



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
1st Dec.
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, Gidday, Malo ni

There is a lovely, excited buzz around the school at the moment with our EOTC activities finally underway. The children are enjoying the planned Christmas activities in their classrooms and there is definitely a shine about the place - I'm sure I have heard a Christmas carol or two!

Thank you to all the people who supported our Year 4 and 5 students so that they could participate in their planned Zoo sleepover, school sleepover and MasterChef activities. Thank you also to Trish Fitzsimons, Arnie Pham and Angela Cole for the planning and preparation that enables our students to experience these activities.

We are currently awaiting news on the Church and Hall regarding when it will be able to be used again and we are grateful for your continued patience and understanding. We are currently working on a plan B for our end of year functions, however we continue to pray that the Church will be open again in time.

Congratulations to Arnie Pham and Deana Collis on attaining Full Teacher Registration. They have worked hard over the past 2 years with their mentor teachers, Cheryl Kidd and Deb Neave, to meet the Practising Teacher Criteria and become fully certificated. They are both capable and professional and an asset to the education profession.

We warmly welcome Isabella Beach and her parents Matthew and Claudia. We wish you many happy years at St. Theresa's and hope you have enjoyed your first week in Room 3.

On Monday, we will mark the enrolment of our 200th child with Mathematics-related activities, a whole school photograph and a treat for the children.

This is a timely reminder that it is important that we are aware of any future enrolments. If you know of any Catholic families who are potentially interested in attending St. Theresa's, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible so that they do not miss out.

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



Whanau Day - Friday, 9th December

You are ALL invited to this celebration!

- 10.30a.m. The Staff thank you all with a morning tea in the Staffroom
- 11.15a.m. Cultural entertainment outside Room 8 (In the Church if wet)
- 12.30p.m. Shared cultural lunch in the foyer of the Church
- 1.15p.m. Final Assembly in the Church

Some things to remember:

- ◆ Times are approximate (except morning tea!)
- ◆ Children are to wear school uniform
- ◆ Children are to bring \$2 - money raised is going to MISSIONZ
- ◆ Please bring a plate of food from your culture to share



This Sunday's Gospel: 2nd Sunday in Advent

During this Advent season, we listen to the words of John the Baptist as a reminder that we are called to repentance as we prepare for Jesus' coming into our lives.



Arnie Pham and Deana Collis - our two newly, fully registered teachers. We're so proud of them.



Jess Anderson has passed her 'Certificate in Teacher Aiding (Level 4)'. Well done, Jess!



- ◆ **POOL KEYS** - Come and get yours today! 
- ◆ **2017 Music lessons** - Year 3-6
If you would like your child to learn the piano/keyboard during school on Mondays next year, please enquire to Linda Monk. 0276000566 or email b.l.monk@actrix.co.nz 
- ◆ **Uniform fittings** - Last chance for fittings on site. TOMORROW, 2nd December from 2p.m. onwards.
- ◆ Register for the **WeetBix Tryathlon!**

Congratulations to Andre Hesp! Andre has received the **Excellence in Education Award** from NZ Association for Deaf Children. He was chosen for this award out of all Year 1 deaf students in New Zealand. What a great achievement for such a hard-working student. Well done, Andre!



Miniball results for this week:

SAINTS: Lost 3 - 24

PoD: **Riley Hockings** Best Effort: **Lila Ablett**

CARNIVAL

We hope you have all read Carnival Newsletter #1 that gives you an update on what's going to happen for the lead up next year. We are on the lookout for someone to co-ordinate the Café - a nice place to have for those Carnival goers who need to get away from the hustle and bustle, take a seat in peace and quiet and enjoy a nice cup of tea! If you are interested, contact Michelle 027 270 4490, mushki@xtra.co.nz or grab her in the playground!



Rauri Meo finished 5th in the Yr 5 150m final at the Wellington Regional Athletics Comp. An awesome achievement.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ALL THE END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS/FUNCTIONS. A very detailed note of everything that is happening will be sent home in hard copy form and it will be posted on our website under 'What's on top/School Notices'. There should be no other questions!

...and they're off! Our Year 6 students ready for their trip across the Cook Strait. Thanks to everyone for their support with fundraising for this experience of a lifetime.

We've broken the record! Isabella Beach is our 200th student - the highest number of children our wee School has ever had. Mrs. Beasley and Isabella show off the lovely beach-themed cake that her parents gave us for morning tea!



Class of the Week - Room 1



The last few weeks have been very busy in Room 1. We are excited about the Christmas craft activities coming up. We have been writing letters to Santa. It was fun. We hope Santa writes back. Mrs. Kidd is going to post them to the North Pole. We have been writing speeches. All the Juniors are saying speeches on saints. We have been learning about paragraphs. We know they are 2 or 3 sentences about one topic. We are making stained glass windows for Art. They will look very pretty when they are hanging up. The last few weeks have been fun for us. How about yours?

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