



*"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, Selamat, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday, Malo ni

Well what a week of weather! We have gone from swimming in a storm to beautiful sunshine today.

We are all looking forward to the beach trip on Friday. Thank you to those people who have offered to help with walking to the beach and supervising in the water.

Father Maurice is returning at the end of week from his holidays and we are very happy to have him back with us again. Thank you to Father Kevin Purcell who was with us over the past 2 weeks.

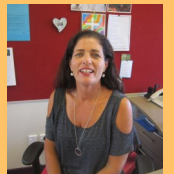
Don't forget the Parish/School Mass on Sunday, 26th February and of course the picnic afterwards. This is an initiative from the Parish and a great way for us to be strengthening our links. We are praying for fine weather and looking forward to seeing you all there.

With Carnival planning well underway, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Carnival committee and our community for all they do to organise this amazing fundraising event. We are so appreciative of the wonderful resources we were able to purchase last year to support our learning through digital technologies from the Carnival funds. These included Chromebooks, iPads, Apple TVs and screens. Look out for photographs of the children in action using this equipment in future newsletters.

The teaching staff have planned an information evening for Thursday, 23 February. We will have Jeremy Bloomfield from Accent Learning in attendance to speak about our KiVa programme and there will be an opportunity to chat with your child's teacher and walk through the classrooms.



St. Theresa's is going retro! We are having an old school 'Working Bee' on **Sunday, 5th March** straight after Mass. A list of jobs will come out in next week's newsletter so please mark this date in your diary. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community to get the School looking spick and span before the Carnival.



Whai i te wiki nui

**Donna McDonald** - Principal

## Parent Information Evening Thursday, 23rd February, 2017

**Bring your children too, as this is an opportunity for them to show you through their classroom**

4 - 5p.m.: Walk through classes and chat to teachers

5 - 6p.m.: Bring your own picnic dinner

6 - 7p.m.: KiVa presentation, Q and A with Jeremy Bloomfield

**This is an open evening so feel free to attend whatever suits you.**

## This Sunday's Gospel:

*7th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges His listeners and us to constantly evaluate the messages we receive from our society and culture. He tells us that being His disciple requires us not to settle for what everyone else does, but to go beyond what society expects of us and do what God expects of us.*



## **SCHOOL/PARISH FUN PICNIC DAY** - Sunday, 26th February from 10.30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

This will be held in the school grounds after the School and Parish Mass and will be a great opportunity to build community and have some fun. The idea is that after the School/Parish Mass we will have some fun games on the field, the pool will be open and supervised for those who would like to have a swim, BBQs with sausages (supplied by the Parish) and bread (supplied by School). What to bring: a salad or sweet treat to put on the tables to be shared, a seat or rug and something to drink but most of all, bring your family. If the weather doesn't play the game, we will have a sausage sizzle and a chat. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WAY OF BUILDING COMMUNITY.**



◆ **Uniform fittings for Term 1**

24th Feb

17th March

7th April

Please call Gina to book an appointment.

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



Some of our Sparks of God from last week:

**Daniel Owen, Seb Richards, Leon Bremford, Hollie Brown**

**UPCOMING FEBRUARY/MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed. 22nd Feb. - Board Meeting 6p.m.

Thurs. 23rd Feb. - Parent Info Evening

Sun. 26th Feb. - School/Parish Mass and Picnic

Wed. 1st Mar. - Ash Wednesday

Sun. 5th Mar. - Working Bee at School

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017**

The Sacramental Programme 2017 is now open for enrolments. Please complete the enrolment form available at the Church office, in the foyer or at the School office and hand into the Church office once completed. The programme dates are now displayed in the Church foyer. Once you have completed the enrolment process, your child's name will then be added to the programme.

Any questions, please contact Fiona Robertson on 0273208511 or [fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz)



**CARNIVAL 2017**

Saturday, 25th March

Not long to go now. We really need everyone to help in some way so for any more info or questions, please email the organisers (Gail Saipani, Michelle Cook and Shona Croasdale) on [carnival@st-theresas.school.nz](mailto:carnival@st-theresas.school.nz) Keep an eye out for the weekly Carnival newsletter to stay up to date!

**BEACH PICNIC TOMORROW**

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! If possible, please send your child to school wearing at least one of the following colours:

**green - red - blue - orange**

Please don't go to any expense and don't buy anything new. Bring morning tea, lunch, plenty of water to drink and sunblock.



**Parking/Road rules**

Please be considerate when parking or picking up children from school. There have been a couple of incidents recently so this reminder is apt. Do the right thing.



**Class of the Week - Room 1**

10 reasons why it is great to be back at school .....

1. We missed all the awesome teachers and we get to meet our new teachers.
2. Swimming everyday in the pool.
3. We get to do art to decorate our new classrooms.
4. It is great to be back with our friends.
5. Learning lots of new things already.
6. We are reading lots of books, writing stories and learning Maths.
7. Making new friends in our new classroom.
8. Kapa haka will be starting again soon.
9. The days go quickly as we are so busy.
10. We get to enjoy the sunshine ... jokes! We get to enjoy listening to the rain on the roof!



Back to School

