



# St. Theresa's Catholic School

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

12th April, 2018

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

Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai - if kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

**Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 1 and what an amazing term it has been. We have enjoyed such a huge range of activities from swimming sports to building shelters for the teachers to sleep in and everything in between. Thank you for the continued support you give us and the great questions that always remind us that our children are at the heart of everything we do.**

**On Friday we will celebrate our School's cultural diversity with our Whanau Day activities. We warmly invite you to come along to the Hall straight after Assembly at 10.30a.m. and enjoy some of the songs, dances and readings the children have chosen to share. We will also have a parade of our cultures and children are encouraged to bring along items of clothing to change into that represent their culture. The staff will be performing a Maypole dance to support Mrs. MacLean's English culture and then we will finish with lunch for the adults which will be provided by the staff. Please come along - it will be great to see you.**

**Also on Friday, we have 2 separate parent information sessions available. The first one is at 9.30a.m. in the Hall and will be a repeat of the Information Evening held in February for those people who missed it. We also have a session during lunchtime to explain our Bush Sprouts programme.**

**ANZAC Day is in the second week of the school holidays and St. Theresa's will again be participating in the parade and wreath laying ceremony. Please feel free to come along and join us on Wednesday, 25th April at 8.40a.m. All children wishing to join the parade need to be in full school uniform.**

**Have a happy and safe holiday break.**

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

**Donna McDonald - Principal**



Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. [#SaintsToday](#) -Pope Francis



**You moved it! You sweated it! You stopped it! You lived it!**

Well done to all the children for working so hard and raising an enormous amount of money to support the Caritas Challenge and Timor Leste. Thanks also to you, our parents and

whanau, for getting behind this worthwhile cause. So now, because of this awesome effort, some of the staff get to sleep in a box!! Should be an interesting night!

## Important School Uniform notice:

All children need to be wearing the correct winter uniform from the start of Term 2. Please check the website if you are unsure of what this is. Children are encouraged to have pride in their uniform and we ask that you support them by ensuring they have the correct items.

**School starts on Monday,  
30th April at 8.50a.m.**

**Thank you** from all the staff to our parents and the wider community for all the support and help they have offered us during the term. We really do appreciate it very much.

## **Whanau Day - Friday, 13th April**

Our programme:

Assembly at 10.30a.m. followed by cultural performances and the Parade of Nations.

Lunch for the adults (provided by the staff): This will be in the staffroom. Children will bring their usual morning tea and lunch.

We would love you to join us!

## This Sunday's Gospel

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
*The final words of the Mass "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord; Thanks be to God.", remind us that the Eucharist sends us to be witnesses to Jesus today, especially by helping others know that Jesus forgives sins.*



## Room 8 - Learning Through Play

Our Inquiry focus this term has been 'Home, Sweet, Home'. At the start of the term, we read a fun story about animal builders making a home for a penguin family. There were 8 specifications for this Home, Sweet, Home. The children each designed a home with these specifications in mind. Last week, the children were given another challenge to create a 3D model for one of these specifications. They needed to draw a design and show perseverance and resilience. These models were created during 'learning through play' and this is a wonderful way of showcasing the skills being enhanced and developed through play. It was fantastic watching them work, share ideas, brainstorm and problem solve. Come along to our Assembly this week to see the rest of the designs.

*James and Tom designed the helter-skelter slide. Ava designed the large fridge.*



### SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T1, Week 9

**Back:** Sophie McBride, Ethan Todd, Andre Hesp, Tyler Duncan, Holly Wilkie

**Front:** Jasper Talamaivao, Samuel Beuerlein, Isabella Beach, Hannah Murphy, Emma Harrison, Oakley Simmons

### A FEW BITS AND PIECES

**We need help!!** In Term 2, we will be building structures across the school. Can you spare any of the following: Bamboo or garden canes, 2 litre washed milk bottles, manuka poles, driftwood poles or pallets.

**Lost Property:** Any unclaimed items will be gone after the end of this term.

From the Simmons family: We extend our thanks and prayers for Hugo's surgery in the USA. We have been overwhelmed with the school community trying to keep in touch with us while we have been here. Despite that, Hugo has not been discharged as he's had a few complications however we believe the surgery has been a real success for him. Now we continue with the harder part of the journey to get him strong enough with his mobility.

thankyou

