



# St. Theresa's Catholic School

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be." 30th November, 2017

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

ko nga tamariki o teneti ra ko nga kaiarahi o apopo

The children of today are tomorrow's leaders

*Congratulations to all those who received the Eucharist on Sunday for the first time. It was a wonderful celebration and a privilege to be able to attend. Thank you to the many people who helped support the children both on the day and in the preparations leading up to Sunday.*

*On Monday I attended the GRIP Leadership Conference with our current Yr 5 students, in preparation for 2018 and the leadership roles they will be fulfilling. The children represented St. Theresa's proudly and were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day.*

*The Junior School have enjoyed their version of EOTC week, with a Movement Day on Monday and an amazing Maths Day yesterday. Thank you to a wonderful group of teachers who plan these activities for our students. How many balloons will fit into Mrs. McDonald's car?*

*Please join us on Friday for our Thank You Morning Tea at 10.55a.m. followed by our cultural celebrations at approximately 11.20a.m. We will have lunch for our visitors so for catering purposes, please let us know if you are intending to join us.*

*This week, we welcome **Arabella and Esmeralda Locke-Fearon**, sisters of Florence and daughters of Andy and Vicki as well as **Eseta Ah Kuoi**, sister of Nove and daughter of Fred and Erenei. We hope you all enjoy many happy years here, as part of our St. T's community.*



Principal's Note



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



May Mary's pure and simple smile be a source of joy for each one of us as we face life's difficulties. - Pope Francis

**One more PIZZA FRIDAY this year!**  
Next Friday, 8th December is the final day for 2017. Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraiser over the past two terms.

## Sacramental Programme 2018

There will be a meeting on Sunday, 3rd December at 2p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is for parents who intend enrolling their children for this programme. Children need to be 8years old before 31st October.



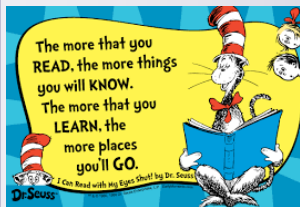
## Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Children in Years 1 - 6 are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve play down at Bishop Viard College. Parents need to send their children's names and ages together with an email address and phone contact details to the Parish office prior to school closing.



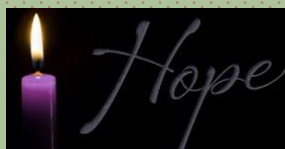
**The Learning Hub - this from Sarah Hunt, our Librarian Stocktake** of all library books has now been completed. Please help your child locate outstanding library books or respond to email notices sent home. All books need to be returned by next **Friday, 8th December.**

**St Theresa's Learning Hub Summer Reading Program**  
Information was sent home yesterday. Please read this carefully and consider the importance of reading mileage over the summer holidays. This program is for all students returning to St Theresa's in 2018 and with no outstanding books. Fill in and sign the permission slip and return to school by **Friday, 8th December.**



## This Sunday's Gospel - First Sunday in Advent

*Jesus tells his disciples that they must stay watchful and ready because they do not know when the Son of Man will return. This Sunday's reading reminds us that Advent is not only about preparing for the celebration of Christmas but also about keeping ourselves ready to receive Christ when He comes to us in glory at the end of time.*





## Class of the Week - Room 7

In Room 7, we have been making machines and writing about them with Mrs. Meyer. We have designed and created board games about choices. The Year 5s went to the GRIP Leadership Conference on Monday. We have started our Advent Calendar of kindness.



Reporters:

Daniel Lovett, Harrison Croasdale, Charlie Carter, Brooke Jones, Jade McLaughlin, Grace Mzila

## Miniball Results

**Rockets** 1<sup>st</sup> Game 4 – 10 loss. 2<sup>nd</sup> Game 0 – 20 loss.

PoD: **Dante Johnson-Bates** for being a great team player.

**Stars** drew 12 all. PoD: **Kiahna King-Tararo**

Fair Play Award: **Noah Pio** A special thank you to **Jakson Croasdale** and **Ethan Ho** who we borrowed from Rockets to help us with numbers! They played 3 games back to back!

**Hurricanes** lost. PoD: **Finn Leighton** for good, open play.

**Thunderbirds**: A close win where PoD was **Russell Ngan** with his great hustle!

**Lazers** won 8 - 6. PoD: **Ryder Duncan** for great rebounding.

**LAST CHANCE** for a pool key. If we haven't sold at least 20 keys by the end of the school day tomorrow, the pool will not be open for the holidays.

Maths Day was a wonderful celebration of all things numerical. The Junior School teachers really got into the swing of things - check out their fabulous outfits!



Yay!!! Look what we ended up with:

A MASSIVE thanks to the people who responded to our request for co-ordinating Toys, Café and Logistics. Thanks also to everyone else who has volunteered for a role on the day.

Our Carnival 2018 is going to be awesome!



More Carnival news.....

This **Sunday (3rd December)** and next **Sunday (10th December)** the sheds will be open after Mass (approx. 10.30a.m.) so if you have items you want to drop off for the Carnival, this is your chance!



Photographer: Hayden Arthur

## SPARKS OF GOD - T4, Week 7

Back: Grace Mzila, Amokura Royal, Belle Croasdale, Aifili Patelesio

Front: Ryker Sidoti, Amelia Ho, Emily Mallon, Dora Leone, Hannah Tohill

There is still an opportunity to see the awesome movie **'WONDER'**

Sun., 3rd December at 7.30p.m. Contact Kerry on 027-2497166. Please support this worthy cause.



Last chance for uniform fittings for this year. Tomorrow, **1st December from 2p.m. onwards**. Please call Gina if you want to book an appointment.

Working or needing to shop? Nadine Hodge from After School Care is operating a programme for 3 days at the close of school. She has some fantastic activities planned and this is open to ALL children who attend our school. For more information, please call her on 021-1871648. If you're working or still need to get your shopping done, this is your chance! It's available for single days or at a special rate for all 3 days.

We're sure you join us in wishing the Ablett family the best of wishes for their special occasion on Saturday. Chris and Michelle will be married here at St. Theresa's Church.

