbee/Netball competition today and we look forward to watching the dancers at DanceSplash on Friday night. What a very talented group we have at St Theresa's and my thanks go out to staff, family/whanau and the students for helping to make it all happen so successfully.

**As the winter** season draws to a close, we wish good luck to teams in finals this weekend and look forward to a short rest before the summer sports begin.

**This week** we warmly welcome the Gargiulo family. Piata has started in Room 4. We wish her and her parents Vito and Moana-Cherie a long and very happy association with our special school.

Have a lovely weekend.



Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki

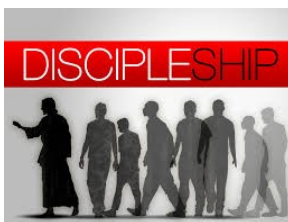
*Donna McDonald* - Principal



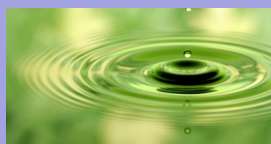
## This Sunday's Gospel:

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*In the Gospel, Jesus is teaching us that in order to follow Him, we need to set priorities. Jesus wants us to know that by following Him, we will find happiness. At the same time, He wants us to know that following Him is not always easy. We're lucky that Jesus is so honest with us about what it takes to follow Him.*



## Retreat in Daily Life



You are invited to a life-giving opportunity this spring! A \*Retreat in Daily Life\* begins on **Sunday, 9th October at 7 p.m. & ends on Friday, 14th October at 7p.m.**

It's here at our Church of St Theresa's. If you would like more information, please call Sr. Clare O'Connor on 04-9057213 or email her [clare@cenacle.org.nz](mailto:clare@cenacle.org.nz)

Look what we've been doing!



Mathswell  
Competition



ArtSplash

## Room 9's Newsletter

It has been a very busy term so far. Kids in Room 9 have been writing explanations and have also been involved in activities like DanceSplash, ArtSplash and Scripture Reading. Some children will be going Ngatitōa Domain to play Netball and Ultimate Frisbee today. As well as all these things, we are also working on Science and gathering data. Everyone in our class is grabbing a buddy and they are all doing different experiments. Luckily the holidays are coming soon! I think we will definitely need some rest.

Reporters: William Kendall & Luke Franklin



## Sparks of God Term 3, Week 5



**Back:** Hollie Brown, Te Ao Marama Royal, Cruz King-Tararo, Luke Franklin

**Front:** Elice Mzila, Adam Murphy, Kezia Franklin, Kira Sidoti

**Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta - soon to be a saint.** There will be a thanksgiving Mass for her canonisation at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9a.m. on Saturday, 10th Sept. "I am not sure exactly what Heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' Rather He will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"



## School Disco

**DISCO FORM:** Please get your completed form and payment in to the Office by **Monday, 5th September**. The organisers need to be sure of their numbers of helpers and catering requirements.

**GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS:** If you are dropping your child/ren off to the Disco but don't want go all the way home and don't want to stay (or your children don't want you to!), then you are very welcome to come along to the Staffroom and wait there. A quiet space with tea/coffee and cake could be very appealing!! Also a good time to catch up with other parents.



### 'Stuff' to remember:

Uniform fittings: TOMORROW from 2p.m.

DanceSplash: TOMORROW NIGHT

Disco: Friday, 9th September

Paid Union meeting for teachers: Mon., 12th Sept.

Maths Information Evening Link  
Check out the YouTube Clip attached to our email.  
More App links to follow.



## Thinking of doing a spring clean? We want what you don't!

Years 5 & 6 will be holding their annual 'Bring and Buy Day' on Thursday, 22nd September. This is a special day when children can shop by themselves, buy their own treats, play games and all their parents need to do is send along some money then wait to see what 'treasures' come home! We are ready to accept all your donations in Room 10 right now! (Pre-loved toys, games, books, ornaments, etc.)



MONDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER: PAID UNION MEETING. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE COMPLETE THE 'SURVEY' REGARDING YOUR CHILDREN BEING PICKED UP (OR NOT!). IT WON'T EVEN TAKE A MINUTE! THE LINK IS ATTACHED TO OUR EMAIL.