



"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

Thank you all for supporting the staff on Friday with our professional development day. This was a fantastic opportunity to review the work we have been doing over the past several years and to begin planning for the next 3 year cycle. We are currently looking at teacher and student placements, and reviewing some of the initiatives we have been trialling. Our students' academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being has always been at the heart of everything we do and will continue to be our firm focus. Please feel confident about this as we navigate the very probable changes to our education system and talk to us if you are unsure about anything.

Right across the school we are implementing a 'play-based' approach to teaching the New Zealand Curriculum. This will mean some small changes to timetables and how things look. Rest assured your children are still being taught the explicit skills and knowledge they need to be fully literate and numerate at the end of their time here.

Date change - we are really excited to share our digital learning journey with you on Tuesday, 7 November from 5.15p.m. - 7p.m. We have decided to move this from Tuesday, 31st October as there was a potential clash with that date. This will be a mixture of information sharing and hands-on activities. We plan to start with a free sausage sizzle at 5.15p.m., share a short clip on future-focussed education, break out into groups that demonstrate learning in things from Seesaw to Makerspace and finish with a Kahoot! on what you have learned. The children are very welcome. Please fill in the 2 question survey on attendance so that we can ensure we have adequate space and sausages.

We will finish 2017 at full capacity which is a new consideration for us. This will mean that we will need to be even more aware of enrolments for 2018. If you know of any Catholic families within the community who wish to enrol, please ask them to pop in or email Gina.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

*He hari, he pai te wiki. Whakapai te Atua,
Donna McDonald - Principal*



Dear young people, Do not be afraid of the future! Dare to dream big! Keep joy alive; a sign of a young heart that has encountered the Lord. - Pope Francis

Children need to **PLAY** to
BE ADAPTABLE
CONSTRUCT KNOWLEDGE
PROBLEM LEARN CREATE
SOLVE PROCESS EMOTIONS
INTERNALISE EXPERIENCES
DISCOVER CHALLENGE
BE HEALTHY THEMSELVES
LAUGH & HAVE FUN
LEARN TO WORK IMAGINE
TOGETHER LEARN TO LEAD
EXPRESS EXPLORE SPEAK
IDEAS DEVELOP READ
MANAGE AN INQUIRING WRITE
STRESS **MIND** WRITE
Because **PLAY** COUNTS matters.

Carnival 2018

Here's what you have to do right now:

1. Mark this date in your calendar:
Saturday, 24th March, 2018
2. Register yourself on the Helpers' list - this way you get first pick of the stalls!

We need everyone to get behind our major fundraiser for the year.

If you have any questions about the Carnival roles or have any ideas or suggestions, please either e-mail: carnival@st-theresas.school.nz or call Mike Tohill 021-1909986 or Avril Ringrose 027-2484114.

THANK YOU The Staff are so grateful to everyone for all their support and assistance whenever asked for and sometimes we don't even have to ask! We appreciate you all so much and acknowledge that lots of events couldn't take place without you.



Dates for your diary

TOMORROW: * Uniform fittings 2p.m.
* Great Kiwi morning tea

Tuesday, 31st October: * Parent info evening

Wednesday, 1st November * All Saints Day Mass 9.30a.m.
* BoT meeting 6p.m.

Friday, 3rd November: *School Disco 5 - 6.30p.m. & 7 - 8.30p.m.

Tuesday, 7th November: *Digital Technology Evening

Wednesday, 8th November: *Powhiri & Mass 9a.m.



This Sunday's Gospel

**30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

We can sometimes think that laws are restricting, that they prevent us from doing certain things. Jesus teaches us that the heart of God's Law is love. The commandments, in fact, free us from those things that get in the way of loving God and loving our neighbour.

Board of Trustees - Mid-Term Elections

Nominations are invited for the election of **2 Parent Representatives** to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Nominations close at noon on Friday, 17th November and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names as they come to hand, for inspection at school. Voting closes at noon on 1st December, 2017. *Gina Rollandi - Returning Officer*

Have you used the 'Selfie Wall' yet?

Check out Mrs. Kidd's cool 'Selfie Wall' in the corridor outside Room 4 and take one with your child, your friend - anyone! This term's value is

Whanaungatanga

Close connection, relationship, kinship, sense of family connection, a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging.



The Parents & Friends Committee have organised this fabulous opportunity for our families.

Family Portraits Fundraiser

Saturday, 11th November

Check out the attachment in our email. You'll have to be quick as spaces are limited.

In case you're planning your summer holidays, St. T's closes on Monday, 18th December and re-opens on Wednesday, 7th February.



Class of the Week - Room 9

Wow, the year has gone fast! Can you believe it is Term 4? The Year 6s are going to a new school in eight weeks' time and in three weeks' time, they are going to camp. The Year 5s are going to the Zoo for a sleepover and they are getting ready to be leaders next year by attending the GRIP Conference in Wellington. Children will need to get their talents ready for the St. T's Got Talent show. We all hope you have a great rest of the year and Christmas - that's coming fast too!



Reporters: Jakson Deed and Connor Savea



Take note!

Pizza every week except 1st and 15th December

Uniform fittings for Term 4: Tomorrow, 10th November and 1st December

Weet-Bix Tryathlon: 18th March
Contact Michelle Cook
mushki@xtra.co.nz

Book Club Orders: By Tuesday, 31st October

Disco: Friday, 3rd November

Junior Syndicate's 'Great Kiwi Morning Tea' TOMORROW

This is to support the Kiwis for Kiwi Campaign and is part of our Inquiry for this term.

There will be morning tea goodies for sale outside the Junior Classrooms.

Children can bring coins to buy their morning tea.

Powhiri and Mass of Welcome

Wednesday, 8th November at 9a.m.

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

It is the turn of all families in Rooms 2, 3 & 4 (except those being welcomed!) to supply the morning tea. Your contributions should be dropped off in the Hall at the start of School.

