



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
9th Feb.
2017

"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, Dzień/Dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday, Malo ni

Welcome back everybody! It was so lovely to see the children's smiling faces on Tuesday. They have all settled into their classes and are already working hard.

We have started swimming lessons with the EasySwim School instructors, in our lovely heated pool and I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm the children have shown in our less than ideal weather conditions.

During the holidays the staff attended a range of professional development that supports our school-wide focus on Growth Mindsets and we are all excited to start putting some of our new learning into action. We also attended KiVa training and are now officially a KiVa school. This programme is essentially education on what bullying is and how we can prevent it. The programme has training for staff, children and parents and is backed up with an online resource that can be accessed both at home and school. Although we don't see bullying as a problem at St. Theresa's, there is clear evidence through surveying our community that we do not have a shared definition of bullying and that our children need support in identifying bullying behaviours. We feel the KiVa programme will support us to be proactive rather than reactive. Please join us on Thursday, 23rd February when we will be presenting the programme to the community and answering any questions you may have.

Assembly this week will be at 2.15p.m. in the Church, as the Hall is still being repaired and of course, there will be no Assembly next week due to the beach trip.

This week we welcome our new teacher aide, Sheena Beale, who will be working in the senior syndicate as well as the following students and their families:

Ishara Nandika (Rm 8) and her parents, Rofi and Bijumon; **Kaleb Brennan** (Rm 1) and his parents Matt and Chantelle; **Joshua Kerr** (Rm 4) and his parents Paul and Lucy; **Taylor Perridge** (Rm 3) and her parents Jason and Michelle; **Max Gair** (Rm 4) and his parents Heath and Maria; **Dante Johnson-Bates** (Rm 4), brother of Kahukuranui and their parents Waihoroi and Rendell; **Tom Rousell** (Room 8) and his parents Michael and Kim; **Azura Jurgens** (Rm 2) and her mum, Tina; **Thomas Savea** (Rm 3), brother of Connor and Keira and their parents Fomai and Gemma and **Max Ramm** (Rm 3), brother of Lina and their parents Tony and Anna. We are very happy to have you as part of our community and wish you many memorable years here at St. T's.

A positive tweet to finish the week from Pope Francis - "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace."

Whai i te wiki nui

Donna McDonald - Principal



2016 Prize Winners

Congratulations to our winners from last year:

Back: Grace Reiher, Laina Sola, Phoebe Harland, Zara Lyne

Front: Alysse Saipani, Brayden Algar, Ben Reiher, Jena Taylor

Absent: Kaleb Aunoa

This Sunday's Gospel:

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love.



Parent Information Evening
Thursday, 23rd February at 6p.m.
PLEASE mark this in your diary!

◆ **Uniform fittings for Term 1**

24th Feb

17th March

7th April

Please call Gina to book an appointment.

◆ **FYI** Our school website has heaps of info on events, art classes, music lessons, etc. Check it out. Go to 'For Parents' and then 'Community Connections'.

◆ **Book Club Orders:** Could these please be in by Monday, 20th Feb.?

HATCHED AND MATCHED!

Congratulations to the **Liao** family. Rachel has a new little sister called Avery. She was born in December.



Warm wishes to **John and Tamara Meli** (and Riley and Cassidy) who were married in the holidays.

No parking on the yellow lines.



Two busy bees!

Contact details update form: Please return your form to school by **TOMORROW.**

UPCOMING FEBRUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 17th - Beach Picnic for everyone!

Wednesday, 22nd - Board of Trustees meeting 6p.m.

Thursday, 23rd - KIVA Parent Information meeting 6p.m.

Sunday, 26th - Parish/School Mass and picnic (in the School grounds)

Beach Picnic

Friday, 17th February

You don't want to miss this, so mark it in your diary now!

We will be leaving school at 10.30a.m. and walking across the overbridge and the railway lines to the beach.

Children can come to school in their beach gear and need to bring their togs, towel, etc. with them! Don't forget morning tea, lunch, plenty of water to drink and make sure they have sunblock on.



CARNIVAL 2017

Carnival 2017 is just around the corner. Mark Saturday, 25th March on your calendar now and make sure you've signed up for a role on the day. For any more info or questions, please email the organisers (Gail Saipani, Michelle Cook and Shona Croasdale) on carnival@st-theresas.school.nz We need everyone's help!

St. T's students being amazing sportspeople! Congrats to John and Courtney Tyrell, Liam Dunlop-Brown and Rich and Brooke Jones. They were awarded plenty of medals at their events during the holidays. Well done all of you!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017

(First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist) is open for enrolment. The timetable has been finalised for the year. Children aged 8 years and older by February 2017 are welcome to join the programme. Please contact Fiona Robertson at Fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz or 027 320 8511.



For new families or those who haven't already done so - please 'Like' our St. Theresa's Facebook page. Carnival updates will be published and of course, any other items that we occasionally put up.



Class of the Week Room 9

Welcome back everybody! Even though it was wet on the first day of school it was exciting to come back and see all of our friends and get to be in our new classes. The day got even better when we were given an iceblock at lunchtime!!! We are hoping

the sun will shine so that we can enjoy our swimming lessons with Sasha, Ben and Alex from EasySwim. Room 9 kids will be busy this year helping run the school. It's going to be an exciting and busy year.

Reporters: **William, Jesse, Belle, Vinnie, Grace and Cruz**