



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

15th February, 2018

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

Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

It's hard to believe it's nearly the end of Week 2 already. The staff and children have all settled well and are taking this time to get to know each other, plan events, establish routines and organise what is for many of them, a new environment. We always find the children struggle with tiredness getting back into routine however, this has increased this year with the high temperatures we are experiencing so please try to ensure the children are getting enough rest.

We had a lovely and very prayerful Mass yesterday, celebrating Ash Wednesday. The children all sang and read beautifully and enjoyed engaging with Fr Maurice. Please keep the people of Tonga in your thoughts and prayers as they work towards rebuilding their homes and lives.

The highly anticipated annual Beach Picnic is on this Friday, 16th February. We will leave school at about 10.30am. and return to school at approximately 2.30p.m. Your support with walking to the beach, supervising in the water and on the beach, plus your company on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our wonderful Carnival co-ordinators who met on Tuesday night. The Carnival, which is planned for Saturday, 24th March is always an amazing community event and a great opportunity to meet new parents and families. The funds this year are going towards an upgrade to the playground which will include replacing the existing Junior playground. We have images of the draft design for the new playground on the noticeboard if you would like to have a look.

SAVE THE DATE - we will be having a information evening on Thursday, 22nd February, starting at 6p.m. for approximately an hour. We will begin the evening with a short presentation on the philosophy behind play-based and collaborative learning and then there will be 2 opportunities to meet the staff from your children's POD. Please try to come along as this is an opportunity for you to get a snapshot of how our children are learning.

Speaking of PODs - we have given each POD a name that reflects the environment and learning stages our children are in. The junior POD (Rms 2,3 and 4) will be known as **kakano** which means seed, the middle POD (Rms 1,7 and 8) will be called **pihinga** which means seedling or young plant and the senior POD (Rms 6,9 and 10) will be called **pohutakawa** - the tree.

Have a happy and safe weekend and we look forward to seeing you down on the beach tomorrow.

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

Donna McDonald - Principal



Christians are called to keep alive the memory of how much God has done through them. - Pope Francis

BISHOP VIARD COLLEGE

50th JUBILEE

LABOUR WEEKEND

19th, 20th, 21st October
2018

More info on the Bishop Viard College 50th
Jubilee 2018 Facebook page.

Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee Labour Weekend 2018

A weekend of celebration is planned for October, 19th - 21st and all past pupils, staff and friends of the College interested in receiving information about this event are invited to email Phil at philjoconnell@gmail.com or call 2379902.

WELCOME! This week we welcome **Alisa Sinumon** to Room 2. She is the sister of Donel and the daughter of Sinumon and Ambili. We wish you many happy years as part of our School community. Once again, to all the children who started last week and were welcomed via our email, we hope that you've had a great start to the year.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday, 22nd Feb. at 6p.m.

Information evening:

Friday, 23rd Feb. from 2p.m. onwards.

Uniform fittings. Call Gina to make an appointment.

Tuesday, 27th Feb.: School photographs

Wednesday, 28th Feb.: Board of Trustees 6p.m.

Thursday, 29th Feb.: Powhiri and Mass of Welcome at 9a.m.

Sacramental programme for 2018 Enrolments for this year's programme need to be in at the Parish office by Friday 16th of February. A parent's only meeting will be held at 11am on Sunday, 18th February in the hall and it is expected that a parent from every child will attend this.

This Sunday's Gospel - First Sunday Lent



During Lent, we seek to strengthen our resolve to resist temptation. However, God does not expect us to do this on our own. God helps us, giving us the Holy Spirit in Baptism. God also gives us the community of the Church to help us.

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY and GIRL CHALLENGE Are YOU up for this?!

Do you like obstacle courses and a bit of adventure? Do you like rolling around in the mud? If you do, you may like to join me in competing in this challenge. It involves running through mud, climbing walls, going through boggy ground and freezing rivers. I am going to be competing and would like others from St. Theresa's to join me. It is on the 24th May and is for Year 3s and over. Hopefully I will see you there.

Abigail Vincent

Click on the link in the email.



SPARKS OF GOD - T1, Week 1

Back: Riley Hockings, Leto Moore,
Lachlan Maclean, Sophia Todd
Front: Jorja-Maree Hockings, Kannika Smith,
Alex Cousins, Mila Robinson,
Wyntah Mair

Class of the Week - Room 9

Welcome back to this new, exciting year. We are happy to be together in Room 9 where we get to meet new friends and share our knowledge.



This week we have been really lucky to go to the Forest School in the reserve across the road. We got to be in amongst nature instead of being in a classroom. Some of the kids got to make a fort out of sticks and ferns.



Tomorrow we are looking forward to the beach picnic. We hope some adults bring their togs so we can swim. We are looking forward to a great year in Room 9.

Reporters:
John Tyrell & Lucy Bain



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.



Beach Picnic THIS Friday

Please join us for our annual event at the Plimmerton Beach. We will leave school at 10.30 and leave the beach at 2p.m. We will need parents/caregivers to walk with us to and from the beach and some brave souls to get into the water! Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you can join us. This is also a great opportunity for new families to meet everyone.

Carnival 2018 - Go Red for Ed!

It's all happening on Saturday, 24th March and Ed Sheeran is going to wish he was at St. Theresa's instead of in Auckland!

* **We NEED helpers:** Please fill your name in on the helpers' list on our website (link in our email). Next week we will have the lists up here at the Office so you can fill your name in if you haven't already done so. We encourage all new families to sign up too - it's a great way to get to know the community.

* There will be weekly prizes (starting next week) for any contributions you make - Mystery Jars, wine, chocolates, gifts for raffles, etc. Your child's name will go into the draw for every item brought in but more about this on Monday. Feel free to start bringing in your wares as soon as you like!

* Keep your eye out for anything red or orange to wear on the day. We're even having prizes for the best Ed Sheeran lookalikes!!