



"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

Well it's hard to believe the first term is already over and what a lot we have packed into it. The interesting weather across the country has brought its own challenges but in true Kiwi style, we have turned everything into a learning experience! Thank you to the staff, students, parents, friends and wider community for the many ways they have so generously shared their unique gifts and talents this term.

It has been exciting to watch the development of the hall kitchen and toilets and barring a cyclone over the next few days, they are on track to be finished by the start of Term 2. On the topic of building, we have been approved for a toilet upgrade in the main block - this is currently planned for the boys' toilets and we are hoping to start it in Term 2.

Thank you for the prayers you have been saying for Fr. Maurice. He visited us yesterday for morning tea and is certainly feeling much better. He is keen to resume his visits to classes next term and I know the children will be excited about that as they have missed him popping in.

Unfortunately we felt unable to continue with our planned reunification drill as the weather forecast was predicting heavy rain and a possible cyclone. This will now be rescheduled for later in the year. Please take a moment to check the website under Civil Defence to familiarise yourself with the emergency evacuation procedures and map of the pick up zone. This is also a good time to talk to your family and friends to ensure you have a plan. There is great information on the WREMO website <http://www.getprepared.org.nz> that will help you to stay informed. Thank you to Deb Neave for all her work in pulling the drill together.

As we round the corner on Lent and prepare to begin our Easter celebrations, we have so much to be grateful for. Please travel safely if you are heading away, enjoy time with family and friends and continue to be mindful of the many blessings that surround us everyday.

"To live Easter means to enter into the mystery of Jesus who died and rose for us" - Pope Francis.

Whai i te wiki nui.

Donna McDonald - Principal



See you all back on Monday, 1st May!
Term 2 ends on Friday, 7th July

REUNIFICATION DRILL

OUR DRILL SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE WEATHER FORECAST.

WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Carnival 2017 raffle. The winning ticket numbers are:

1st Prize: #1215, 2nd Prize: #4406, 3rd Prize: #794, 4th Prize: #4483, 5th Prize: #3293. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets - we couldn't have done it without you!

This Sunday's Gospel Easter Sunday

During Lent we prepared ourselves to remember and celebrate Jesus' death and Resurrection. During the season of Easter, the Church asks us to reflect on Jesus' Resurrection and what it means for us as his disciples today. We can spend time during the Easter season thinking about Jesus' Resurrection and the gift of eternal life that he gives to us.



Sacramental programme, 2017

The cut off date is Friday, 5th May. If you haven't already enrolled your child, please get your form and payment to the Parish Office. For any enquiries, contact Fiona Robertson on fiona.robertson@xtra.co.nz or 027-3208511.

SPARKS OF GOD - Week 9



Back: Harrison Croasdale, Belle Croasdale, Lucy Bain, Jack Hurcomb, Courtney Tyrell, Tom Davey
 Front: Abigail Vincent, Emily Aubrey, Ethan Ho, George Franklin, Alex Cousins, Kobe Algar

Soccer & Flag Football Results

Thunderbirds

Lazers lazars drew 1-1. Pod Ethan Ho, Isabella Beach & Dante Johnson-Bates

Stars

Raptors

Thank you! A huge thank you to Avril Ringrose, Kim Meo, Kiri Croasdale, Libby Baker and Gayle Harrison for managing the Flag and Soccer teams this term. Thanks also to our Year 6 students William Baker, Celine Ngan and Aiden Harrison who also assisted. What an impressive example of leadership and giving back.

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.

Entertainment Books

These are available for ordering online or for buying from the Office - \$65. After 2 or 3 uses, the book will have paid for itself!

The Traveller's Prayer

Each time I drive, Lord, may I feel, Your hands on mine upon the wheel. Give me a careful, watchful eye, for young and old as I pass by.



I want to use this car for You, to drive my friends/family in safety too but all these things can never be unless O Lord, You drive with me. Amen.

NZSL - SIGN OF THE WEEK



Easter Egg



Easter

On Tuesday, 25th April at 9a.m., we will be laying an ANZAC Day wreath as part of the Porirua ceremony at Te Rauparaha Park. Please join us if you can.

Easter artwork from Room 8. A reminder to us all of what Easter is really truly about.



New School Bell times

From the start of Term 2, the school bell will ring at the following times:

- 8.50a.m. - School starts
- 10.55a.m. - Start of morning tea
- 11.15a.m. - End of morning tea
- 12.40p.m. - Start of lunch time
- 1.30p.m. - End of lunch time
- 2.45p.m. - School finishes



A big thank you to Matt and Stephanie Greenham for providing the Hot Cross buns for today's morning tea. We appreciate it very much!

SCHOOL UNIFORM: In Terms 2 and 3, children wear winter uniform which means shoes and socks. PLEASE make sure you buy the correct shoes. Check our website for examples of footwear as well as our policy on jewellery, etc. Also, no visible singlets, t-shirts or undershirts please.

