



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
8th 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, Giddyay, Malo ni

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2016. What an amazing year it has been at St. Theresa's Catholic School. This year we have had whole School Masses, welcome Powhiri, organised Parish/School events, an ERO visit, won awards, been written about, shaken up and flooded! During all of this, the school community has shone and we have held onto who we are and what we believe: "to live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be". Thank you to everyone who has helped to support our wonderful School in so many ways. My personal thanks to you all for the warm, caring and inclusive way that you have welcomed me into the St. Theresa's community. I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a joyful holiday break.

Sadly we farewell Neroli Lyne and Jess Anderson, two of our amazing support staff. We thank them both for the work they have done with our children and wish them well in their future endeavours. Today the children will be finding out their classes for 2017. This is an exciting time for them all and an opportunity to make new friends and meet new challenges.

We will also be handing out end of year reports on Friday. Please look for these in your child's bag. If you have any concerns for your child's ongoing achievement, please speak to the classroom teacher or to me, before seeking outside support. We are here to support our students' achievement and it is essential that we have strong communication between home and school.

We are looking forward to our end of the year Prizegiving on Tuesday night. This is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the whole School during 2016. This event is followed by the Year 6 Leavers' supper. On Thursday, we have our Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church at 11a.m. and we look forward to seeing you all at these celebrations.

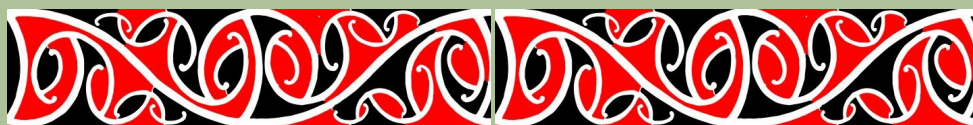
whai i te Kirihimete oaoa, me te haumaruru

Donna McDonald - Principal



Whanau Day - Friday, 9th December

See you ALL tomorrow - starting at
10.30a.m.



CARNIVAL **CAFÉ:** We still need someone to coordinate the Café. Please contact Michelle for more info mushki@xtra.co.nz **CRAFTS:** Crafts are after your 1.5l empty soft drink bottles (i.e. Coke or Pepsi). Please leave with Gina. **PRESERVES/JAMS:** Know anyone who likes to make preserves/jams? Jacqueline needs a hand to help increase the stock for carnival. For more information touch base with Jax on jacquelinewester@yahoo.co.nz

This Sunday's Gospel: 3rd Sunday in Advent

This Sunday is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning rejoice. Proclaiming the joy of salvation

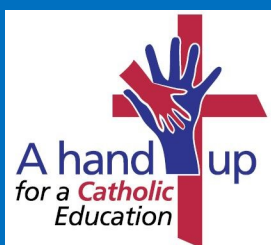


in Jesus means more than simply telling people to be happy. It requires that we work to improve the conditions in their lives that prevent them from experiencing joy. Let us accept this challenge then with joyful hearts.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways this year; on trips, in the classrooms or provided morning teas. Thank you also for the gifts we are given and most of all for your support and love of the staff of our School.

You can make a
real difference to one child
this Christmas.

All the details on our Website.



School Terms for 2017

- T1: Tues. 7th Feb - Thurs. 13th April
- T2: Mon. 1st May - Fri. 7th July
- T3: Mon. 24th July - Fri. 29th Sept.
- T4: Mon. 16th Oct. - Wed. 20th Dec.

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Lost property** - Please check the bin outside Room 1 if your child is missing anything. After next Thursday, it will all be GONE!
- ◆ **Library books** - All borrowed books need to be returned asap. This excludes the Summer Reading programme.
- ◆ **ASB Home Loans** of \$150K or more - please nominate us!



Calling for cast members for the Christmas Eve Nativity Play
It's on again! St. Theresa's Christmas Eve Nativity play - with a twist! - will be performed at the Christmas Eve Mass at 6p.m. Would your child like to take part in telling the iconic story of Christmas?

The cast is traditionally made up of primary school-aged children from 5-11 and they will need to be available for several morning rehearsals in the Church in the week leading up to Christmas, as well as Christmas Eve morning. Parents may be asked to assist with some costuming (we have most already) and props. If your child would like to take part please email Eleanor Cater - eleanor.cater@xtra.co.nz - with your child's name and age before Thursday, 15th December.



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!

Farewell to our 2016 Leavers We're sure going to miss each and every one of you! All the very best and much love!



Mystery jars - Any jars returned before the close of school will earn your child 300 House points! Our flier has heaps of suggestions and ideas for you.



Christmas Mass Timetable

Sat. 24th December:

6p.m. Family Mass (Carols from 5.45p.m.)

9p.m. Holy Eucharist (Carols from 8.45p.m.)

Sunday, 25th Dec. - 9.30a.m. Family Mass



Chess Club 2016



Congratulations to the Chess Club for their recent tournament and thank you to Ben and Carter for all their organisation. The Plate winner was Carter and runner up was Tom and the Cup winner was Ben with the runner up being Joe.

Miniball results:The Saints lost this week. PoD Euan Watkins and Fair Play Award **Elijah Tia.**



The Gingerbread House Masterpieces! Best fun ever making these creations.