



St. Theresa's Catholic School

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be." 7th December, 2017

Principal's Note

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 tenei ra ko nga kaiarahi o apopo/The children of today are tomorrow's leaders

It is hard to believe that this is the 2nd last newsletter for the year however, with the current heatwave we are experiencing, it really feels like Christmas is nearly here.

The staff and students are getting ready for our end of year Prizegiving and Leavers' Mass and we hope you can all join us as we celebrate the end of another fantastic year.

Structure for 2018: In 2018, we are introducing a Pod system. This is a much more collaborative and effective way of grouping our students and teachers, to best enhance the new thinking we have been researching. This will maximise our future-focused pedagogy and ensure an equitable spread of resources. Although our buildings don't allow for us to be an innovative learning environment in the common sense, we will be fully maximising our current buildings and utilising the local environment.

PODs for 2018

SENIOR POD	MIDDLE POD	JUNIOR POD
Yrs 4 - 6	Yrs 2 - 3	Yrs 0 - 2
2 x Yr 5/6 classes	3 x Yr 2/3 classes	3 x Yr 0-2 classes
1 x Year 4 class		

Our teaching staff for 2018: Sadly we farewell Cheryl Kidd and wish her well as she undertakes her new role as a Reading Recovery teacher. We have been very fortunate to appoint Arnie Pham to a permanent, full-time position and congratulate him on this appointment. We also welcome back Elizabeth McKee and Sarah Duignan who have previously taught at St. Theresa's and who will be joining us as part-time teachers in the junior POD. We also received a resignation from Vinny Thompson (CESW) who is returning to the art world and we wish her well for the future.

Senior POD: Yr 5/6 - Trish Fitzsimons and Pauline MacLean; Year 4 – Arnie Pham. **Middle POD:** Year 2/3 – Deb Neave, Deana Collis and Angela Cole. **Junior POD:** Year 0 - 2: Deb Norris, Elizabeth McKee, Jo Beasley, Shona Hockings and Sarah Duignan.

This week we welcome **Teddy Green** and his father, Dan. We wish you a very happy association with St. Theresa's.

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



Donna McDonald - Principal



May the wisdom of God help us to know how to welcome and accept those who think and act differently from us. *Pope Francis*

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Oluwole, Dele

Gina Rollandi - Returning Officer



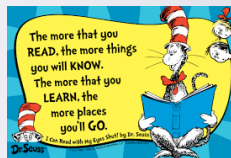
Massive congratulations to **Tyler Duncan** who came 3rd in the Parumoana Interschools Speech Competition. He competed against other Year 5s and 6s. What a great achievement!

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 **TOMORROW**

St Theresa's Learning Hub Summer Reading Program

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 **TOMORROW!**



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.

This Sunday's Gospel - First Sunday in Advent

During Advent, we affirm John's message by 'preparing the way of the Lord' in our own lives. We seek forgiveness for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and look for ways in which we can be better followers of Jesus. In our words and actions, we hope to be like John the Baptist in leading others to Jesus. In what ways can we 'prepare the way of the Lord' in the world today?



Last night was the launch of the Porirua Art Journal. We have 2 pages in the journal all about our school production, Sina's Journey and the masks and costumes we made with the puppeteer, Anna Bailey. Well done to Maia, Belle and Eden for being a part of the Harbour Journal Project. The first issue is called Current and we will receive a class set of the Journal. Great work, team!



SPARKS OF GOD - T4, Week 7

Back: Jayden Reynolds, Liam Dunlop-Brown, Lila Ablett
 Front: Hunter Tomlinson, Isabella Cato, Jakson Croasdale, Isaac Gilmour, Harlan Baker

Miniball Results

Lazers had a fabulous win 14 -2. PoD: **Riley Hockings** for feeding the ball to his teammates.
 Thunderbirds had a loss 6-20. PoD: **Adam Murphy** for the great hoop mate!

LOST PROPERTY: Jacob Fordham in Room 4 has lost his named school jersey. Please check to see if your child mistakenly has it.



Congratulations to **Victor Ablett, Luke Franklin, Aiden Harrison and Cooper Mallon**. They presented their inquiry to the GWRC at Pataka and got to share the work they have been leading to protect and restore Porirua's harbour.

Personalised Labels - Year 6 2018 Camp Fundraiser:
 To order personalised labels for your children's uniform and stationery items, please go to the link in our email. We will receive a commission on all orders.

In Room 2 this term, we have been learning through play. We have been playing with trains, Barbies, dolls, dressing up in dresses and high heels and other games. It's all about having fun. We get to play with all of our friends. We can include people in our games. It is fun to play with our friends. We get to make lots of different things too like aliens and paper planes. Our play is all about joining in with people.



Reporters:
Isadora Leone & Piata Gargiulo

Carnival 2018

The sheds will be open after Mass (approx. 10.30a.m.) **THIS SUNDAY** so if you have items you want to drop off for the Carnival, this is your chance! **We still need one or two people to volunteer to co-ordinate the Games on Carnival day.** All the help and support you need is available. Gina will pass your details on to the Carnival team, so please let her know!

Class of the Week - Room 2

FUNDRAISER MOVIE – STAR WARS Support Adventurous Hugo get surgery in the USA and aftercare treatment. **Sun., 17th and Tues., 19th December 2017.** Sunday 7.15pm arrival as the movie will start at 8.00p.m./Tuesday 7.45pm as the movie will start at 8.30p.m. Lighthouse Pauatahanui Tickets \$25
 Contact Kerry – helpadventuroushugo@xtra.co.nz or 027 249 7166

