



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Thursday,
23rd 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, Giday, Malo ni

Thank you for your support in making sure the children have come back ready and prepared to learn. Please remember that we are wearing summer uniform this term, however the children can choose to wear sandals or shoes and socks. A gentle reminder that the summer uniform guidelines state that anything worn under the uniform must not be visible - this includes t-shirts, singlets, etc. Also, only small plain gold or silver studs and a plain watch are permissible as jewellery. Please be particularly vigilant with earrings as this is a health and safety concern.

Next week, children in Years 2- 6 will be bringing home their portfolio books. With the ever increasing use of digital technology to record and store children's work, our portfolio books no longer fit the purpose they were originally intended for. These do not need to be sent back to school and can be kept at home as a record of the children's work.

An update on the Hall: As you will be aware, the Hall has been out of action since the floods in late October 2016. The School and Parish have worked together to try to minimise the impact on all groups using the Hall and the latest communications are that it should be back up and running in early March. After School Care has been operating out of the Staffroom and Room 8 and I would like to say thank you to both the staff and community for being so flexible with this. While this temporary accommodation is in place, we have asked the children to be aware of the After School programme moving around the school and to be respectful of their equipment which may be in the playground.

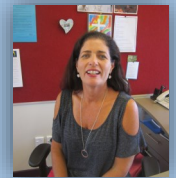
We are all looking forward to seeing you tonight at some or all of our planned evening. Classrooms will be open from 4pm-5pm for you to wander through with your children and chat to teachers. From 5pm - 6pm we will be having a picnic dinner on the field and from 6pm - 7pm, a presentation on our new KiVa programme.

Tomorrow the sun is going to shine and we are going to the beach! Children can come to school in beach mufti and all other details are as per last week.

On Tuesday evening, the staff attended a Commissioning Mass in the Cathedral with all the other schools in the diocese. Cardinal John spoke to us about working to the best of our ability with a big heart and humour. These are great reminders for us all to start the year with.

Whai i te wiki nui

Donna McDonald - Principal



Congratulations to the following staff who received certificates from The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand, at the Commissioning Mass:

Certification in RE - Classroom Level **Deana Collis & Arnie Pham**

Certification in RE - Leadership Level **Joanna Beasley & Trish Fitzsimons**

Certificate of Completion - Understanding Sexuality **Deb Neave & Angela Cole**

Record of Attendance - Understanding Sexuality **Deborah Norris**

We appreciate and applaud your effort.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017

The Sacramental Programme 2017 is now open for enrolments.

Any questions, please contact Fiona

Robertson on 0273208511

or fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz

This Sunday's Gospel:

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, what Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don't need material goods but the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious.



Parent Information Evening

SEE YOU ALL TONIGHT!

You're welcome to come along from 4p.m. onwards.

KiVa presentation is from 6p.m. - 7p.m.

Bring your children.

Bring your picnic dinner.

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

Uniform fittings TOMORROW!

Don't forget:

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

Wed. 1st Mar. - Ash Wednesday

Sun. 5th Mar. - Working Bee at School

Say 'CHEESE'!

School photographs will be taken on



Tuesday, 28th February.

Every child will be photographed individually however, you are not obliged to buy the photos - you can decide once you've seen them. If you would like a family photo taken, you must complete the form that was sent home. Family/group photos will be taken in the Learning Hub.



CARNIVAL 2017
Saturday, 25th March

Co-ordinators/organisers are
Gail Saipani, Michelle Cook and Shona Croasdale.
carnival@st-theresas.school.nz



SPARKS OF GOD - Week 2

Back: Jade McLaughlin, Lachlan Baker, Luis Meo, Cruz King-Tararo, Clarice Souza-Galle

Front: Max Gair, Teuaine Mareikura, Mitchell Pierce

BEACH PICNIC
IT MAY ACTUALLY HAPPEN 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! Bring morning tea, lunch, plenty of water to drink and sunblock.



Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews

Monday, 6th March and Monday, 13th March. More details to follow.

Whole School/Parish Mass All children are expected to attend on Sunday. Please arrive by 9.15a.m. and gather in the courtyard. Children will be seated with their classroom teacher. Mufti can be worn this time because of the picnic that follows. Sausages and bread will be provided and everyone is asked to bring along a salad or dessert to share. We will need a couple of people to cook the sausages so if you can, please let Jodie Hickey-Smith (021-450396) know.



Mystery Jars

Keep these coming in!
200 House points per jar. We have some spare empty jars available in Reception if you need them.

Class of the Week - Room 6

When we came back to school after the summer holidays, we started swimming lessons with Ben, Alex and Sasha. We learnt all sorts of new things as well as practising some of the things we already knew. We ran down the side of the pool to warm up and then we went onto freestyle and backstroke. We have had a lot of fun. Thank you so much to Ben, Alex and Sasha. We can't wait to show off our new skills at swimming sports. Reporter: **Kezia Franklin**

Throughout the last couple of weeks we have been swimming in the pool. We've learnt heaps of new things. We have also practised things we already know. It's really fun. We saw how many lengths we could do. We only had half an hour to do it. One time I did 32 lengths in one lesson! My favourite style is doggy paddle and surf swim. Thank you to Alex, Sasha and Ben. Reporter: **Riley Seque**

