



St. Theresa's Catholic School

Friday,
11th August,
2017

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be."

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/Dobry, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Giday, Malo ni

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of St. Mary MacKillop of the Cross, with a Liturgy in the hall. Thank you to the children who read the gospel and prayers and to Angela Cole for organising this for us.

Term 3 is a very busy time with production and learning activities outside the classroom. Our thanks to you all, for supporting the staff and children in a variety of ways.

Parents & Friends: This is a wonderful group to join and an opportunity to get involved in school life. We have several projects that need your support including upgrading the junior playground and the pool area. Our meeting this term will be on **Wednesday, 23rd August at 7p.m.** in the Staffroom. Please join us for a sharing of ideas – many hands make light work.

What does voting for Education mean? Our children deserve the best education in the world. They need better funding for better learning. Please visit VoteEducation.org.nz to find out how each party's policies stack up.

In line with Health & Safety policies, we have had the playground inspected and I sought clarification of whether there is an age limit on using the 'biggie'. It has been confirmed that there is no age restriction and the 'biggie' has been designed to be age appropriately accessible – this means that children can't access parts of the playground until they are big enough. With this in mind, we have decided to open the 'biggie' to all age children and will carefully monitor any safety issues. I'm sure this will be great news for many nearly 7 year olds.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Donna McDonald – Principal



Principal's Note



We effectively do good when we do it without seeking reward and in the concrete situations of everyday life. Pope Francis



Art installation by our very creative recycling collectors! (We won't talk about how tense Mrs. Kidd is about it falling onto her car!)

Board update - John Mallon (Chairperson, BoT)

It seems crazy that we are already well into the 3rd term of 2017.

The Board of Trustees met for its first meeting of the term on Wednesday night with nothing too major for the Board to ponder. A key issue for the School is the school roll – we will be full to the brim by the end of this year. The Board is considering how to address this issue, as it is important that we can continue to offer a Catholic education for the children in our community.

The Board has now made a commitment to participate in the Paramoana Community of Learning (CoL) with the Memorandum of Understanding signed up at the end of last term. St Theresa's is participating in the CoL programme, implemented as a policy by the Government with the schools in our immediate area forming a community to share and implement common learning objectives. We have been actively involved in this initiative, with Donna taking a leading role on the stewardship group and appointments' committee. We thank her for her efforts on this, as given St. Theresa's is the only State Integrated Catholic school in the CoL, our special character needs to be reflected.

This coming November, we will be holding the Board of Trustee mid-term elections for the school. We encourage any of our parents or members of the school community who are interested in serving on the Board to put their names forward. Nominations close on 17th November.

Finally, to those in our school community who are battling sickness, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

This Sunday's Gospel

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God made a promise long ago to his Chosen People that He would always be with them and would always love them. This promise seems too good to be true. Yet God fulfilled that promise by sending His only Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit to be with us at all times. Even so, we sometimes doubt God's promise. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear that Peter experienced doubt too.



Class of the Week - Room 6

This term has been really busy and it's only Week 3! One of the most fantastic things we have done is Makerspace. We have been striving to be the best we can be with Makerspace. We do it on Wednesday and Friday. It is a bit like discovery except it encourages you to explore, follow your passions, try new things, fail and try again, use your imagination, create, solve problems and to do new things to save the world! We deconstruct, invent and discover new things.

That is why we do

Makerspace.

Makerspace is a lot of fun.

Reporters: Lucy, Kezia and Max



SPARKS OF GOD - T3, Week 2

Back: Charlie Stewart, Mitchell Browne, Stella Smith, Patch Dunne, Aiden Harrison

Front: Kannika Smith, George Franklin, Dante Johnson-Bates, Poppy-Lou Dennison

Sports results: **Netball:** Angels won 2-1, PoD: The whole team

Soccer: Lazars drew 0 all. PoD: Noah Pio; Stars won 2 - 0. PoD: Flynn Croasdale,

Fair Play Award: Adam Murphy; Rebels lost 0 - 2. PoD: Jacob Beuerlein



FUNDRAISER MOVIE – The Big Sick

Support Adventurous Hugo to get surgery in the USA and aftercare treatment.

Sunday, 20th August at 7.30p.m.

Lighthouse Pauatahanui Tickets \$20

Contact Kerry – helpadventuroushugo@xtra.co.nz



Reminders:

Book Club orders in by the end of **this** school day please.

ASB - Please nominate our school if you are drawing down a new home loan.

Vouchers available from the Office.

Feast of the Assumption Mass

Tuesday, 15th August
at 9.30a.m.

Please join us in celebrating this very special feast day.



Makerspace in Room 6

