



"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

It's hard to believe that we are so close to Easter and the end of Term 1 already. We have had a very busy term with the children experiencing a wide range of learning opportunities out of the classroom. Many thanks to all our family/whanau who have supported us in so many different ways.

Stations of the Cross: Last Friday, the Catholic Character Leaders led the Stations of the Cross, supported by Mrs. Cole. Thank you to Matthew Dodds, Janelle Burrell, Danielle Hockings and Carter Lynch for so generously giving up their time to bring the Stations alive for our Parish community.

News from the Board of Trustees: Sadly we farewell Hannah Heberley from the Board. Due to the family relocating, Hannah is unable to continue in the role of Parent Representative and has resigned. We wish to thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her and the family - with their brand new addition - all the very best in their new home.

ANZAC Day Parade: Mayor Mike Tana has confirmed that the commemorative celebration will be held at the Peace Memorial, Te Rauparaha Park on Tuesday, 25 April 2017 at 9a.m. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of the School and invite anybody who wishes to be part of the street parade, to join us outside the old McDonald's building at 8.45a.m.

Reunification Drill: This is set for Thursday, 13 April. A separate letter has been sent out and a map with details of how to access our evacuation zone will be available on the website from tomorrow. We appreciate your support with this drill, as it is a vital part of keeping our children safe.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Whai i te wiki nui.

Donna McDonald - Principal



Lent is, by nature, a time of hope because it leads us to be born anew "of the spirit", by the love of God. *Pope Francis*

Hot cross buns Morning Tea



Next Thursday at 10.30a.m., before our Easter Pageant, we will be having a morning tea in the Staffroom with Hot Cross buns. You are all invited.

This Sunday's Gospel: Palm Sunday

This Sunday, we begin Holy Week. To be holy means to be set apart for God's purposes.

Holy Week is the time set apart to focus on the death and Resurrection of Jesus.



Our Easter Pageant

Thursday, 13th April starting at 11a.m.

As is our tradition, we will be re-enacting the Easter Pageant in the Church and all children will be participating. Your child's classroom teacher will have told them what to bring/wear. Please join us for this very moving and prayerful experience.



Calling all Ark builders!



SPARKS OF GOD - Week 8



Back: **Dominic Souza-Galle, William Snaddon, Blossom Dele-Oluwole, Lila Ablett**

Front: **Dante Johnson-Bates, Donel Kolangara Sinumon, Nove Ah Kuoi**

TOMORROW is our Caritas 'MOVE IT' Challenge

Starting at 11a.m., we will be going for a long walk to highlight the plight of people who have to travel long distances to access basic needs like water, food, safety, health and education. When we return to school, children will 'buy' their lunch (a bowl of rice) for a gold coin.

Bring a gold coin.

Bring PE gear (Seniors) and PE shoes (Juniors) for the walk.

Bring a named bowl and a spoon, fork or chop sticks!

The bowl of rice will be the children's lunch.



Soccer & Flag Football Results

Thunderbirds won 2 - 1. PoD: Lachlan Maclean & Elijah Tia
Fairplay Award: Emma Haywood

Lazers won 1 - 0. PoD Jakson Croasdale & Kiahna King-Tararo

Stars lost 1 - 2. PoD: Harrison Croasdale

Raptors won 6 - 4. PoD: Cruz King-Tararo

St. Theresa's sent a team to the Yr 5 & 6 Robbie Fruean Rugby Tournament last week. The overall team performance was impressive and St. T's managed to make the semi-finals and lose narrowly to the eventual winners, Papakowhai. Luke Gilmour received the Most Valuable Player medal and Ella Jones received a rugby ball for being the Most Improved in our team. A huge thank you to Brent Ringrose and Arnie Pham for coaching the team.



We have a new baby! Congratulations to Kaleb and Hannah Heberley and their girls on the birth of their new baby boy, Benjamin. We wish them everything of the very best and many blessings on their family.



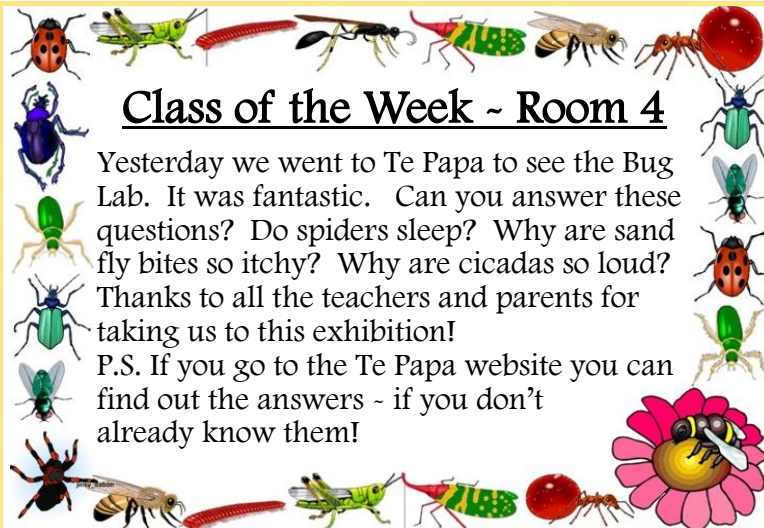
Thank you for our wonderful parents, Fabiola, Casey and Shona for 'helping' at the Westpac Stadium last week. It was much appreciated. LOL, GO GIRLS!



SCHOOL TRIPS ARE SO TOUGH AND SUCH HARD WORK!

School Shoes for winter

PLEASE ensure you buy the correct school shoes to avoid the added expense of having to buy a second pair! Check our website for examples.



Class of the Week ~ Room 4

Yesterday we went to Te Papa to see the Bug Lab. It was fantastic. Can you answer these questions? Do spiders sleep? Why are sand fly bites so itchy? Why are cicadas so loud? Thanks to all the teachers and parents for taking us to this exhibition! P.S. If you go to the Te Papa website you can find out the answers - if you don't already know them!



This is the actual reason we went to the Westpac Stadium! A great time was had by all.