



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

Kia tau te rangimarie ki runga i a koutou Let the peace settle upon you all

Thank you to Jodie Hickey-Smith and her team for organising a very popular School Disco on Friday night. The music was loud, there was smoke and lights and everyone enjoyed a few treats - what a great way to end the week. Many thanks also to Craig Bain for keeping the dance floor full with a great mix of music for all.

On Wednesday we celebrated our final Powhiri for 2017 and welcomed many new children, adults and their whanau. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind and a windy Wellington day meant we needed to be inside - the first time in my 2 years here. The senior leaders looked amazing in our new Kapa Haka uniforms and all the children made us proud with their singing, haka, conch blowing and karanga.

I have been very privileged to attend 2 Baptisms in the past week, of students at our school. Congratulations to Kerys Cuddihy and Logan Simmons. Thank you to their parents, godparents and families for supporting them in this decision. We also thank Fr Maurice, Angela Cole, Cheryl Kidd and the children of Rooms 1 and 7 for the organisation and support they offered.

Our sharing through digital technologies evening was a great success and there were some challenged adults and a lot of laughs. Thank you for taking the time to come and learn a little bit more about the ways your children are able to access the NZ Curriculum through a digital lens. With the draft digital technologies curriculum expected to be fully implemented by schools by 2019, we feel confident that we are well on the way to meeting this goal.

This week we received Cheryl Kidd's resignation. Cheryl leaves us to further her career, taking up a position as a Reading Recovery teacher. We wish her well and will be formally farewelling her at our final assembly.

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



This week, we warmly welcome **Jorja-Maree Hockings**, daughter of Grant and Shona and sister of Danielle and Riley. We're so happy you're finally here with us and we wish you many happy times at St. T's.

Principal's Note

Board update from John Mallon, Chairperson Board of Trustees

It's crazy that we are now already well into the last term of 2017. The Board held its second to last meeting of the year last Wednesday. The BoT has commenced its 3 yearly Charter and Strategic Plan review and is aiming to sign this off by the start of 2018. This review will establish the strategic priorities for the School over the next 3 years. We will keep you updated on progress.



The BoT has approved some capex on the School pool, with a service to the pump and filter overdue and the cover to be upgraded. This should get the pool fully operational and ready for the summer onslaught.

Last week's meeting was sadly the final meeting for Dan O'Hagan. Dan joined the board in November 2011 and is stepping down in December. He has made a huge contribution to the BoT and the School as a trustee and parent. Dan has been the lead for the BoT on many of the large projects undertaken over the last 5 - 6 years, including the playground upgrade and relocation, the Learning Hub, the new equipment shed and other projects. The School has been extremely lucky to have had access to Dan's skill and expertise and we cannot thank him enough. He will be missed. Finally, as you well know, election day for the Board of Trustees is 1st December, with nominations closing on 17th November. Please do consider putting your name forward for the role of trustee. Best regards, John.

This Sunday's Gospel

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus often refers to the Kingdom of Heaven as a banquet or wedding feast. In the parable this Sunday, the bridegroom represents Jesus. It's one thing to miss a wedding reception but it's an entirely different issue to miss the second coming of Jesus at the end of time. We all want to be included in the heavenly banquet. We have to be prepared always - there's no putting off readiness.



Dates for your diary

Mon., 13th - Fri. 17th Nov.: *Y6 Camp

Wed., 15th - Thurs., 16th Nov.:

*Y5 Zoo Sleepover

Thurs., 16th Nov.:

* Y4 Matiu Somes Island Trip

Fri., 1st Dec.: *Whanau Day/Thank You morning tea

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 has been 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*

Lost property: Dante in Room 4 has lost his jersey. It is named **KJB**. Please check to see if you have it!

Class of the Week - Room 6

In Room 6 we have been working hard on our speeches and learning about probability. We have been learning a lot about probability. We have made predictions about a lot of different things like heads or tails on a coin or what colour block will come out of the bag. Sometimes it was hard to choose what one was likely to be picked. We have been learning about informative speech which means you're telling them about your topic and facts and persuasive speech which means you're persuading your audience to do something. We have worked really hard on our speeches.



Reporters: **Benji Barber & Hollie Brown**



We congratulate and welcome Kerys Cuddihy & Logan Simmons who were both baptised by Fr. Maurice.

SCHOOL CLOSSES ON MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER AT 12.30p.m. (AFTER THE LEAVERS' MASS) AND STARTS AGAIN ON WED., 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018.

SPARKS OF GOD - T4, Week 3



A massive thanks to **Jodie Hickey-Smith** for all the hard work she put into making the Disco such a success. Thanks also to everyone who helped in any way. From all accounts, a great time was had by all - so **thanks** to all our students for being there! We would also like to thank **New World Paremata** for donating the hot dogs. Very much appreciated!



Photographer: **Charlie Ringrose**

Back: Sophie McBride, Jesse Hurcomb, Maia Goodstadt-Brown, Riley Hockings

Middle: Ella Fordham, Ishara Nandika, Joshua Cousins, Jakson Croasdale, Tommy Carter, Kiahna King-Tararo

Front: James Tohill, Khloe Vu, Max Gair

Miniball Results

Lions had a fantastic win 22 - 12.
PoD Cooper Mallon who was a legend - almost a one man show!
Hurricanes won 12 - 8 PoD: Jacob Beuerlein (Great offensive play)
Stars won 8 - 2. PoD: Isaac Ringrose
Fair Play: Kiahna King-Tararo
Rockets won 12 - 8 PoD: Thomas Rousell
Lazers lost 6 - 16 PoD: Flynn Croasdale (Fab dribbling and passing)
Thunderbirds won 16 - 4 PoD: Lachlan Baker (Great all round play)