



*"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, Dzien/Dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giddyay, Malo ni

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all managed to relax over the Easter break and were able to spend time with family and friends. We were blessed with wonderful weather which is always a bonus.

This week, we warmly welcome 3 new students to St. T's! In Room 3, we have **Sienna Brennan**, daughter of Matt and Chantelle and sister of Kaleb and joining her, we have **Noah Lewer**, son of Nathan and Tracy and brother of Max and Theo. Then in Room 1, we have **Daniel Gilmour**, son of Brendan and Liz and brother of Luke and Isaac. We look forward to you all continuing to be a part of our St. Theresa's School community.

Term 2 is another busy term with Matariki, mid-year reporting, parent information evenings and hopefully, a successful reunification drill, so please keep checking the calendar, classroom emails and the newsletter for updates.

The Parish Hall is finally up and running and we join with the Parish community in being very excited about the 'flash' kitchen and soft, new carpet. The After School Care programme has moved back into the Hall and I would like to thank Deb Neave and the whole staff for sharing Room 8 and the staffroom as the work was being completed. It is certainly much quieter in my office after school now and I have to make my own afternoon tea!

Thank you to all the staff and families who joined us on ANZAC Day for the Porirua Basin Combined Civil Service. It was a very moving ceremony and a wonderful opportunity for our young people. Special thanks go to Connor Savea, Tom Davey, Jakson Deed, Liam Dunlop-Brown, Charlie Ringrose, Harry Ringrose and Matthew Dodds who represented St. Theresa's and marched in the parade.

Have a lovely weekend and to all who are beginning their winter sport season, play well, play fair and have fun.

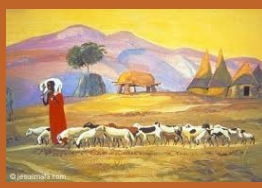
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**Donna McDonald** - Principal



Let's work together to increase solidarity and sharing. Co-operation helps to build better and more peaceful societies. **Pope Francis**

Catholic Character



### This Sunday's Gospel

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds in our society today, we can still identify strongly

with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. It is in Jesus that we find protection and abundant life.

The **Sacramental Programme** parent meeting will be held this Sunday, 7th May at 3p.m. in the Church Hall. We look forward to meeting you.

*Fiona and James Robertson.*



Some dates for your diary:

**Wed., 17th May** - BoT mtg

**Wed., 24th May** - Powhiri and Mass of Welcome

**Tues., 30th May** (PP Thurs., 1st June) - Senior Cross Country

**Wed., 31st May** - Mobile Dental Clinic on site for a week

**Entertainment books** should soon be delivered to school. If you want Gina to put one aside for you, please email or call her. Only \$65 per book and very well worth it!

**Book Club orders** should be in to the Office by Wed., 17th May or you can order online. If you want Gina to hold the books at the Office for you (if they are perhaps a gift!), then just let her know.



## SPARKS OF GOD - T1, Wk 9



Back: Harrison Croasdale, Belle Croasdale, Lucy Bain, Jack Hurcomb, Courtney Tyrell, Tom Davey

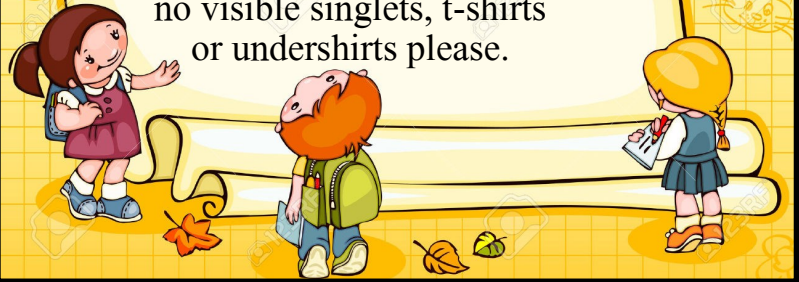
Front: Abigail Vincent, Emily Aubrey, Ethan Ho, George Franklin, Alex Cousins, Kobe Algar

## UNIFORM

Uniform fittings for Term 2  
(Fridays from 2p.m. - 3.20p.m.)

19th May & 9th June & 30th June

All children should now be wearing their winter uniform which means shoes and socks. Please ensure your child has the correct footwear and hair ties, jewellery, etc. Also, no visible singlets, t-shirts or undershirts please.



## Class of the Week - Room 9

We've come back to school and Room 9 is in for another busy term. We are going to be completing a novel study on a book called Wonder. It is about a kid called Auggie. His face isn't normal and his parents are making him go to school for the first time. His face is so bad that people don't want to look at him. We know it is going to be a story that makes us think. Cross Country is also underway.

Kids are setting higher goals than last year so it could be a challenging race and getting into the Cross Country team will be hard. Room 9 kids are going to be working hard to improve our work and stay organised. Have a good term everyone!

Reporters: Kira Tomlinson & Charlie Ringrose



COMING SOON! Scholastic Bookfair Week is happening in Week 6, from Wednesday, 7th June to Tuesday, 13th June. More info will follow about Book Character Dress Up Day, open for purchase times and other fun activities taking place throughout the week! Start planning your costume today but please don't go to any extra expense! Imagination is all that's required.

**ALL SALES BENEFIT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

Everything you'll ever want to know about the Giant Squid at Te Papa, as reported by Chloe and Max: Each eye is the size of a soccer ball, it is orange, it's really big, has heaps of tentacles and eats fish!



Here's Room 4's giant squid!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### New School Bell times

The School bell now rings 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

