



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter

## 2nd August 2018



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

### Principal's Note

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

*"Mā roto hoki kia ora ka pai te kōrero"*  
*"When refreshed, the conversation will be agreeable"*

*It's hard to believe it is nearly the end of Week 2 of Term 3 already. It has been great to be back with the staff and students this week and I am very grateful for the support I received to make visiting my son in Europe possible - a year is a long time in the life of a mum.*

*What a fantastic day the children had yesterday, participating in our whole school immersion day - The Amazing Race. It was wonderful to see the way our senior leaders supported the junior children in their teams - real tuakana/teina in action. Thank you to our wonderful staff for the organisation involved in giving our students these learning opportunities and to the children for making the most of every opportunity available to them.*

*We are excited about being visited by The Ned show next week. This show is free to our school and uses storytelling, humour and yo-yo tricks to inspire and motivate children to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. Our school gets the show at no cost because we are part of their pay it forward scheme. At the end of the show and for approximately a week after, your children can purchase yo-yos at a very reasonable price, after school in the foyer. These purchases are completely optional and all funds received go towards sending the NED show to other schools in NZ. A list of yo-yo options will come home next week.*

*Unfortunately, we have had numerous issues with the bus service, as the new providers settle in. I have spoken to Tranzurban and Metlink several times regarding late pick ups, children being left behind and late drop offs. They assure me that they are working hard to provide a safe and efficient service for our community. Thank you to Ross Lynch who has been working away in the background, trying very hard to strengthen the communication between the bus service and school. He has provided us with a real time tracking link that may help you to keep track of your children on the bus. You will find the link in the body of our email.*



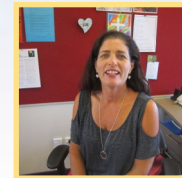
*Wednesday, 15th August is the date that NZEI Principal and Teacher members have called for a full day strike. Our school will be closed that day and we are grateful for your support as we endeavour to negotiate with the Ministry of Education. A letter from the Board of Trustees will be coming out to you tomorrow, explaining the Board's decision about this day.*

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

*Donna McDonald - Principal*



Prayer is never in vain: it always brings forth something new that, sooner or later, bears fruit.—Pope Francis



**Reminders:** Book Club orders need to be in by next Friday, 10th August.

Contact details: Any changes need to be emailed to the Office for updating. Lost Property:

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are named - we can't help you if they aren't!



### **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHERS' STRIKE - Wednesday, 15th August**

Teachers and principals have consistently raised high workloads, lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs, and undervaluing of the profession as key issues, over the last few years. We have tried to address these issues through previous rounds of negotiations and through work programmes.

Although we've made some progress, it has been insufficient to address the deep-seated and fundamental issues facing our profession. This has led to a crisis in recruitment and retention of teachers and principals.

So our Kua Tae Te Wā/It's Time campaign has been launched to achieve the significant investment we need so that all children can reach their potential and teaching is an attractive, valued and well-supported profession.



### **This Sunday's Gospel - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*In the Gospel we hear Jesus say that He will give the people the gift of Himself - that He is the bread of life. This is the gift that Jesus has given to us in the Eucharist. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are offering God our thanks because He provides for all of our needs, our basic physical needs and our spiritual needs.*



## Class of the Week - Room 1

We're going on a rabbit hunt!

On Tuesday Kate, Emma, Georgia and Chloe found a rabbit hole. We found lots of carrots in the dirt with nibbles on them. We left a trail out of the rabbit hole. The first time we laid the carrots in a row. After a while they were gone. We saw claw marks on the walls, poles and dirt. There were clues everywhere! We left some of the carrots by the gate just in case the rabbit escaped and came back. If you see a rabbit at St. Theresa's School, please tell us.

By Georgia, Chloe, Emma and Kate

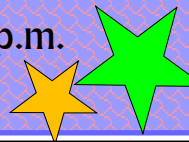


## DISCO - Friday, 10th August

All forms in by TOMORROW please!

Junior Disco (Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 8) 5 - 6.30p.m.

Senior Disco (Rms 6, 9 & 10) 7 - 8.30p.m.



### PRE-SCHOOLERS:

Preschool children are welcome to attend the Disco but must be supervised by their parent/caregiver. The cost is the same as all children attending and will entitle them to a hotdog, a drink and a glow product. Just let Gina know when you are paying for your school-going child.

### Yummy Apple Stickers

Please send in any stickers you have collected. More charts available on our website under What's on Top?/School Notices



Have you paid your attendance dues?

Our banking details are: **Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues**, Westpac bank account **03-0518-0000-400-00**, payment reference should be your dues account number.

Please contact our office urgently if you have any queries on your account or have not received a statement.

Phone 0800 462 725  
Email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)  
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### SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T3, Week 1

Back: Kaleb Brennan, Noah Pio, Victor Ablett, Russell Ngan, Clarice Souza-Galle

Front: Logan Holmes, Christian Jermy, Willow Dunne, Paige McLaughlin, Ryker Sidoti

Photographer: Jayden Reynolds

### The Camellia Project:

Please keep Tuesday, 28th August free so that you can join in with making the jewels, alongside your children. 1, 1.5 & 2litre drink bottles with the flowery bottom required. If each child could bring in at least 2, that would be awesome. Drop off in Room 10 please.

### Some important dates in August:

Mass in NZ Sign Language: Sunday, 5th at 9.30a.m.

Board Meeting: Wednesday, 8th at 6p.m.

School Disco: Friday, 10th

Uniform Fittings: Friday, 10th from 2p.m.

Teachers' strike: Wednesday, 15th  
School closed for the day

Powhiri & Mass: Thursday, 23rd 9a.m.

Camellia Project: Tuesday, 28th