

St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter

9th 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, Gidday

Cook Islands Language Week – Te 'Epetoma o Te Reo Kūki 'Āirani

The 2018 theme for Cook Islands Language Week - Te 'Epetoma o Te Reo Kūki 'Āirani is:

Kia ngākau parau, kia rangarangatu to tatou reo Māori kūki 'Āirani/Be proud of our reo Māori kūki 'Airani and protect its future!

Click on the link in the body of our email to learn how to pronounce many common words in Cook Islands Maori.

This term we welcome Toni Wilson onto our staff. Toni is mum to Isabella and Isaac Ringrose. She will be working as a teacher aide in Kakano Pod for Terms 3 and 4. We are very excited to welcome her onto the team here at St. Theresa's.

Every term we receive a report from the Ministry of Education on our pupils' attendance at school for the previous term. Although our attendance rates are good, we are mindful that every day at school counts. We have been informed that the influenza virus has made its way to Wellington so it is a timely reminder to us all to be aware of safe sneezing, hand washing, etc. Also, we are very aware that the winter is a great time for a break away to take in some sun so please remember to email your child's teacher, the office and myself well in advance if you are planning on taking children on holiday out of the school break cycle.

NED Show: Yesterday the children enjoyed a great show using yo-yos to reinforce the message to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. This show was free to us in a pay it forward system. We will have yo-yos on sale for 2 weeks, before and after school, details of which have gone home with the children.

Rail Safety Week (13 - 19 August, 2018)

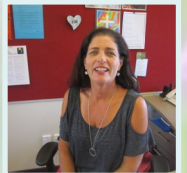
To mark Rail Safety Week, we wanted to remind students and whanau of the importance of always looking for trains when crossing railway tracks and particularly taking care to look for the second train. The message this Rail Safety Week is back to basics - 'Look right, look left for trains'. It's also really important to always wait until the bells and lights have stopped operating before crossing. There is a link (in our email) to a Drax Project music video is an excellent way to show how we can all stop, look and think when getting across a level crossing and particularly how important it is to not use headphones around railway tracks. For younger children, as well as looking and listening before crossing, please make it clear to them that if bells and lights are going, it's because a second train could be coming and it's not safe to cross. Thank you for your support in spreading these safety messages.

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

Donna McDonald - Principal



Charity is the most effective form of witness because in it, people see the love of God. - Pope Francis



This week we welcome back the Macintosh family who have returned from Denmark. **Mia and Abby** are the daughters of Daniel and Bodil and sisters of former student, Tobias. Mia is now in Room 9 and Abby has started as a Year 2 student in Room 7. Great to have you back! Also starting this week are **Edward Higgins**, son of David and Christine and **Brody and Cruz Algar**, sons of Mike and Tasi and brothers of Kobe and former student Brayden. We wish you many happy and momentous years in the St. Theresa's community.



Bullying Survey - Victoria University

Bullying is a critical issue in New Zealand schools. An anti-bullying prevention and intervention programme called KiVa is currently being implemented in over 30 schools in NZ and has been running at St. Theresa's for more than a year. Victoria University of Wellington (through Anna Young) is currently evaluating KiVa through a short online anonymous survey. Even though you may not know anything about the programme, this in itself is important to know, so they would greatly appreciate any information you can share. The link to this **10 minute anonymous survey** is in our email.

Bishop Viard College
Yr 7 to 13
Open Evening
Tuesday 14 August
6 to 8 pm



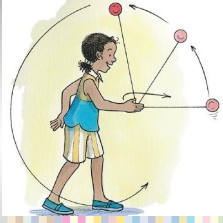
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This Sunday's Gospel - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We learn all we need to know about Jesus from God's Word to us, the Scripture. Scripture teaches us to have faith that Jesus is God's Son who brings us salvation. We also have the gift that Jesus gave us in the Eucharist. We grow closer to Jesus when we celebrate the Eucharist.



Class of the Week – Room 9



It's already been busy in Room 9. We are doing extraordinary things like DanceSplash, our structure inquiry, a visual mihi and Makerspace too. Today we saw the NED Show - it was about a cartoon character called Ned. The presenter Kristie used a yo-yo. She made the Eiffel Tower, a baby in a cradle and the Union Jack to tell the story. We learnt how to be champions by remembering Never Give Up, Encourage others and Do your best. This morning we have a liturgy to celebrate Mary Mackillop's Feast Day and wait there is still more, with the Disco on Friday. We might see you there!

Reporters: Russell Ngan & Kezia Franklin



DISCO - Friday, 10th August

Everything you need to know!

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

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

All children will receive a hotdog, a drink and a glow stick. There will be a selection of lollies, chips, chocolates and novelty item glow products for sale so please send along some extra coins.

Get ready for an awesome evening.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Please send in any stickers you have collected. More charts available on our website under

What's on Top?/School Notices.



Lost property: Tom Rousell in Room 8 - a second, named Macpac jacket; Olivia Carter in Room 6 - one school shoe; Max Lower in Room 10 - trainers. Please check to see if your child mistakenly has any of these items.

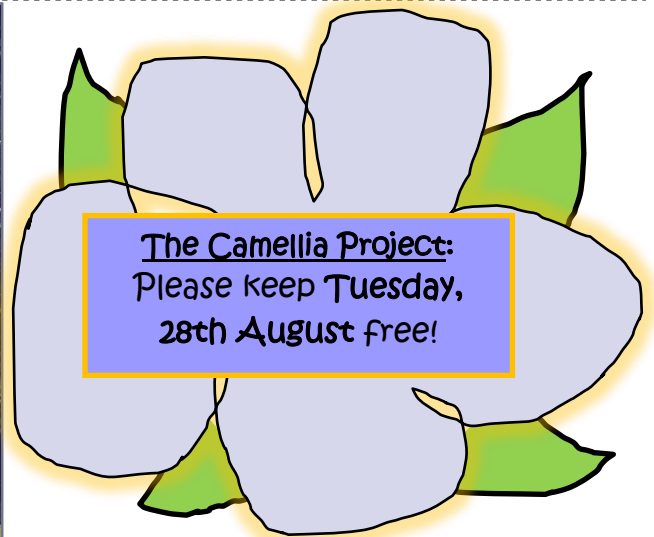


SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T3, Week 2

Back: Daniel Lovett, Ava Wrenn, Charlotte Kemp, Ella Fordham, Ava Moore

Front: Chloe Smith, Isaac Gilmour, Nahla Taylor-Mallon, Kobe Algar, Emily Mallon, Jasper Talamaivao, Helena Fasavalu, Ava Duncan

Photographer: Jody McNaught



The Camellia Project:
Please keep Tuesday,
28th August free!

Some important dates in August:

School Disco: TOMORROW

Uniform Fittings: TOMORROW. Please call Gina to book an appointment.

Teachers' Strike: Wed., 15th School closed

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

Camellia Project: Tuesday, 28th

Our School Uniform

It is expected that ALL children wear their correct uniform to and from school, at all times and with pride. If your child is wearing a non-regulation item of clothing or shoes, a note needs to be sent to school giving the reason for this. Full details of the uniform are on our website.



Cans for Christmas



ON Tuesday, 21st August, we are having a 'fundraiser' called CANS FOR CHRISTMAS for people in need. This project collects canned food through Catholic Schools and donates them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you bring a can (not tomatoes, please) to school on that day, you can wear mufti. We will also be doing some activities.

Thank you for your help.
Ava, Lucy & Hollie.

