



*"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, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Bom dia, Gidday, Malo ni

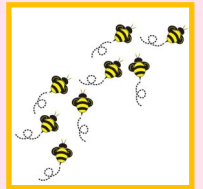
Week 7 has been and gone already and the School is certainly in full Production mode. The Production is shaping up to be the event of the year and it is great to see all the children putting in so much effort to learn songs, lines and dances. Thank you to the many friends and family who have been assisting us in so many ways.

It was lovely to be able to attend the Confirmation Mass on Saturday night, where the children presented themselves to Cardinal John Dew to be confirmed. Also please remember we are having our School/Parish Mass this Sunday, 10th September at 9.30a.m. to honour our Grandparents. It will be great to see you all there. Please stay for a cuppa and sausage sizzle afterwards.

Welcome back to Father Maurice this week. It is great to see you back looking refreshed and energised.

Our Community of Learning (CoL)/Kāhui Ako has been working at a rapid pace and we are now at the stage of having had our achievement challenge accepted by the Ministry of Education and have appointed a CoL Leader. We're excited to announce that Bradley Roberts has been appointed as the Lead Principal for the North Porirua Community of Learning (CoL)/Kāhui Ako. This appointment is effective from 1st September, 2017 for a term of 18 months until the end of February 2019. Further information about CoLs, etc. is attached to our newsletter email.

We are very fortunate to have been nominated to receive a bee house and 50 bees by Paremata New World. The bees are called Leafcutters and are a non-stinging, gentle, pollinating specialist variety. We have been assured that they are totally safe to have in school. The bee house and bees will be arriving next week and the bees will be in hibernation until the temperature reaches 21 degrees. We might have to be patient! This is a great opportunity for our children to experience contextual learning around planting and pollinating.



*Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.*

*He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua*

**Donna McDonald – Principal**



*Jesus is always there with an open heart. He throws open the mercy that he has in his heart. He forgives, embraces, and understands. - Pope Francis*

## SYNOD 2017

Please continue to pray the Synod Prayer and for the participants who are preparing for the Synod weekend. The directions and priorities that come out of this event will be put forward as recommendations to Cardinal John for consideration in directing the Archdiocese over the next 10 years.

At St. Theresa's, Plimmerton, on the Synod weekend, we will only have the 6p.m. Vigil Mass (Sat. 16th) celebrated in our Church. **There will be NO Mass celebrated at Plimmerton on Sunday, 17th September.**

## This Sunday's Gospel

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear in the Gospel this Sunday that Jesus doesn't say we won't have disagreements; in fact, He acknowledges them. Prayer is an important part of handling the conflict. Jesus promises that He will guide the decisions of those who pray to Him. When we have a problem with another person, we pray that God will help bring peace to the situation and that God will be with us as we work toward this peace.



## Whole School/Parish Mass Celebrating Grandparents

**Sunday, 10th September - 9.30a.m.**

All children are expected to attend, dressed in their full school uniform. They will be seated in Class groups with their teachers. Shared morning tea afterwards in the Hall so please bring a plate to share. Sausage sizzle as well - provided by the Parish and School. Non-attendance needs to be advised in writing to [donna-mcdonald@st-theresas.school.nz](mailto:donna-mcdonald@st-theresas.school.nz) as well as the classroom teacher.



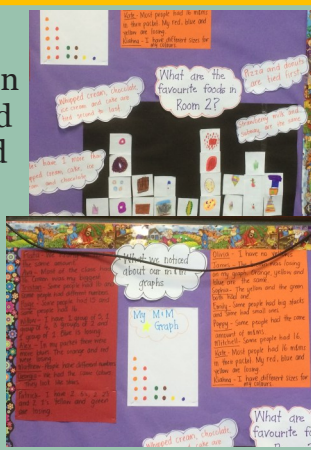
**Can you help?** Shirley Kelland needs some ornamental flax - the reddish coloured flax - to make flax flowers. If you have any to spare (28 leaves/spears required), please let Gina know.

## Class of the week Room 2

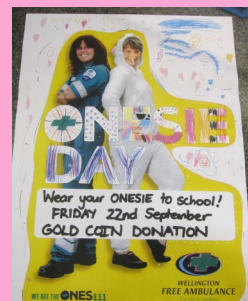
We love maths in Room 2. This week we have been looking at Statistics. We made graphs that showed our favourite foods. The favourites were pizza and donuts. We also made a graph that showed how many m&ms were in a packet and what colours there were. My favourite part was eating the m&ms.



Reporter: **Georgia Carter**



**Onesie Day**  
**Friday, 22nd September for Wellington Free Ambulance**  
 All you need is a onesie (or pyjamas if you don't have one!) and a **gold coin donation**.



## Raffle for Hugo

Weber Q 1000 Outdoor gas grill  
 Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Contact Kerry Simmons to buy yours!  
 coke4u@live.com or mobile 027-2497166

St. T's world famous (in Plimmerton) **DISCO** is scheduled for Friday, 3rd November so mark that in your calendar now!

We congratulate **Belle Croasdale & Toby Carter** who were nominated by our School to receive a Gift to the World Leadership Award by the Rotary Clubs of Porirua and the Porirua City Council for 'Commitment to service above self'.



## SPARKS OF GOD - T3, Week 8

Back: Euan Watkins, Rauri Meo, Harry Ringrose, Matthew Dodds  
 Front: Plata Gargiulo, Ruby-Rose Dennison, Sam Rousell, Kira Sidoti, Emerson Allen-Coburn

## Have you bought your Production tickets yet?

**Thinking of doing a spring clean?**  
**We want what you don't!**

Year 5 & 6 will be holding their annual 'Bring and Buy Day' on **Thursday, 28th September**. This is a special day when children can shop by themselves, buy their own treats, play games and all their parents need to do is send along some money then wait to see what 'treasures' come home! We are ready to accept all your donations in Rm 10 right now! (Pre-loved toys, games, books, ornaments, etc.)

Money makes the world go round..... Just another reminder that when you pay your Family Contribution on your school account, you can claim a **tax rebate** from the IRD.



**PERSONALISED PICKETS:** If you want to order one (or more!) please collect a form from the Office, complete it and return with payment. \$35 each.



## Sports Results

Lazers won 3 – 0. PoD: Tristan Jeythas;  
 Fair Play Award: Kiahna King-Tararo