



St. Theresa's Catholic School

"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be." 14th December, 2017

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

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 final newsletter for 2017. The year has flown by and our children have been involved in so many wonderful opportunities. They have proudly represented St. Theresa's Catholic School in sports events, The Arts, Cultural performances, Social Justice Actions and have all been junior eco warriors! You should all be very proud of the amazing way they have applied themselves to their learning and take heart that our children are developing into future-focussed citizens. Thank you for supporting them in so many ways, for the ongoing communications with us and the trust you have that your children are guided and supported by professionals who understand the complexities of teaching and learning.

Yesterday the children spent some time with their teachers and Pod students for 2018. Whilst this can be an anxious time for some, please trust that we follow a robust process that takes into account all students individual learning needs. For many this will be an opportunity to develop new friendships or to reconnect with past friends. The children will be bringing home their individual end of year report tomorrow. We are using a different format this year, which focusses more on the whole curriculum and the key competencies. Please look out for these in your child's school bag.

Tonight the children will be celebrating our year and farewelling our Year 6 leavers. All children will be involved in retelling the Christmas story and our Kapa Haka performance group will be presenting a small part of their bracket. We also sadly farewell Cheryl Kidd and Vinny Thompson who are both moving onto new and exciting opportunities. We thank them both for the work they have done with our children and wish them well for the future.

On Monday we will be having our Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church at 11a.m. This includes our final farewell to our leavers.

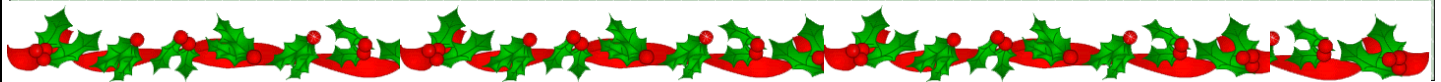
Have a happy and safe holiday break. Enjoy spending time with whanau and friends and for those who are travelling, travel safely. We look forward to seeing you all back next year.

Whai I te Kirihimete oaaa, me te haumaru

Donna McDonald - Principal



We ask for the grace to make our faith more and more operative through acts of charity. Pope Francis



This Sunday's Gospel - Third Sunday of Advent
This Sunday's Gospel helps us to know more about John the Baptist, the message he proclaimed and the witness he gave to Jesus. We can recognize Jesus' presence in our world because we have learned about Him from the Bible, from the Church and through the words and example of others.



Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways this year: on trips, in the classrooms or provided morning teas. Thank you also for the gifts we are given and most of all for your support and love of the staff of our School.

THANK YOU

BOARD TALK - John Mallon, Chairperson Board of Trustees As we come to the end of the year, I want to provide some final messages from the Board. We met for our final meeting last week with some important tasks to plan for the 2018 year. We signed off on the School budgets for next year and also started planning the charter and strategic planning process which will be commenced early in 2018. Part of this process will include a round of consultation with students, parents and the whole school community. It would be great if you all actively participated in this important task. We also welcomed Dele Oluwole onto the Board and thank him for offering his time and experience to the School. We can all be proud of what we have achieved this year, both individually and collectively as a school community. We especially appreciate and thank our Year 6 students as they leave St. Theresa's. We wish them all the best and hope they can continue to 'be the best they can be'. Finally, I hope you all have a great Christmas. Enjoy the time with family and friends and return safely in the New Year. Take care.

Sports round-up

Thank you to our Miniball Managers: **Trudi Lovett, Sharon Williamson, Michelle Cook (2 teams!), Michael Rousell and Gayle Harrison.** We simply couldn't do it without you! Could all Player of the Day trophies be returned to Mrs. Fitzsimons please?

Room 8's Final Newsletter for 2017

Room 8 has been busy preparing for Christmas, learning about Advent and the birth of baby Jesus. We are super excited! We would all like you wish you a very Merry Christmas.



Miniball Results

Stars had an awesome win, 16 - 12. PoD: **THE WHOLE TEAM!** Fair Play Award:

Kira Sidoti

Lazers won 16 - 6 MVP **Flynn Croasdale**

Thunderbirds won 8 - 6 MVP **Elijah 'The Dominator' Tia**

Reading Eggs champs

Congratulations to **Ryker Sidoti** and **Taylor Perridge** who are the winners of the Reading Eggs medals. Keep up the good work!



SPARKS OF GOD - T4, Week 8

Back: Finlay Blank, Siena Brennan, Luna Blank, Kerys Cuddihy, Olivia Carter, Helena Fasavalu, Flynn Croasdale

Front: James Tohill, Vincent Bakker

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.

Carnival 2018

Please keep any new, unwanted or pre-loved gifts, toys, ornaments and household goods for our Carnival. There are bound to be some!!

Mystery Jars will be back for Carnival 2018 so start collecting trinkets to fill your Mystery Jars and be ready for the new year. There are bound to be some suitable Christmas left-overs!!

Term 1, 2018 starts on Wednesday, 7th February.

MOVIE FUNDRAISER - STAR WARS

Support Adventurous Hugo get surgery in the USA and aftercare treatment. **Sun., 17th and Tues., 19th**

December 2017. Lighthouse Pauatahanui

Tickets \$25 Contact Kerry - **027 249 7166**

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Stationery for 2018 You can order online at OfficeMax. Our lists are available on their website: myschool.co.nz.



Christmas Mass Timetable

Saturday, 24th December 6p.m. at Bishop Viard College. Family Mass and Christmas Nativity Play

Sunday, 25th December at 9.30a.m. Family Mass at St. Theresa's Church

Farewell to our 2017 Leavers.

We wish you all the very best for the future. Make sure you come back and visit us!

