



St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

8th March, 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.

We have been very busy showing our visitors, Frank Wafer and Alan Grant, from the Archdiocese of Wellington around our school as they conduct our Catholic Character Review. Thank you to the many people who have taken time out of their busy schedules to speak to our reviewers and the staff and students for the wonderful way they showed manaakitanga and whanaungatanga through their daily contact. Thank you also to Fr Maurice for meeting with the review team and supporting us.

Our goal setting interviews on Monday and Tuesday were well attended, which is very pleasing. Thank you to the Pohutukawa Pod parents for being flexible with times and coming in early on Tuesday. These interviews are a great opportunity to discuss your children's learning styles and ask any questions.

During this term, we have been trialling a new home learning initiative. All Pods are focusing on daily reading and using apps such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Studyladder to support the home school link. Pohutukawa Pod will begin to use "Flipped learning" to share clips that prepare the children for their new learning. We are encouraging the children to see learning continues outside of the classroom and to share this with you. At the end of Term 1 we will consult with you about how this trial has gone.

On Tuesday I was able to work with the 2nd Forest class and join them in the bush. I was so impressed with the way they were able to explore their environment, assessing the risks and talking to me about the local flora and fauna.

Thank you to Rooms 1, 8 and 10 for inviting me to their 'Buddy Mass' today. The singing, reading and sharing of their gifts was beautiful and we enjoyed a very plentiful morning tea afterwards.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend and praying the next big cyclone bypasses us!

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

Donna McDonald - Principal



If sometimes the flame of charity seems to die in our hearts, it never dies in the heart of God!
Pope Francis

Board of Trustees update

The Board of Trustees had its first meeting for the year on 28 February. We have welcomed Tafaoali'i Tuna Talamaivao onto the Board and thank him for giving up his time and talents to serve the School.

The Board has started planning for the Charter and Strategic Plan review which will be commenced over the next few months. This will set the course for the School over the next 3 - 4 years and is an important task. Part of the review will include consultation with the School community. The Board asks that all stakeholders of the School, including students and whanau, actively participate in this process and contribute your ideas on the future of the School.

The Carnival is not far away and the buzz around the School is growing. Thanks to the Carnival management team for the hard work. We all look forward to enjoying the day.

Finally, the School has been going through our 4 yearly Catholic Special Character review with the review team this week. We have appreciated having Frank Wafer and Alan Grant at our School and I want to thank our students and staff for the awesome and inspiring powhiri on Tuesday. I am confident that the review will reaffirm our strong Catholic Character and recognise the many ways in which the School demonstrates this in its daily life. Thanks to Donna, Angela and all the team for their commitment to the review process.

Take care and God bless.
John Mallon - Chairperson



CAN YOU HELP? Carnival needs gift baskets or boxes, box lids, etc. to use as bases for the raffle prizes. (Drop off at the Office.) We also need a couple of helpers, initially on Tuesday night (13th March) to type out all the prizes for the Silent Auction and do the wrapping into prize packs and then another couple of nights the next week. PLEASE make yourself available, even if for just one night and let Tanya Davis know - 021-02313940 or email tdavis.nz@gmail.com .



This Sunday's Gospel Fourth Sunday Lent

During Lent, many people take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation so that they can experience the joy of God's forgiveness. Let us use this opportunity with gratitude .

CARNIVAL 2018
Only 2 weeks to go!



Next week is **CHOCOLATE** and/or **EDIBLE TREATS WEEK**
Chocolates (bars, bags or blocks), biscuits, crackers - anything along these lines. Your contributions will be put towards prizes or raffles.

Please keep your contributions coming in and be in the weekly draw!



SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T1, Week 4

Back: Brianna Huynen, Kira Tomlinson, Kezia Franklin, Isaac Gilmour

Front: Isabelle Aubrey, Niko Joronen, Thomas Savea, Christian Jermy, Sacha Baldwin

Class of the Week - Room 3

Room 3 have been learning all about *manaakitanga*, being kind, caring and inclusive.



Read and Feed time in Room 2



We welcomed our new entrants and their families to St. Theresa's at our Term 1 powhiri and Mass of Welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **Monday, 12th March:** Whole School Athletics - Grenada North Park
- * **Friday, 16th March:** Uniform fittings from 2p.m. onwards.
- * **Friday, 23rd March:** Carnival set-up
- * **SATURDAY, 24th MARCH:** **Go Red for ED** Carnival - 2018 11a.m. - 3p.m.
Please give us all the support you can - we need this to be a big success so all our children can benefit from the outcome. **SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

- * You got your red or orange vibe going? Let's all make an effort to dress up and show Mr. Sheeran what he's missing out on!
- * Weekly prize draw at Assembly: Keep your contributions coming in. You got to be in it to win it!
- * **VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT RAFFLES:** Please try to get your tickets sold and returned (with money!) to school so we can establish what we will have left. There are more families wanting books to sell, so the sooner we know what's left, the better! We obviously want all families to sell their books but if you absolutely can't, please return your books as soon as possible.



Carnival 2018 Go Red for Ed!

Saturday, 24th March 11 - 3