



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
10th Nov.
2016

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

Principal's Note

What an interesting week this has been. We have had a film crew in the school filming a mini documentary on NZSL in schools, children in the semi-finals for the EPro8 Challenge, speech competitions and a small group of students presenting at Pataka.

Many thanks to all the staff, students and families who so kindly supported the van Asch Deaf Centre on Tuesday while they filmed at St Theresa's. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to share the journey we are on. They will be using this as a resource for other mainstream schools with deaf students, to support inclusion in schools.

I was so proud to be able to attend the Kaitiakitanga Competition with Mrs. MacLean and some of our Year 6 students at Pataka on Tuesday. The children presented on their Cape Pondweed project and were in a competition to win an overnight trip to Kapiti Island. Congratulations to Brayden, Azizah, Zara, Scarlet and Leah. We have only just heard that Brayden and Azizah were selected to be part of the trip, so special congratulations to them.

Our Year 6 students head to Camp on Monday and we are praying for fine weather and a happy and safe time for them all. This is such an exciting part of the year for these students, so to their parents, please support them to be well prepared and on time for the ferry.

Back at school, we will be having a sleepover and Masterchef competition and of course the Zoo sleepover and GRIP Leadership days. Thank you to all the parents, staff and families who have supported the many fundraising events organised for these activities. We welcome to Isobel Haywood to Room 4. She is the sister of William and Emma and the daughter of Grant and Jess. Our best wishes to the whole family - we look forward to a continued, memorable time here at St. Theresa's.



Mrs. MacLean,
Azizah Isaako,
Zara Lyne,
Scarlet Lynch,
Leah Curran &
Brayden Algar

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - atua manaaki
Donna McDonald - Principal



Lock these dates in!

Week 6: 14th - 18th Nov.

Year 6 Camp

14th & 15th Nov.

Year 5 GRIP Conference &
Zoo Overnight Stay

15th Nov.

Year 4 School Sleepover
Sunday, 20th Nov.

First Eucharist
at 9.30a.m. Mass

Friday, 2nd Dec.

Whanau Day and

Thank you morning
tea from the Staff.



This Sunday's Gospel:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that as His followers, we will face many difficulties. One of the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is learning to trust His assurance that He will be with us, even in the most difficult of times.

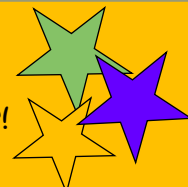


A huge thanks to **Carina Owen and Syd Duflou** for co-ordinating our Year 5 fundraiser.

Thanks to those who helped in any way and to those who attended. It was a great night (even for those who shed a tear or two!) and a very successful event.



Gift Basket Raffle winners: Our two lucky people were **Jo Beasley and Mars Lemmon**. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets - better luck next time! Congrats to the spot prize winners too.



Following our wee survey on the use of the pool, we are once again opening our pool (heated!) for the summer. Pool keys will be on sale in the next couple of weeks. For your information, the pool keyholder's agreement is attached to our email. Keys cost \$100 each (per family) and can't be shared around. Use of the pool is from the beginning of December to the end of March.



MONEY MATTERS/SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
If you have any amounts owing on your school account, we ask that these be paid as soon as possible as the end of our school year is fast approaching. Thank you to all those families who have already done so.

Community Connections: Please remember to check this out on our website. It has details of many of the events happening in our area, sports registrations, holiday programmes, etc. Go to 'For parents'/'Community Connections'. New items added regularly.

Year 6 Camp - 2016

We wish Pauline MacLean, Camp parents and all our Room 10 students a safe and happy trip down south - the place where memories are made!



It's all happening in Room 1!



Taking out a home loan of \$150K or more through ASB? Please nominate our School - we will get \$500 donated to us for every loan drawn until the end of December, this year.

Uniform fittings on site: Fri., 18th Nov. Please call Gina to make an appointment.

Sparks of God Term 4, Week 4



Back: Phoebe Harland, Vinnie Barber, Lachlan Hannon, Liana Saipani

Front: Kieran Dunlop-Brown, Jacob Beuerlein, Abigail Vincent, Olivia Murphy, Maddy Welham

Carnival 2017

Saturday, 25th March

Please get involved - we need everyone's help and support.

If you have any good ideas you would like to share or if you need any info and/or want to offer your help in advance, please contact Michelle Cook mushki@xtra.co.nz or 0272704490.

Miniball results for this week:

HAWKS: Won 9 - 7
..... another good result!

PoD: **Finn Leighton**



Excess classroom furniture:

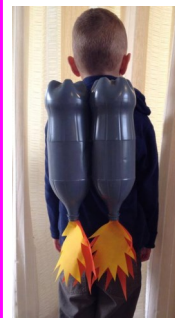
We still have a table and some chairs available. Please come to the Office and Gina can show you what there is. A donation would be appreciated - this will go towards helping families in our community.

Class of the Week - Room 8

This term, we have been learning about saints. We started by learning about Mary. Then we chose our own saint to study. We have been busy working in research groups finding facts about our saints and writing our speeches. This week we got creative. Firstly, we drew our saint. Then we used cellophane and made a stained glass picture with the picture of our saint in the middle. We are excited about sharing our marvellous pictures at our Assembly, this Friday.



We are collecting



The Carnival Craft Team are collecting soft drink bottles - size 1.5 L or up, to be used for the very popular rocket packs. Please leave bottles outside Gina's office.

Are you interested in joining our crafty team? Please contact Franchesca (Finlay's mum from Room 1).

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