



# St. Theresa's Catholic School Newsletter

## 16th August 2018



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

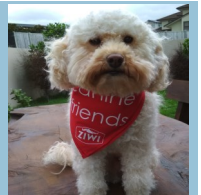
### Principal's Note

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, Giday

*Thank you to our parent community for supporting the teachers yesterday in the nationwide strike action. This action was not taken lightly and we fully understand the implications to parents and caregivers that closing the school causes. There is much talk in the media about possible further strike action and our sincere hope is that this would not become necessary. We urge our government to think deeply about how we provide a high-quality, equitable education for all of our children.*



Introducing Teddy our first Companion Pet Therapy dog. Teddy belongs to Mrs. McKee and has been trained to work with students in our school and is currently in Room 4 for 1 morning per week. Also look out for Abby who belongs to Ms. Neave and who is currently undergoing her training to work with the children in Room 6. Thank you to both of these teachers and their dogs for providing this wonderful experience for so many of our children.

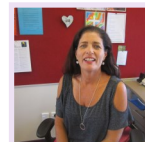


Room 4 have had a week of helpers. First Teddy, our new companion dog, started working with the children at reading time. This initiative has been set up by Elizabeth McKee with the support of Canine Friends pet therapy. They were then visited by Tommy from Room 6 who shared his knowledge and expertise on marionettes with the children. A fantastic example of tuakana teina.

### Donna McDonald - Principal



Mary, Mother of tenderness who is always near, teach us how to live and have faith. - Pope Francis



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Board of Trustees had its first meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term last week. The year is disappearing quickly and winter is nearly over.

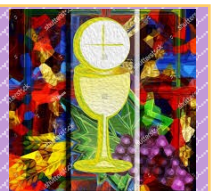
There have been some further changes to the Board of Trustees with Daniel Blank, a Proprietor's Appointee for the last 2 years, stepping down from the Board due to other commitments. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Daniel for his valued service to the Board and School community and wish him well. I am pleased to advise that Laurie Smith has agreed to join the board as a new Proprietor's Appointee. Laurie is grandparent to Kannika Smith. We thank Laurie for accepting the appointment.

The Board has progressed the Charter and Strategic Plan review process and will undertake consultation with the School community during October and November this year. This is an important process we are undertaking as it will set the direction of the School over the next 3 years and beyond. We again ask that you make the time available to participate and contribute your ideas on the future of your School.

Finally, the Board would like to thank you for your co-operation during the School closure yesterday. Unfortunately closing the School was considered appropriate given the strike; however, I am sure you will join me in supporting our Teachers during this time.

Take care and God bless. **John Mallon** - Chairperson St. Theresa's School Board of Trustees

**This Sunday's Gospel - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** *In today's reading, Jesus is telling us about the special gift He gives us in the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, the bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. When we share in the Eucharist, Jesus makes himself one with us. This is what eternal life means, being with God and Jesus forever.*





## Class of the Week – Room 6

How's this for something different?

On Friday last week, Room 6 tried CRICKETS! They were HORRIBLE! The milk chocolate covered ones were the worst! The honey roasted ones weren't very good either.

I spewed out the honey roasted one and choked on the milk chocolate one. People shouldn't eat bugs. *Abigail*

You will never guess what room 6 did! We ate crickets. There were chocolate ones - everyone thought they were gross but Samuel ate a handful of them, Lachlan ate 12 and Kieran didn't want to eat anything until lunch time! Can u believe that? *Lachlan*

Have you ever eaten a bug? I have. The whole class got to choose if they wanted to eat one. There were chocolate crickets and normal crickets. The chocolate crickets were disgusting. The chocolate ones tasted so dry to me. Samuel ate handfuls. *Olivia*

Have you ever eaten a bug? I have. The whole school got to try one and some people even threw up! There were normal crickets and chocolate crickets. The chocolate crickets were disgusting but I loved the normal ones.

I even took two handfuls! *Theo*

Would you be brave enough to eat a cricket? (Yeah, nah.)



## Some important dates coming up

Mufti for a Can: Tuesday, 21st Aug.

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

Camellia Project: Tuesday, 28th Aug.

Uniform fittings: Friday, 31st Aug.

Tongan Language Week: 3 - 7th Sept.

Scholastic Book Club orders - these will close on Monday, 20th August. You can order online or send along cash to the Office. Should the books you order be for gifts, let Gina know and she can hold them here at the Office for you.



SPARKS OF GOD 2018 - T3, Week 3

**WELCOME!** Charles Tyrell has joined the students in Room 4. He is the son of Satini and Ramona and brother of Courtney, John and past pupil Mark. Many happy years at St. Theresa's, Charles!

Back: Joshua Kerr, Brooke Jones, Isabel Taylor, Kira Sidoti

Front: Isadora Leone, Poppy-Lou Dennison,  
Charlie-Rose Ayrton, Hugo Stewart, Khloe Vu

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## Cans for Christmas - Mufti on Tuesday, 21st August

Don't forget to bring along a can NEXT TUESDAY and if you do, you can wear mufti to School! This project collects canned food through Catholic Schools and donates them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Yes, she did it again!  
A massive thanks to  
Jodie Hickey-Smith  
for organising another  
awesome DISCO. Thanks  
also to the helpers, Craig  
Bain for the vibes and to  
the children for coming  
along to it.

**Thank you,  
Paremata New World for  
supporting us once again  
by supplying the hotdogs  
and rolls for the Disco. We  
appreciate it very much!**



## Powhiri and Mass of Welcome

Please come along to this  
celebration on  
Thursday, 23rd August at  
9a.m. and support the new  
members of our community.

The families of  
children in Rooms  
6, 9 and 10 will  
be supplying the  
morning tea.

Be sure to join us!

